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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 16th June 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 19th June 2023:

Year 13 Futures Information Evening

Wednesday 21st June 2023:

Year 6 MFL Primary School Visit

Thursday 22nd June 2023:

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Big Bang Fair - Year 8 students

Year 12 Geography trip to Dawlish

Friday 23rd June 2023:

Guys and Dolls Theatre Trip

Today saw the vast majority of our Year 11 students sit their final GCSE paper. Year 13 have one more week before the end of the A-level exams. I would like to recognise the excellent effort and attitude of our students across both cohorts over the last couple of months. Whilst students will have to wait until August to collect their results there is reward in knowing that they gave of their best in what is always an inherently stressful time. Well done – we look forward to celebrating with them at the Prom and Vale Ball later this term.

As we approach the end of the exams for our current Year 11 the preparation for our next cohort continues with the Y10 assessments next week – an important reminder that the summer term is not a time to relax the important work of learning and improving across all parts of the school.

Thank you for your support during the hot weather. The warm spell looks like it will be with us for a while – please keep an eye out for the uniform adjustments we will communicate if/when there are particularly high temperatures. We want the students to be comfortable, whilst retaining a high standard and pride in their uniform. A timely reminder to please ensure that your child brings in a named, refillable water-bottle which they will be able to refill during lunch and break. Many thanks for your support

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Learning Tip:

Managing Distractions

Everyone gets distracted by something. Maybe it's the TV. Or maybe it's your family. Or maybe it's just too quiet. Some people actually study better with a little background noise. When you're distracted while studying you (1) lose your train of thought and (2) are unable to focus - both of which will lead to very ineffective studying. Before studying, encourage your child to find a place where you won't be disturbed or distracted. For some people this is at a quiet desk in their bedroom. For others it is in a common area where there is a little background noise.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Teacher of English	Eteach	19th June 2023
Finance Officer	Eteach	25th June 2023
Site Assistant	Eteach	25th June 2023
HR Officer	Eteach	25th June 2023
Science Laboratory Technician - Chemistry	Eteach	25th June 2023

Chosen Hill School Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Governors of Chosen Hill School will be holding their AGM on Monday 10th July at 6pm. The meeting will be held virtually and if you would like to join the meeting, the teams link is [here](#)

CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

AGM - Monday 10th July 2023 at 6pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

- 01 **Apologies**
- 02 **Minutes of Previous AGM - 11th July 2022**
- 03 **Acceptance of Annual Accounts 2021 - 2022**
- 04 **Appointment of Auditors - Confirmation of re-appointment of Hazelwoods Accountants**
- 05 **Changes in Directors during the year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022, including Persons of Significant Control**
- 06 **Any Other Business**

VEO Camera and Tripod

The PE department are aiming to purchase a VEO camera and tripod so we can film sports teams to analyse and improve performance as well as collate evidence for practical moderation.

We are looking for sponsorship and donations to be able to purchase the camera and tripod for the start of the new academic year. We will be doing other fundraising events in Term 6.

The technology is state of the art and utilised by schools in the surrounding area. It provides teachers, pupils and parents with a breakdown of footage directly to their chosen device after the game has finished.

Please find a link to the website and other highlights to see the different features are listed below

www.veo.co

www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTpPSsvMKRM

If you are able to donate there is a link on the school gateway or if you would like to contact Mr Pettifer to discuss sponsorship please email him on jpe@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Deadline for donation is 30th June 2023.

P.A.T.C.H. News - HELP REQUIRED!

Our next planning meeting is on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 5:30pm at The Elm in Churchdown. We are looking for volunteers to join us - if you feel that you have some time to spare and would be interested in joining us please email p.a.t.c.h@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Our next event is on **Saturday 24th June and Sunday 25th June 2023** - Volunteers needed for car parking at the school for the Hucclecote Football Club Tournament, which will be played at the Rugby Club. If you would like to volunteer, please email p.a.t.c.h@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk and let us know which day and the times that you are available. Thank you in advance.

Uniform donations

Once your child has completed their GCSE exams we would appreciate any donations of washed uniform items that are in good condition which will no longer be required. Ties and blazers will be gratefully received in The HUB, alternatively they can be left at reception. Thank you

Year 11 PROM, 4th July 2023 - Last Call for Dress Hire!



We still have a good selection of Prom dresses and shoes available to borrow. If your child would like to have a look and try something on, please ask them to pop over to the hub and ask Miss Shelton or a member of the Pastoral Team for assistance.



Cheltenham Science Festival, Year 7



Tim Peake landed in Cheltenham on Tuesday 6th June and 90 Year 7 students went to the Science festival to hear him talk about what his life was like as an Astronaut. Tim discussed his journey to become an astronaut and what life was like on the space station. Students were treated to insider details and stories about the strange food that astronauts have to eat, how to use a space toilet and the hilarious problem of what happened to “the missing poo”!

After the talk at the Town Hall students got a chance to get hands on with a huge number of Science stalls and activities in the discovery zone and experience what opportunities there are as a scientist or engineer.

The students were outstanding role models for Chosen Hill and great fun was had by staff and students alike. The Science department is looking forward to next year already.



Year 10 Geography Trip



I had the pleasure of accompanying the Y10 Geography students on a field work trip over two days this week. We ventured out to Blackpool Brook, Wenchford and Soudley Brook, Blakeney, for the students to collect data on the flow, width, depth and sediment of the two rivers – something that involved physically getting into the rivers for many of the students. Given the weather, the coolness of the water was a welcome relief, that even enticed me into the water on day 2!

I was exceptionally proud of our Chosen Hill students; behaviour was impeccable, and it was genuinely lovely to spend time with them away from the school setting. Despite it being hot, tiring work, they all participated, and came back with a far greater understanding of the geography of waterways than simply reading it in a text book.

Well done, Year 10 Geographers.

Mrs P Wright - Year 10 Pastoral Lead



Former Sixth Form Students Receive Their Well-Deserved Gold DofE Award Certificate from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace – 16th May 2023.



Former Sixth Formers proudly display their Gold DofE award Certificates for photographers at Buckingham Palace.

From Left to Right: Jemma Thomas, Libby Newman, Lucy Jeffery

During the Gold Award Presentation, the group were presented with their certificates and congratulated on their efforts to complete the award, which took each young person between 12 - 18 months of hard work and dedication to achieve.

To attain their Gold Award, they had to volunteer, learn a new skill, get fit, take part in a week long residential and plan and undertake an expedition in wild country. Widely acknowledged as the world's leading achievement award for young people, DofE programmes enable any young person, aged 14-24, to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working.

Mr. Ian. Bird, DofE Manager, said, "I'm delighted to see and share images of these amazing young people enjoying the formal presentation of their Gold Award Certificates in the presence of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Like those that have gone before them, they join an ever-growing list of young people that are true ambassadors for both our School and the DofE Award Scheme. I am so pleased to see that they thoroughly enjoyed their time at Buckingham Palace."



The DofE Award was re-introduced into Chosen Hill School 11 years ago. In that time nearly 500 students have participated in the scheme. Participants currently volunteer for over 40 local organisations and international links continue with Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa, through ongoing efforts to raise the funds needed to complete the build of two additional classrooms and support victims of the recent cyclone.

Currently, students have the option to enrol on the Bronze Award at the start of Year 9, the Silver Award in Year 10 and the Gold Award in Year 12.

Parents of ALL students in Years 8, 9 and 11 should have received an invitation to our DofE Award Parents Information Evening, scheduled for 6-7pm, Wednesday 28th June 2023, in the Main school Hall. Please email Mr. I. Bird, DofE Manager, using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk if for any reason you haven't received it.

And finally, a few of our adult volunteers will be leaving the team this year, due to retirement or increased work commitments. Hence, we are currently looking for adult volunteers to help us deliver the Award next year and beyond. All training is funded. So, if you have just a couple of free evening and weekends each year or would simply like to find out more information, please email Mr. I. Bird, DofE Manager, using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

IT'S A HAT TRICK!

Three Generations of the Same Family Celebrate a Special Day at Buckingham Palace



Phoebe, Margret (grandmother) and Helen (mother), Buckingham Palace Gold DofE Award Presentation.

On Friday 16th May 2023, Phoebe Hatton, received her Gold DofE Award from Buckingham Palace. The sun was shining, a band was playing and London was busy. Prince Edward, the new Duke of Edinburgh, gave a very interesting speech and was pleased to be taking over the reins of the Award charity, which his late father, Prince Phillip, had introduced.

A number of celebrities, including Andrew Sachs (Manuel of Fawlty Towers fame), supported the event.

This, 'Once-in-a-lifetime' experience, as described by Pheobe's mother, Helen, was made even more special because Pheobe's mother and grandmother accompanied her on the day, and both are Gold Award holders themselves. Celebrating 40 years and three generations of Gold DofE Award success in the same family.

Phoebe was inspired to follow their example and worked incredibly hard to 'walk in their footsteps' by doing a range of personal development activities:

- To keep fit, Phoebe did a long distance walking each week.
- She gave back to the local community by volunteering to help maintain the churchyard and supported the weekly lunch club at the church of St. Phillip and St. James.
- She learnt the life-skill of cooking.
- Completed a 4-day, remotely supervised, walking and camping expedition in wild country.
- In addition, Phoebe completed a 5-day, outdoor activity residential in Devon, where she was not allowed to know anybody on the same course – making it a challenge, one that she easily met.

As a school community, we are truly proud of her achievements and congratulate her.

Back in 1963, Pheobe's grandmother, Margret, received her award at the stables of Buckingham Palace, due to heavy rain, and was followed by her daughter, Helen, in 1995, who received her award at St James' Palace. To achieve her Award, Margret did dressmaking and reading, design for living, and cookery. She also volunteered for the guides. For her expedition, she adventured cycled from London to Devon, youth hosteling along the 285-mile route. Furthermore, she completed her residential in a Manor House in Sussex, where she made a canoe and then paddled in it.

30 years later, her daughter (Pheobe's mother), Helen, did Hatha Yoga, played in the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra and was a Young Leader with the Girls Brigade. For her expedition, she walked the 'Coast-to-Coast' route, in Lancashire, for the Girls' Brigade Centenary; and she did her residential with the National Trust Acorn Project – Saltram House, Devon – making fences and footpaths around the estate.

Talking after the event, they said, 'We are very appreciative of the efforts made by Chosen Hill School to support Phoebe's DofE Journey and are so encouraged that DofE is still thriving.'

What an inspirational story, please share with us in sending truly heartfelt congratulations to these truly inspirational women. Maybe you and your family will follow in their footsteps? Are you up for the challenge? To find out more about the DofE Award at Chosen Hill School, either to enroll a child or to volunteer as an adult helper, please contact Mr. I. Bird using IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk





Three School Collaboration, Friday 9th June 2023



On Friday 9th June 2023, Chosen Hill School was proud to host visitors from both our British Council international partner school in India, SAI International, and Parton Manor Primary School, Churchdown.

Over 70 students, from Years 6 – 13, and 9 staff, from the 3 schools took part a range of International Dimensions Projects throughout the



Mr. Pauling, Headteacher of Chosen Hill School, formally welcomed everyone to the event and was joined by Mr. Prakash Sahoo, Headteacher, SIA International Secondary School, Orisha, India, and Mrs. Jenny Hennett, International Dimensions Lead from Parton Manor Primary School, Churchdown.

The event was hosted in the Lower School Hall where students from each of the three schools were mixed together to form a number of groups that were hosted by a Chosen Hill School Sixth Form International Dimensions Ambassador.



Students from all three schools work collaboratively on international projects during the day.

After the formal welcomes, we celebrated the publication of the 'Grandma Knows Best' cookbook. An international collaborative project, involving pupils from all three schools, helping them to learn about differences and similarities between our cultures.



Mr. Prakash Sahoo, Headteacher, SIA International Secondary School, India, presenting the completed 'Grandma Knows Best' cookbook to Mr. Pauling and Mrs. Hennett.

Next, students made presentations to each other about life at their respective schools.



Students from SAI International School, India, presenting about life at their school and living in India.

The groups then participated in the initial planning of our new and exciting 3-school collaborative project – an e-magazine.

After a short break, the students returned to a collaborative project exploring the issue of plastic pollution in our oceans, and what they can personally do to help contribute towards a solution to the problem. Each student gave a pledge to do something differently to help keep our oceans plastic free.

During and after lunchtime, the students had time to share email and social media addresses with each other to enable them to develop and nurture the friendships made during the event.

To finish off the day a group photo was taken, and our Sixth Form ambassadors waved off our visitors.

The day was a great success and our students commented, 'I really enjoyed meeting and working with them...'; 'I was impressed at how hard they worked on the learning activities';

Mr. Sahoo, also formally invited Chosen Hill School to visit SAI International School next year and some of our students commented on this by saying, 'I can't wait to visit their school!'

So look out for some exciting news about this early next academic year.



Students from all 3 schools show off their poster designs ready for use as part of a collaborative information campaign to help reduce plastic pollution in our oceans

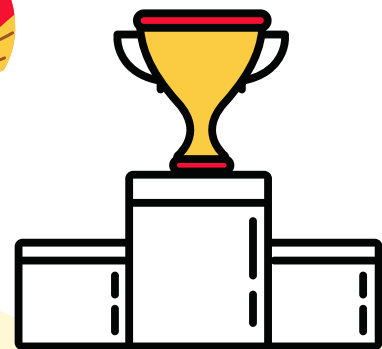
House News

House competitions are well and truly underway this term at Chosen Hill!

In preparation for our Sports Day on 4th July, a banner competition is taking place, giving students the opportunity to create a sign that will be used at the front of their House's Sports Day parade. There are some very exciting prizes at stake for this competition, so students should make sure to submit their banners to the Staff House Leads by 30th June 2023!

The 'House Gaming Competition' is taking place in the week commencing 26th June. Students will compete against one another at Mario Kart and FIFA to be in with a chance of winning voucher prizes and being the video game champion of Chosen Hill!

All House competitions carry the all important House points! Who will be the overall winning House this year?



WANT TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF HAVING YOUR BANNER USED AT SPORTS DAY AND WINNING A £10 AMAZON VOUCHER?

SPORTS DAY BANNER COMPETITION

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS IN DART (ART SUPPLIES PROVIDED):

- 21ST JUNE, D9
- 22ND JUNE, D9
- 28TH JUNE, D9
- 29TH JUNE, D9

Deadline: 30th June

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is returning this summer for children and young people in reception to year 11, who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The programme runs during the summer holidays. Online activity bookings for the HAF programme open at 12pm 5 July. Bookings usually go very fast after launch, so it is important to ensure you are informed of this before the date. Families can make sure they are HAF ready by registering on our Children's Activity Booking System (CABS).

If you require some additional support to attend HAF, we now have 6 HAF Community Connectors in place, for each district of Gloucestershire. All information on how to get in contact with your local HAF Community Connector is available on our website at gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

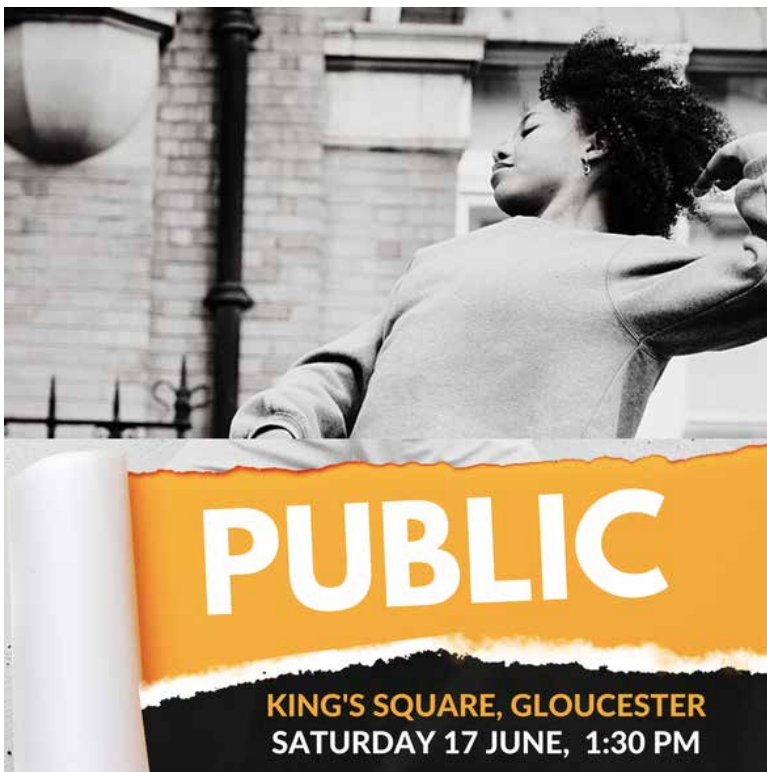
For any queries relating to HAF this summer, you can get in contact with us at: HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Student Services - Finance

There is currently a large number of students who are arriving at the Student Finance hatch and purchasing 10p items in order to change large note, such as £10 and £20. Unfortunately we do not keep large amounts of cash at the school and are unable to provide this service.

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct change to purchase stationery. It is possible for them to top up their lunch money at school, however, this should ideally be done by parents/carers via the School Gateway.

Strike a Light!



"Strike A Light" is an arts company that have worked with our students in the past, supporting the Dance Showcase and recently for the Trinity Gold Arts Award. The redevelopment of "Kings Square" in Gloucester has created a public venue for performances, exhibitions and much more. "Strike A Light" has commissioned an open-air dance/parcour/acrobatics performance at this venue.

Students and parents can take advantage of the free event on Saturday 17 June, 1.30pm, "Kings Square", Gloucester GL1 1RP. Just turn up on the day.

For other paid arts events visit: <https://strikealight.netlify.app/>

My STAGE SCHOOL



THURSDAYS CHELTENHAM

Naunton Park Primary School
Naunton Lane,
GL53 7BT

FRIDAYS CHELTENHAM

Belmont School
Warden Hill Road
Cheltenham
GL51 3AT

FRIDAYS GLOUCESTER

Milestone school
Longford lane
Longlevens
Gloucester
GL29EU

SATURDAYS CHELTENHAM

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FREE OPEN DAY!

Calling all children age 4-18 who are always singing, dancing or acting!

Come and try a shortened session with us while parents observe.
Meet the team and see what we are all about!

Choose from the following open days:

THURSDAY 6 JULY @ NAUNTON PARK SCHOOL

6.30pm to 7.15pm

or

FRIDAY 7 JULY @ BELMONT SCHOOL

6.30pm to 7.15pm

Email info@mystageschool.co.uk to book your free place.
www.mystageschool.co.uk

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Churchdown Players present

The Hound of the Baskervilles



Written by
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Tim Kelly

**21st, 22nd, 23rd
June 2023**

Performance Starts 7.30

Bar & Other Refreshments Available

Tickets £10 Concessions £8

Telephone Booking 01242 520388 Opens 1st May

Earlybird Tickets Available online Early April

www.churchdownplayers.com

<https://Facebook.com/ChurchdownPlayers>

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Forwarding a letter from...

Dear friends,

We are contacting you to let you know about all the fun activities we run over the summer for people aged 3-130!

Our new and improved tubing slope gets the adrenaline pumping. Going down a slope on a tube and racing your friends for only £12 a head it is a fun activity (perfectly followed by ice cream or a slushie which can be purchased on site) for anyone aged 4+!

Outdoor laser tag means getting fresh air, team building, and sneakily getting in some exercise for anyone over the age of 6.

After an hour of running around the hill, they're sure to be ready for some nice rest!

Skiing is such a fun sport and can open many opportunities in the future for ski trips and meeting new likeminded friends.

Our range of private and group ski lessons means that anyone of any ability above the age of 3 is welcome to learn to ski, race or practice their skills.

Ski lessons we run cost anywhere between £20 and £65 with all equipment included, dependant on age, or whether you want a group or private lesson. And our recreational rates go as low as £16. You can't go wrong!

We run a Holiday Ski School which is a three-day course (10am-12pm) for children aged between 6 and 9 years. And a two-day course (10am-4pm) for children aged 10-16 years with an included lunch. Any skill ability is welcome, as we run different levels on each course at the same time. For £120 per person for each course, this is a sure-fire way for your kids to build up their interest in skiing and meet new friends!

If you want a bit of everything, look at our Holiday Activity Days. For just £50, anyone between the ages of 6-16 can enjoy a day full of skiing, tubing, and laser tag, all with an included lunch!

Snowboarders are welcome too! With the same rates as recreational skiing, and lessons between £32 and £65, anyone above the age of 10 can learn to ride.

We also run a Holiday Snowboard Camp! Anyone between the ages of 10 and 16 is welcome to come for a three-day course, for three hours each day for £120. Learn to snowboard quickly to show off to your friends!

Contact us on 01452 501438 / enquiries@gloucesterski.com

Or visit our website at www.gloucesterski.com

We look forward to your visit!











Sports Clubs

April to July

Boys Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday		Year 8 Cricket: Sports Hall 	Year 7 Cricket 
Wednesday			All Years Athletics: School Field 
Thursday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Years 9 & 10 Cricket: Sports Hall
Friday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Year 9 Softball 
			Years 7, 8 & 9 Tennis: Tennis Courts
			Year 7 Rugby League 








Photography at Chosen Hill School

We will be taking photographs of sporting fixtures. These could be used for display purposes within the school, on our website and social media platforms (these include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and LinkedIn).

If you DO NOT wish your child's photo to be used as indicated please contact publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk to opt out.

Girls Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym		<i>All Years</i> Girls Rounders: School Field
Wednesday		Girls Cricket: Sports Hall	<i>All Years</i> Athletics: School Field 
Thursday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym	<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	<i>Years 7, 8, 9 & 10</i> Rounders Matches
Friday		<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	

Cricket Fixtures

- Mon 5th June - U13s Cricket @ Pates (2pm onwards start)
- Tues 6th June - U15s Cricket @ Pates (2pm onwards start)
- Thurs 8th June - U15s Cricket vs Cleeve @ Chosen
- Tues 13th June - U14s Cricket Friendly @ Bournside
- Wed 14th June - U13s Cricket @ Bournside
- Thurs 15th June - U13s Cricket @ Winchcombe (potential later finish then state)
- Tues 20th June - U13s Cricket @ ASA
- Thurs 22nd June - U15s Cricket Friendly @ Holmleigh Park
- Mon 3rd July - U15s Cricket vs St Edwards @ Chosen
- Wed 5th July - U13s Cricket vs Holmleigh Park @ Chosen

All approx. 3.30-3.45 starts unless stated.
All approx. 5-5.30pm finishes unless stated.

*Dates may change due to cup match clashes and other schools rearranging

Any questions about U15s Cricket please email tw@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk
Any questions about U13s Cricket please email sp@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Sporting Fixtures

Chosen Year 9's lose narrowly in last over against Bournside School!

Good performances all round



On Wednesday our Year 7 and Year 8 girls attended the Athletics event at the Prince of Wales Stadium.

We came 8th overall!

Well done everyone, great effort from all!

