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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 9th December 2022



Diary Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 13th December 2022:
Celebration Assemblies

Wednesday 14th December 2022:

- Year 13 University of Gloucestershire Business School Challenge - Minibus departing at 09:00 and returning at 14:00
- Year 13 Christmas Dinner at 19:00

Friday 16th December 2022:
End of Term 2 - School finishes at 12:50 with buses leaving the school at 13:00 (1pm)

It was fantastic to see so many students performing at the Chosen Hill Dance show this week – I know hours have been spent by students and staff in preparing for the showcase and hope they are all as proud of their performance as I am.

Over the last term and the reopening of the Brookfield Road bridge we have seen a significant increase in the amount of traffic outside of school at 3:00pm. I have shared my concern with you regarding the risk of injury/accidents that this presents in previous correspondence and I am grateful for those of you that have been able to either delay your pick up or arrange to do this further away from the school. To try and improve the situation I have been in contact with local and county councillors to see if there is anything they can do to help alleviate this risk. I am pleased to report that early next term we will be sharing a survey for parents to complete regarding transport arrangements and that there will be a meeting later in January led by Councillor Ben Evans and hosted at the school. More details to follow in the new year but I welcome your input with both these consultations and support in improving student safety on their routes to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Learning Tip:

Study in Short Bursts

Research shows that we learn better when we study in short bursts. It's called 'spaced practice' and the theory behind it is that learning involves the creation of memories.

Memories are formed through links between neurons. In order for these memories to become embedded, the neurons have to be left undisturbed for a period of time. That's why we learn better in short bursts of studying. This approach gives the neurons time to "lay down" these new memories.

If your child is studying at GCSE or A Level, encourage them to revisit previous material that they have learnt in short regular bursts.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Lead Learning Assistant
Pupil Premium Manager

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)
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Closing Date

11th December 2022
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Any past Year 11 (now Year 12) 3D Design students will have the opportunity to collect their GCSE coursework and final piece from Monday 12th December until Wed 14th December 2022.

The work will be placed out in the connections space (outside D2). After Wednesday the work will need to be recycled. So if you do want it but can't collect before then please email [Mrs O'Malley](#).

TERM DATES:

Term dates, including INSET days, can be found on the School Website in 'Parents and Students', using the Quick Links menu at the top of the page and in the 'Useful Links' at the bottom of the page.



Data Collection

Due to GDPR regulations and as we want to help the environment, we will no longer be sending out data collection sheets.

However, we still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child, e.g. medical details (new allergies), change of address, change of phone numbers, court orders, name changes etc. It'll be up to you to keep us informed of any changes, you can do this via the School Gateway App, please see below for activation and login

instructions. Instructions on how to check and request changes are here. Using School Gateway is our preferred method of updating information, or you can email the school office on office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



End of Term Reminder

School will finish at 12:50 on Friday 16th December 2022.

Buses will leave the school at 1pm.



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Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections

UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that you should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If your child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

If your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

For more information visit the [UKHSA website](#).



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

**We would like to invite you
to our**

Sixth Form Open Evening

**Thursday 5th January 2023
from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Scan the QR code below to
access our
PROSPECTUS**



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Student Leadership at Chosen Hill School



Head Student Team



CARNE House Captains



MASEFIELD House Captains



SCOTT House Captains



WHITTLE House Captains

Year 7 You are Awesome Christmas Fair was AWESOME!



The Year 7 You Are Awesome Christmas Fair took place on Monday 5th December and it was totally Awesome. Year 7 students were set the task of planning and designing stalls in learning mentor groups to raise money for the Superhero Foundation, which helps sick children. They had to use the growth mindset skills that they learnt during Wellbeing lessons, after studying the book You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed. The Year group raised a total of £413.28. The winning learning mentor group was 7HC who raised a massive £86.16p.

The stalls that students put together all looked fantastic and a lot of thought and effort was put into the presentation. We had a massive variety of stalls and some included –

- Glitter tattoos
- Cake stalls
- Decorating biscuits
- Raffles
- Tombola's
- Football and shooting games
- Sweet stalls
- Hot chocolate stalls
- Lucky dip
- Craft stalls

Individual stall winners include –

- Best Promotion and Display: 7CM Photo Booth Stall - Kezia Dean, Charlotte Phillips, Phoebe Gardener-Wilce, Lily Green, Harmoni Ashmead, Benita Berzanskyte, Courtney-Shai Tartaglia, Ruby Varley, Darcie Leatherbarrow, Sofia McNeil, Ella Walford and Angel McNaught.
- Most original Idea: 7CW Find the Christmas Hamper - Jessie Davis, Lilly Gay, Taylor Pepperell and Yuvashree Sridharan
- Customer Service: 7CS Glitter Tattoos - Sophie Bowcat, Bethany Bradshaw, Georgina Huxford, Holly Hentschka and Fatima Zahra
- Enterprising Team Players: 7CS mini snowmen and Christmas Trees - Leo Thomson, Thomas Page, Deloyn Soobramoney, Luca Jones and Fin Egglestone

A massive well done to everyone in Year 7 and you made Chosen Hill School proud.









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On 6th December Year 7 Germanists spent time in lessons learning about the German and Austrian tradition 'St. Nicholas'. On this day, it is traditional for children to leave their shoe or boot by the door for St. Nicholas to leave chocolate or small gifts.

Our Year 7 students were delighted at the end of their lesson to find some chocolate in their shoes as they have been excellent students!



A Night at Chosen Hill - Moments from the Movies, Hollywood and the Red Carpet

A huge well done to all students who were involved in the Evening of Dance. A write up and photos will follow next week



Whole School Student Council - Community Engagement Ideas

Whole School Student Council met this week with many of the topics surrounding Community Engagement and Involvement – something that we all see as so important to our mutual wellbeing. Please can we draw your attention to 2 relevant news items:

- We are very lucky to have regular participation from our local Parish and Borough Councillor Mary Jordan. She discussed several items with us this time and we would like to share them
 - Reminder of Youth Club for Y7-11 on Mondays and Thursdays at St John's Hall and Churchdown Parish Council respectively - feedback on what you think of the activities and venues would be appreciated.
 - Also a Repair Café facility at Churchdown Parish Offices this Saturday and every second Saturday of the month – come to get items repaired – any students who would like to help / get some training please contact us ...
 - C] Consultation about possibility of upgrading the BMX track – in the Council Offices Saturday 10th all morning – you can attend or email her, with your views

Please feel free to share your views on these matters using Mary's email: Councillor.Jordan@tewkesbury.gov.uk



- A reminder about the important work of PATCH – Parents & Teachers at Chosen Hill – if you would like to donate any items to our Christmas Raffle or join our group (as Parent or Teacher) please contact school – a reminder that all funds raise help to support the school in so many ways!

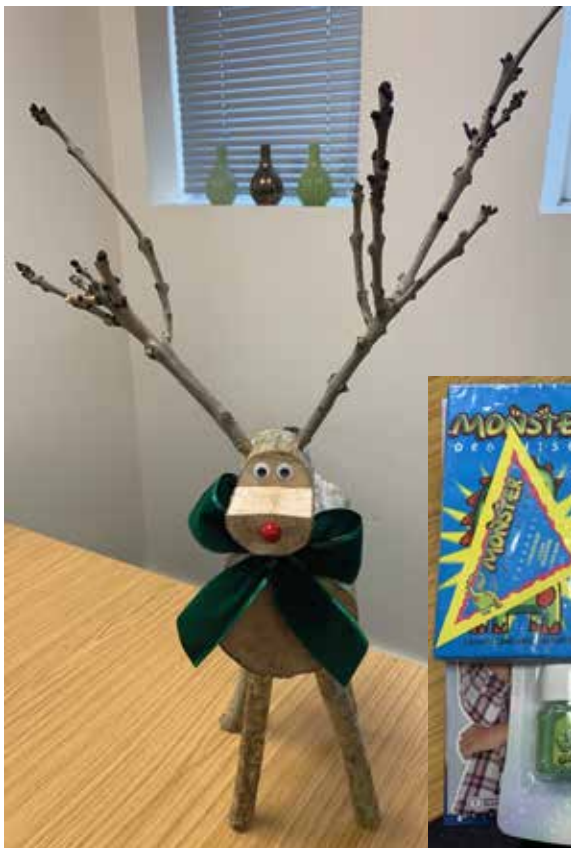
P.A.T.C.H. Christmas Hampers

We are going to hold the Christmas raffle again this year which has been very successful in previous years, raising over £2500 for benches in the playground and funds towards a new laser cutter in DART. The prizes will be hampers of goodies.

If you would like to make a donation of something to go in the hampers, we would be very grateful, but we appreciate that it may be more difficult to support the raffle in that way this year. If you would like to give something such as toiletries, wine, toys or Christmas food, please can you drop it at school, clearly labelled for the PATCH hampers so that it doesn't get confused with other donations. Please bring your donation to reception before Tuesday 13th December 2022.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the hampers they will be available on the School Gateway from the 2nd December 2022 until the 14th December 2022. Tickets cost £1 each and all the proceeds go to PATCH to buy 'extras' for the students of Chosen Hill School. The draw will take place on Thursday 15th December in school. These are the hampers from previous years.

The images below are of last year's hampers.



Christmas Shopping

Just a reminder when you are doing your Christmas shopping online, that if you go through the giving machine to get to the shop you need and select Chosen Hill as a cause, we get a donation from them. It doesn't cost you anything extra, but you will be supporting us.



**Click, Shop & #GiveForFree
each time you shop online
and raise free donations for**

Chosen Hill School

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**Scan and enter our
quick sign up code:**

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Over 2,000 of your favourite retailers are participating



An Innovate Christmas Kitchen

This week saw the grand reveal of our Christmas Canteen. The ribbon was expertly cut by Mr Pauling revealing a tantalising array of Christmas food. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for all their hard work.





House News!

We are excited to announce a brand new house event, House Renew! This fashion show will require students to design, make and model their own clothing and accessories. All materials will be upcycled to encourage sustainability and raise awareness of the damaging 'fast fashion' business. While the actual fashion show is still a while off (14th March 2023), we need to start preparations and gather materials.

If you have any unwanted or damaged items of clothing/accessories that are listed below, please have a student drop these off on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in P4, deadline is 14th December.

Only the following items please:

- Ties
- Hats
- Gloves
- Jackets
- Coats
- Jewellery
- Ball gowns

We are looking for student fashion designers, makers and models. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students, especially those that are looking for a career in fashion, art or design. For those that want to get involved, they must attend a lunchtime club on Wednesdays, starting 7th December.

Stay tuned for further updates in the coming months! This year's theme, Jungle!

Sporting Fixtures

Year 7 rugby

A great evening of rugby for our Year 7's against Pitville School this week.

Well done!

