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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 11th November 2022



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Lest We Forget

Diary Dates for Next Term

ALL WEEK:
Year 11 Mocks

Monday 14th November 2022
Year 12 & 13 Physics RI Friday
Museum Trip

Friday 18th November 2022
Children in Need
A Level Geography Field Trip

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Firstly I would like to start with an apology that the parent bulletin was not sent out last week. Whilst we have ensured that all classes are covered as a priority there has been a high number of staff absences through illness since returning from the half-term break which resulted in the bulletin not being produced.

As usual there has been lots going on in school with visits from student groups from India and Japan over the last fortnight as well as students out on Field trips and visits, sporting fixtures, even a series of presentations from the BBC celebrating 100 years.

I am sure many of you will have noticed the amazing decorations and displays that have adorned the front of school to commemorate Remembrance day. I am incredibly proud of the staff and students that have observed a two minute silence today. A special thank you to Mrs Staite, Mrs Selwyn and their team of students and staff that organised the decorations and ceremony. There are more images from the activities later in this bulletin.

Over the next couple of weeks our Year 11 will be taking their Mock exams - we wish them well with their preparation for these. We know how much they will learn from this experience that will help ready them for the summer.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Learning Tip:

Plan Study Time

Successful students schedule specific times throughout the week when they are going to study and then they stick to this schedule. Students who are not as structured do not perform as well. Creating a weekly routine with your child where you set aside time each to complete home learning will ensure they develop habits which will help them succeed in life-long learning.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Teacher of Business Studies and Key Stage 3 ICT

Link to Advert

Eteach

Closing Date

14th November 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please do not use the upper or lower gates to drop off students or to collect them. These have been designated **NO TURNING/PARKING** areas primarily for the safety of students. The gates are often very congested at the both the start and end of the day with staff coming to work and leaving for home. This week has seen parents/carers blocking the gates to drop off students, causing congestion on the road and endangering students safety.

We have had a number of complaints from residents regarding parents/carers blocking driveways. This week, an incident of inconsiderate parking resulted in threatening and abusing behaviour from a parent who had blocked the drive and refused to move, causing more disruption outside the school.

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.

Toilet Renovations

As part of our commitment to student voice we have initiated a trial period of removing the entrance doors to the toilets. Alongside this we will be rolling out a programme of refurbishment over the coming months. The rationale for removal of the doors follows feedback from students and staff concerned about the number of students that have been gathering in the toilets during social times. We have received feedback from the student council and will be monitoring the impact on reducing anti-social behaviour and student satisfaction as we make these improvements.



Sixth Form Open Evening - Save the Date!

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 5th January 2023 from 6pm-8pm.

4pm Club Timetable

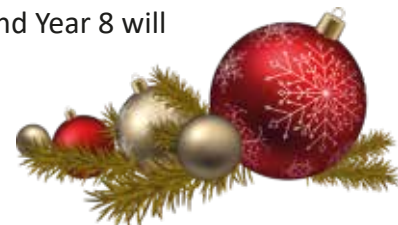
	Silent Revision	After School
Monday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L16 Geography• DS1 Drama/Performing Arts• M38 Maths – Foundation• L20 French
Tuesday	USH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LM3 History• P1 Creative iMedia• P3 Computing Science• SC20 Science – Invite Only
Wednesday	USH	<ul 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



Year 7 We are Awesome Christmas Fair

The Year 7 We are Awesome Christmas Fair will be taking place on Monday 5th December 2022 during Learning Mentor time and Period One.

Students will be setting up during Learning Mentor time and Year 8 will attend in rotation during Period One.



Soup Station in Canteen

Innovate Catering are providing a soup station every lunchtime after half term.

Soup and bread will cost £2.04.

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Remembrance Parade & Church Service 2022

St Andrew's Church, Churchdown.
Sunday 13th November 2022

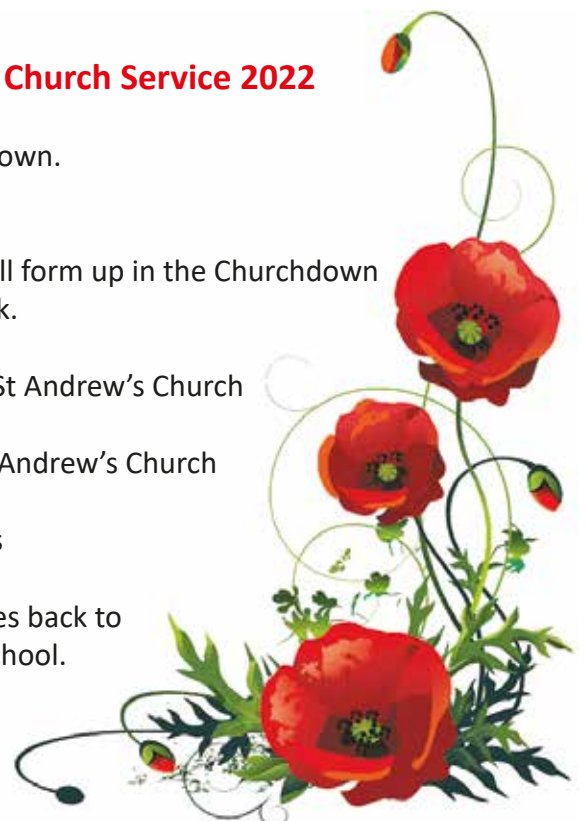
ETA: 10:15hrs - the Parade will form up in the Churchdown Village Junior School's carpark.

ETD: 10:30hrs - March up to St Andrew's Church

10:55 - 11:15hrs - Outside St Andrew's Church

11:45hrs - Inside service ends

ETA 12:00hrs - Parade marches back to Churchdown Village Junior School.













Learning Mentor Door Displays







World Challenge 2024: Expedition to eSwatin

Chosen Hill School invites you to join an online talk about our exciting eSwatini & Kruger expedition, running in July 2024.

This is a life-changing opportunity for students to explore eSwatini & Kruger with expert guides, while developing their life skills, confidence and independence. We're partnering with World Challenge to offer 13-night trip, which complements school learning.

Applications are now open, so please visit our trip webpage for the sign-up link, itinerary, travel dates, Covid-secure booking terms and trip cost – examples of how past students have earned this themselves will be covered in the talk.

Jamie from World Challenge will host the 20-minute Zoom presentation on Wednesday 23rd November at 6pm. Please come along and ask any questions, or just listen in.

To attend, please register for the Zoom presentation here: <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/etqe2st/>

School Beat Team, Gloucestershire Constabulary

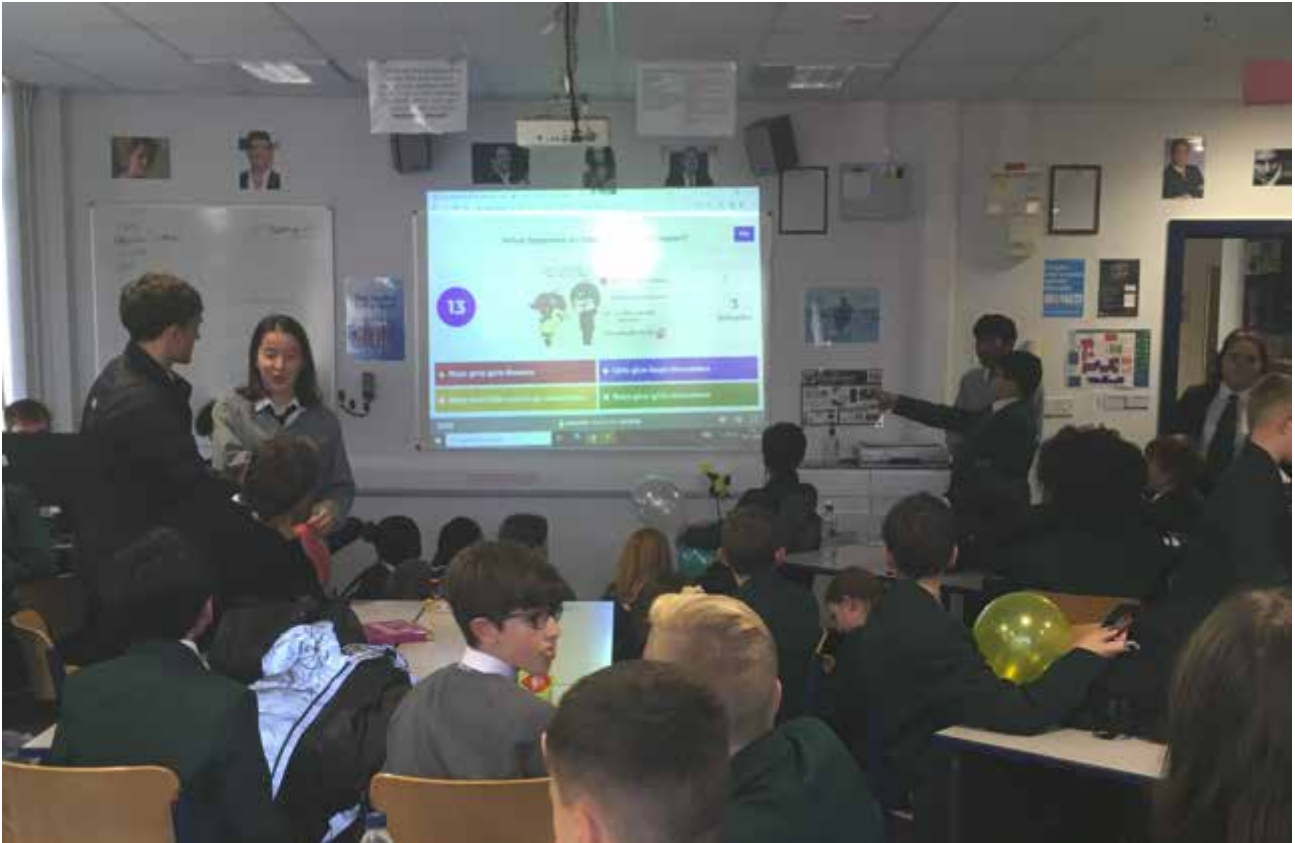
PC Pete Curtis, from the school beat team with the Gloucestershire Constabulary, has been delivering lessons to years 7, 8 & 9 on subjects such as drugs and alcohol, sexting and county lines.

PC Curtis has been in all week and will be in all next week and again for two weeks in the Summer Term.

The School Beat Team are a number of officers that go into primary and secondary schools delivering lessons in line with our PSHE curriculum across the county. They are building relationships and are offering support and advice to students.



International Club



It was amazing to see so many students at the International Club's re-launch, in classroom G20, during lunchtime on Friday 4th November. Students took part in a quiz all about Japan as we had visitors from Shukutoku Sugamo Senior High School, Tokyo on that day. The competition was fierce and the excitement in the room, palpable.

The aim of the club is to educate our KS3 students about the global environment, and to foster cooperation, understanding and acceptance of diversity. It is also an opportunity for students to give back to Chosen Hill School and our wider global community. So, it is more about giving than receiving - although attendance, hard work and achievement will be recognised through house points, awards and special commendations for celebration assemblies.

Going forward, the club has 5 main areas of work that students can choose from:

1. Fundraising for our ongoing Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Classroom Building/Pen-pal Projects,
2. Weekly Just for fun – international quizzes, competitions etc.,
3. Learning how to do website design and then reporting on international matters via the School's International web page,
4. Working on collaborative projects (set up by individual subject teachers) that are being organised with or Partner Schools in Germany, India and Japan,
5. Planning and preparation for whole school International activities, house competitions, and fundraising to subsidise future partner school visits.

Global warming and how we as a school community can cut down waste, pollution and emissions. We are also open to new ideas, because the club is run by our Sixth Form International Student Ambassadors, Ryan Nash and Christy Reji, for our younger KS3 students and we want it to focus on issues relevant to them.

All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are welcome but numbers may have to be limited, so why not come along each Friday lunchtime 1:30 – 2pm, G20. If you are interested in joining and didn't come along last Friday, please contact Mr. Bird, International Dimensions Lead, Chosen Hill School, using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

International School Visit: Shukutoku Sugamo Senior High School, Tokyo

On Friday 4th November 2022 we welcomed 38 students from Shukutoku Sugamo High School from Tokyo, and our year 7 were treated to presentations about Japanese Culture a performance of the traditional Fishermans Dance. They then took part in some traditional Japanese games such as cats cradle & mini sumo.



BBC 100 Share Your Story - Tuesday 1st November 2022



We were really excited to welcome the BBC into school on Tuesday 1st November as part of their 100th birthday celebrations. They performed a show called 'Share your Story', which was delivered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. The aim of the show was to emphasise the fact that the BBC regularly shares stories with the public to educate, inform and entertain. In the show BBC workers shared their own personal stories, to help inspire others to share their stories, celebrate theirs and other people's differences, discuss career options and encourage story writing.

The show was presented by DJ Alex Masuroglu who has radio shows on BBC Radio One and Kiss FM. The students listened to stories from BBC workers Jimmy Tam and Kirstie Andrews. Kirstie is a Training Manager with the BBC. She talked about living with OCD, struggling in the pandemic and how a cancer diagnosis has helped her through this.



100 YEARS OF OUR BBC

Jimmy is a Senior Journalist with the BBC. He talked about different diversities and wanting a career in media, but not seeing himself represented on screen made this difficult. However, he didn't let this make him give up. Students got the chance to ask the speakers questions and were encouraged to share their own stories.

Research indicates that telling our story can affect our inner feelings of acceptance, hopefulness or satisfaction, which in turn are related to the potential of developing greater resilience. In addition, through sharing diverse experiences, students can find commonalities and differences between their lives and that of the other storytellers. Sharing stories helps build connections and foster trust between us.

If students are interested in sharing their story and story writing, they are encouraged to enter the BBC Young Reporter Competition. It is an annual opportunity for 11 to 18 year olds across the UK to submit an original story idea to the BBC. BBC Young Reporter Competition winners will have the unique chance to tell their story on TV, radio, online or on social media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme makers. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5CMVJkhS4wGbzC1YImz3FxB/bbc-young-reporter-competition>





Sporting Fixtures

U13 Girls v Churchdown



Year 7 Rugby

Great to see so many Year 7's represent their school this week against Cleeve School! Top performances from all three teams involved!



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