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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 7th October 2022

YOUNG MINDS

**We're taking part in
#HelloYellow on 10 Oct!**

#HelloYellow

**Join us in raising vital funds for young people's
mental health at youngminds.org.uk/donate**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Brookfield Road Bridge to be fully opened to traffic and pedestrians next Friday evening 14th October 2022.

Diary Dates for Next Week

ALL WEEK:

House Music Rehearsals
National Work Life Week

Monday to Thursday
Cheltenham Literacy Festival Trip

Monday 10th October 2022:

World Mental Health Day
#helloyellow

Wednesday 5th October 2022

University of Gloucestershire School
Challenge Trip

Friday 7th October 2022

House Competition Day
Battlefields Tour

Another amazing week in which we have had a few sneak peeks at the House music preparations ahead of the final performances next week. With House Cross-country running in PE lessons its great to see the sense of community across the school.

On Monday next week we are raising the profile of mental health by supporting #HelloYellow and the important work going on in school and the wider community to support young people. Please remind your child to accessorise their school uniform with something yellow. This is not a non uniform day.

Thank you for your support in keeping up the high standards around uniform and punctuality. It is really making a difference in setting the tone for purposeful working in lessons.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Talk for Writing

If your child has been set a piece of writing to complete as part of their home learning encourage them to talk their ideas through with a friend or relative. They can explore lines of reasoning and retrieve elements of knowledge.

The time spent talking informs the plan which, in turn, informs the actual writing.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled - we cannot return items if we do not know who they belong to.

If your child loses any item belonging to them at school they should retrace their steps in the the first instance. Any lost property that is handed in will be kept at Reception.

School Photography and Use of Student Photographs

With the new website now live, we will be creating an ongoing programme to create a visual representation of day to day life at Chosen Hill School. The photographs will be used by our publicity department to showcase the amazing things that we do as a school.

In line with GDPR rules, it is necessary to update the parental consent form which allows us to take and use photos of your child.

An updated form was sent out via Schoolcomms toward the end of last term, which included the section directly related to social media and the various platforms that we may use. Please ensure that you have completed the form by the end of July to enable us to update your child's school record.

If you have not received a communication regarding the consent form please let us know by emailing: publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. In the meantime, please use the link below to complete the form:

[Photography Consent Form](#)

If you have already completed the form, thank you, you do not need to do anything else. If you have not been able to complete the form and need a printed copy please email publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please remember we cannot use any photos of your child without your consent. This applies to all events, including sports fixtures, house events, school productions, etc. It would also mean that, if your child were in the school production we would not be able to allow anyone to take photographs during the production, including parents/carers of other students, which would be unfair to those who have completed their forms.

Currently we have had only 819 responses - we have almost 1400 students in the school - still a long way to go.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

School Receptionist / Administrator
Wellbeing, Mental Health and Hub Support
Teacher of Design & Technology
Head of Faculty - Social Sciences & Teacher of Science
Teacher of Business Studies & Social Sciences
Personal Assistant to the Headteacher
Qualified Learning Assistant / TA
Office Manager

Link to Advert

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Closing Date

9th October 2022
14th October 2022
14th October 2022
16th October 2022
16th October 2022
18th October 2022
23rd October 2022
30th October 2022



Gloucestershire
Constabulary

Work Experience 2023

Gloucestershire Constabulary have developed a brand new Work Experience programme that offers an exciting, yet safe, interactive insight into the world of policing within the county.

“Our Work Experience programme will run throughout the year starting in January 2023, initially for one week every month. We will have spaces for 168 people who are ages 14 to 15 years (year 10 students or those just about to start year 10 to join us for this opportunity. It is important for us as a Constabulary that this opportunity is open to all people of the eligible age, whether you attend a school or not.

During the week, those involved in the programme will be supported by many departments including our Dog Handlers, Response Teams, Force Control Room, Custody Suite, Mounted Section (Police Horses, Learning and Development and the National Police Air Service to name but a few.”

The work experience programme will open for expressions of interest at 3pm on Friday 7th October 2022.

Please note there are 168 places to offer in 2023, therefore applications for the programme will be treated on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in taking part in the work experience programme, please complete and submit the expression of interest form at the earliest opportunity when applications open at 3pm on Friday 7 October 2022.

The expression of interest form will be added to [this page](#) when applications open.



Additional Open Mornings

We have had a number of requests from our feeder schools we will be offering further open morning tours on Tuesday 11th October and will run at 9:15am prompt with a short welcome talk by Mr Pauling at 9:50am.

4pm Club 2022 - 2023

Monday 26th September saw the return of the '4pm Club' from 3:05pm to 4:15pm. This intervention will provide a programme of structured support run by different departments to improve confidence and subject knowledge. The '4pm Club' will run Monday - Friday up until the start of the Year 11 Mocks exams (6 week programme).

The topics covered will help prepare students for the upcoming mocks, which have been scheduled to run between Monday 14th November and Friday 25th November.

Week Beginning Monday 26th September 2022

TIMETABLE

	Silent Revision	After School
Monday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L16 Geography• DS1 Drama/Performing Arts• M38 Maths – Foundation• L20 French
Tuesday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LM3 History• P1 Creative iMedia• P3 Computing Science• SC20 Science – Invite Only
Wednesday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U3 English – Securing Grade 4+• U9 – Securing Grade 6+• M37 Maths – Higher• M39 Maths – Foundation
Thursday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sc10 Chemistry – Higher• M20 Science – All Classes• LM4 History• G23 Business Studies• G15 Health & Social Care• D1 Art, Photography, Graphics• D4 3D Design
Friday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L2 PE – Theory• Sports Hall Practical Badminton

House Music Competition Update - Friday 14th October 2022



After a week of successful house music choir rehearsals, the big day is nearing! We have been incredibly impressed with this year's sixth form house leaders for organising and leading choir sessions every lunch time. We have a range of exciting songs with distinct themes including, Viva la Vida: Coldplay, Chasing Cars: Snow Patrol, It Must Be Love: Madness and Another Love: Tom Odell.

The turnout for Choir rehearsals has been the biggest in years! With students across all year groups showing up and getting involved. However, there is always room for more. The bigger the choir the more chance of success!! So please, encourage the students to come along and support their house! It is a brilliant opportunity for all, to step outside of their comfort zone and achieve something special.

Singing talent is not required!!

Next week's choir rehearsal schedule is posted below, we look forward to seeing all parents/carers, students and staff able to attend the highlights concert on Tuesday 18th October, 19:00.

Second Week Monday to Tuesday	
13:20 – 13:50	Whittle
13:50 – 14:20	Masefield
13:20 – 13:50	Carne
13:50 – 14:20	Scott

Second Week Wednesday	
13:20 – 13:50	Whittle
13:50 – 14:20	Masefield
13:20 – 13:50	Carne
13:50 – 14:20	Scott

Second Week Thursday	
13:20 – 13:50	Scott
13:50 – 14:20	Carne
13:20 – 13:50	Masefield
13:50 – 14:20	Whittle

Second Week Friday
COMPETITION

Student Leadership at Chosen Hill School



Head Student Team



CARNE House Captains



MASEFIELD House Captains



SCOTT House Captains



WHITTLE House Captains



PRISM

PRISM is Chosen Hill School's support group for the LGBTQ+ community and allies.

PRISM is a safe space to come for information, help or just a chat. Feel free to just turn up.

Each week we will be doing a range of different activities.



Venue – Contact Miss Hall or Miss White for venue details

Time – Wednesday lunchtimes 1.20pm

For more information contact –

Miss Hall (EH) – eh@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Miss White (EW) – ew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Fundraising at Chosen Hill School

P.A.T.C.H.

Welcome to P.A.T.C.H., the parent and teacher group that supports Chosen Hill School by funding the 'extras' that help make a difference to all of the students at Chosen Hill School. If you have great fundraising ideas or a little spare time and would like to get involved with our fundraising, please get in touch by emailing either dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk or P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



We are raising funds to replace the laser printer in DART, which every student will use during their time at Chosen Hill School. The cost is around £7,000. We will be holding various events throughout the year with the aim of funding this piece of equipment.

Future Events

We are currently putting together proposals for events for this academic year. If you have any suggestion of events that you would like to see included in the calendared events please email either dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk or P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Raffle Prizes

We are, once again collecting donations which can be used as raffle prizes for the various events that we are planning for this year. If you have any new items that you can spare, any unwanted gifts, etc. we would be grateful for any donations. Please bring to reception.



Just a reminder to use the Giving Machine when you are making online purchases. Every time you use the Giving Machine to go to a shopping website and make a purchase, the school will get a contribution. So far we have raised £83.86, with no additional cost to supporters. Shops include Amazon, Argos, ebay, John Lewis, Clarks, M&S, Boots and many more. It doesn't cost you a penny extra and you get all the same discounts and offers, you just need to go to your chosen site via the Giving Machine page. The link to the page is here for you to sign up if you haven't already.

Modern Languages News

European Day of Languages and UN International Translation Day.

On Monday 26th September, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 celebrated European Day of Languages and UN International Translation Day. This annual activity supports the international dimension to learning here at Chosen Hill School. This year, students completed a languages 'escape room', answering questions about idioms, finding hidden words and using their knowledge of languages to decipher patterns. The following Learning Mentor groups were the quickest to complete the challenges:

Year 7 - 7HC, in 5 minutes

Year 8 - 8CS, in 4 minutes and 45 seconds

Year 9 - 9CW, in 4 minutes and 1 second

Thank you to all students who took part. All members of the winning Learning Mentor groups were awarded with a house point!

Reminder - Year 9 Modern Languages Food Tasting Event

This term year 9 linguists are learning about festivals and food in the countries of the languages that they are learning. To give students the opportunity of tasting some specialities from these countries, we are organising a food - tasting event, which will take place during normal lesson time on 18th October. For this event to take place, we would ask for a £2 donation towards the cost of the food payable via the School Gateway by Monday 10th October please.

We thank you in advance for your support in this. Should you have questions regarding this please email lpk@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk Please also email with any allergies, including your child's name, Learning Mentor Group and language studied, so that we can accommodate and provide alternatives if possible.



A Flavour of South Asia, Thursday 13th October 2022

Our caterers, Innovate will be providing a mouthwatering selection of foods from South Asia on Thursday 13th October 2022. There will be a variety of exciting flavours to stimulate your tastebuds.



SOUTH ASIA

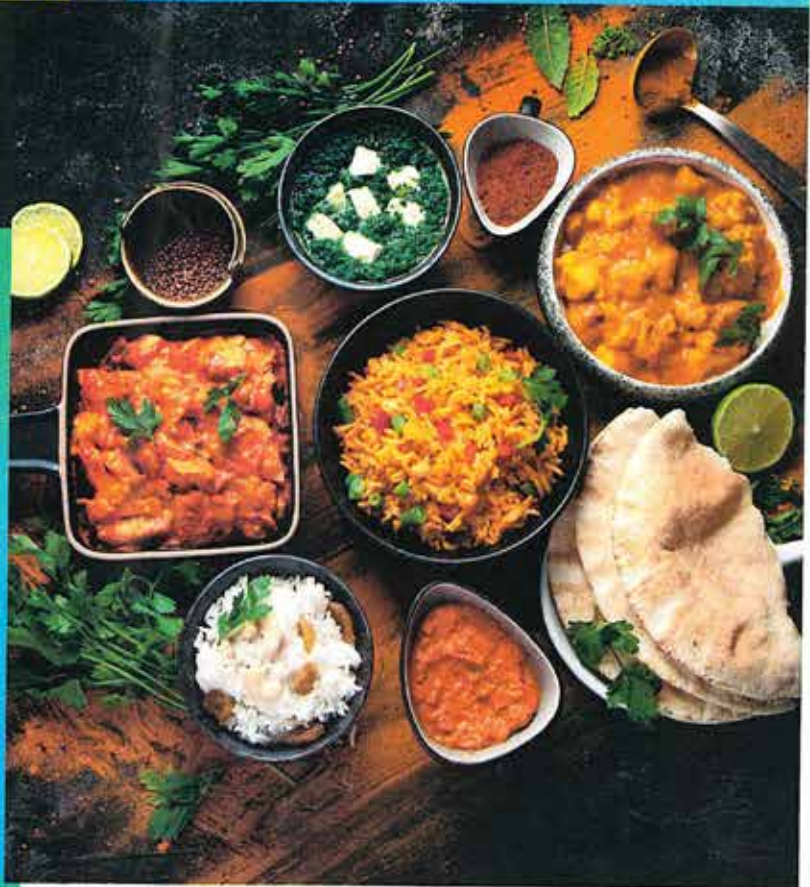


STAPLE FOODS:

Rice
Flatbreads
Yoghurt
Chicken & Lamb

POPULATION
1.94 billion

FAMOUS DISHES:
Curries
Biryani
Dosas
Kebabs
Samosas



MOST POPULAR DRINK:
Tea



Why should I apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

How long will it take to get a response?

You will receive an instant response as to whether you are entitled to free school meals once you have submitted your claim. All you need is your National Insurance Number and a current email address.

When your application is received, your eligibility will be checked with the Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue and Customs. If unsuccessful, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive universal infant free school meals.

Free school meals for over 16s

All 16-18 year-old learners who are, or whose parents are, in receipt of eligible benefits and enrolled in further education provision funded via the Education Funding Agency can apply for free school meals.

Learners who are aged 19-25 years old who have a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) are also entitled to free meals under this scheme.

All eligible 16-18 year-old learners who attend a sixth form at a school/academy can apply using the free school meals on the above link. For all 16-18 learners who attend other colleges/institutions please contact them for more information on how to apply.

Apply online to GCC

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

#HelloYellow

YOUNGMINDS

**Join #HelloYellow
on 10 October to
show young people
they matter.**

**More young people than ever are
not getting the mental health
support they need. This needs to
change - with your support, it can.**

**To take part, simply wear yellow,
donate what you can to YoungMinds,
and post a photo on social media.**



FEELING SMALL IS A **BIG** THING.

Are you concerned about a young person in your life? Don't wait for the problem to 'go away', contact our Parents Helpline for free, confidential advice.

Call the helpline on 0808 802 5544

Or visit www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline to speak to us online.



#HelloYellow

Sports Clubs, September to December

Please see below our sporting clubs which are now available to students. Please contact your child's PE teacher for further details.

	Before School 08:00 – 08:25	Lunchtime 13:25 – 14:00	After School 15:10 – 16:15
Monday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Hockey	
Tuesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 10 & 11 – Boys Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Years – Boys Rugby• Year 9, 10 & 11 - Netball
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Functional Fitness – Girls Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 – Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Football• Year 7 Rugby
Thursday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 7, 8 and 9 – Boys Basketball• GCSE Trampolining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 7 & 8 – Netball• Boys Rugby
Friday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Years - Badminton

Chosen Hill School Dance Show 2022

Meeting:

Monday

LUNCHTIME 1.40-2.00pm

MAIN SCHOOL HALL

ALL WELCOME – dance and gymnasts

A Night at Chosen Hill... moments from the movies, red carpet and Hollywood!

This year Chosen Hill are excited to announce there will be an evening of dance at Chosen Hill School. We will be showcasing some of the dances that our students have been working on over the past few weeks. The evening is open to anyone to participate in from any year group and showcasing any style of dance and Acro gymnastics.

Key dates:

- Auditions for the Evening of Dance will be from 3.15pm in the Main School Hall on Thursday 20th October.
- Students will perform their dance - explaining their choice of music and style of dance. Each performance will need to be around 1 minute 30 seconds long
- A Night at Chosen Hill... moments from the movies, red carpet and Hollywood! will take place on Wednesday 7th December. Further details will follow.

If there is anyone who hasn't signed up and wants to please see Miss Moss or any member of the PE department for further details!

Sporting Fixtures

Well done to the Year 11 rugby team who played in a narrow defeat against Bournside this week! Great try from Reuben Dreyer!



Great performance by the year 8 girls in the National Cup - starting with a 9-0 victory vs All Saints - well done girls!

