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**AMBITION**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**HONESTY**

# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 3rd February 2023



## Advance Notice:

**Monday 6th February 2023:**

Fame Lab School Final

**Thursday 9th February 2023:**

Options Evening

Thank you for your support over what has been a disruptive week. The unfortunate scheduling of our pre-planned INSET and the partial closure of the school on Wednesday will no doubt have required some significant reorganising of routines. Despite the disruption we have seen significant improvements in student punctuality to school - thank you for your support with this, it is making a positive difference to the start of the day.

We are excited about the careers fair that was running today for students and parents (after school) with over 30 different employers and organisations sharing potential employment, careers and further study options. The excellent careers work that is led by Mrs Henry, Mrs Selwyn and Mrs Williams is a key part of our Ambition strategy.

This is even more relevant for our Y9 students that will be attending our options evening next week as they make their decisions about which courses to follow.

With tickets selling fast for our production of Guys and Dolls there is certainly lots going on at school.

Thank you again for your support

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:



[www.chosenhillschool.co.uk](http://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk)

## Learning Tip:

### *Be Brave*

You don't improve if you are worried about looking foolish. Encourage your child to be brave and have a go. This could be answering questions in class or joining a sports club.

## Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

### Vacancy

Cover Supervisor

Qualified Learning Assistant

Teacher of Mathematics

Head of Faculty - DART (Design, Technology and Art)

Teacher of IT

### Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

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### Closing Date

5th February 2023

20th February 2023

26th February 2023

26th February 2023

5th March 2023

## TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2023/2024 have now been published and can be found on the [school website](#).

## Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable 2023

	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
08:45	English 2 hrs 05	Science Physics 1 hr 45  Combined Physics 1 hr 15	Maths Paper 1 <i>(Non- calculator)</i> 1 hr 30	Science Chemistry 1 hr 45  Combined Chemistry 1 hr 15	Maths Paper 2 <i>(Calculator)</i> 1 hr 30	Science Biology 1 hr 45  Combined Biology 1 hr 15
11:20	Business Studies 1 hr 30	Languages Reading <i>Foundation Tier</i> 1 hr <i>Higher Tier</i> 1 hr 15	GCSE PE 1 hr 15	Languages Writing <i>Foundation Tier</i> 1 hr 15 <i>Higher Tier</i> 1 hr 30	History 1 hr 45	Catch-ups

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Options Evening, Thursday 9th February 2023

We started the process for GCSE options this week with an assembly to all year 9 students. They were given their option booklets to start considering subjects of interest for next year. The options evening will be held on site on Thursday 9th February from 6pm to 8pm. It is an opportunity to hear about the process and talk to subject staff. A letter will follow to confirm the specific arrangements for the evening.

There will be two presentations during the evening:

**Chosen population** - there will be a 25 minute presentation in the Main School Hall for parents and students at 6:15pm. After the presentation, you will be able to talk to subject staff in the G Block about specific Option choices and ask questions.

**Hill population** - there will be a 25 minute presentation in the Main School Hall at 7:15pm. We recommend that you attend the evening from 6pm onwards and talk to subject staff in the G Block before the presentation.

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to have an online meeting with the school's senior staff or Miss Stoneman, Inclusion Lead, on 1st March 2023. You will receive an email to book via the on-line system in due course.

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### The Knife Angel - National Anti-Violence Youth Tour



Jo Clarke, Youth Support Worker at Prospects Services visited Gloucester Cathedral this week, representing YST at the Knife Angel promoting this National Anti-Violence Youth Tour. Please take a moment to read her feedback.

*"It was interesting listening to people's views of what they thought of the Knife Angel which was lit up today and we had the privilege to meet its creator Alfie Bradley. For those unaware it is 8.2m tall, made up of 100,000 knives from 43 police authorities in the UK and weighs in at 3.5 tonnes.*

*The Knife Angel will be outside Gloucester Cathedral in its poignant position until 27 February 2023, before continuing its planned tour to visit every city in the UK.*

*There were visitors yesterday from all over country who had come to see it.*

*In the evening I continued volunteering until 19:00, as they had an opening Service in the Cathedral, followed by presentations to all the organisations that are working together to reduce knife crime in Gloucestershire.*

*I have been asked to advertise to my colleagues, for you to promote to young people that you are working with (or even live with) and encourage them to visit.*

*Free wrist bands to under 18's, supporting events, photo and colouring competitions, etc.*

<https://www.gloucesterbid.uk/knife-Angel/>

Kind regards

Jo Clarke

Youth Support Worker / Outdoor Instructor  
Prospects Services part of Shaw Trust"

## Mobile Phone Protocol in School

As outlined in the mobile phone protocol, students in Year 7-11 are not permitted to use or handle any type of mobile phone at school, including watches, iPads, tablets, or any similar device that uses the same technologies. As a consequence of this protocol, incidents involving mobile phones such as confiscation has reduced significantly, as the majority of our student population understand and abide by this protocol.

There are a small number of students who unfortunately continue to misuse the protocol. For example, when a student is spoken to by a member of staff or is referred to the Reintegration Room as part of Disruption Free Learning, they have taken it upon themselves to call their parent/carer. Often this is an emotional text message or conversation that can cause unnecessary worry for the parent/carer on the other end of the mobile phone. At that time, the parent is often receiving a one-sided account of an incident. On occasion, that parent has then come into school wanting to immediately meet with a member of staff which is a difficult request to carry out in a large secondary school.

On these occasions the student should not have texted or made that call. If an incident does happen in school then contact will be made with a parent about the incident, once an investigation has been completed and a fair and rounded understanding of the details can be communicated home.

The school recognises that there may be an occasion where a student has a genuine reason to contact a parent/carer during the school day. In this instance, the student can speak to reception, a Year Lead or other member of staff who can facilitate this, as long as this is within the vicinity of that member of staff. In future, if a student does message a parent or makes a call without permission, then their phone will be confiscated as part of the protocol that is in place and the parent will be asked to collect this from school.

Please can we ask that parents discuss this with their child to avoid any unnecessary resistance from a student and worry for the parent/carer arising from such an event, if this occurs.

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## Top 10 Equipment

Please remind your child to ensure that they have their 'Top 10' with them at school each day. Please also remind them they can use students services before school to ensure they are full equipped before the school day starts.



## 4pm Club Timetable

<b>Monday</b>  BETC PA (DS2) Maths Foundation (M36) Hospitality and Catering (D10) All Geography Students (L Block) French (L20)	<b>Tuesday</b>  Targeted Chemistry Foundation (SC22) Targeted Chemistry Higher (SC15) Science Intervention Group (SC20)
<b>Wednesday</b>  All History Students (LM3/LM4) Maths Foundation (M39) Maths Higher (M31)	<b>Thursday</b>  Targeted Business Studies (G20) Targeted Chemistry Higher (SC10) Computing Creative iMedia (P3) Health and Social Care (G15)
<b>Friday</b>  All GCSE PE Students + BTEC PE (L2) Spanish (L25)	

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## Nursing, Midwifery & Theatres Open Day with Apprenticeships & Careers Team

Please find attached a poster for the event to share with your networks. As part of this event I will be presenting information sessions on Apprenticeships within our Trust and our upcoming vacancies such as Apprentice Healthcare Assistant.

[Link](#) to book onto one of our Apprenticeships & Careers Tours

Other key dates:

- Midwifery Q & A session – 6th March 2023 (5:00 – 6:00pm) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/473186492537>
- Healthcare Science Event – 11th March 2023 (10am – 2pm) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/469823644167>
- Paediatrics Taster Day – 16th March
- Midwifery Taster Day – 5th April 2023
- Business Q & A session – 17th April between 5:30 – 6:30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/493796969027>
- Medicine Q & A session – 27th September - Save the Date
- Paediatrics Taster Day – 2nd October - Save the Date
- Nursing Q & A session – 4th October 2023 – Save the Date

# FIND OUT MORE ABOUT A CAREER IN CHILDREN'S NURSING



# Children's Nursing Q&A Session

**WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**17:00 - 18:00**

**VIA MS TEAMS**



**Are you interested in finding more out about a career in  
Children's Nursing?**

**A great opportunity to hear from professionals on how a  
career like this could be for you.**

**Apprenticeships  
and  
Careers**

# Open Day

## Nursing, Midwifery and Theatres

**Find out on how you could  
kickstart your career at  
Gloucestershire Hospitals!**



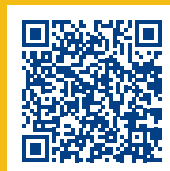
**Redwood Education Centre**  
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital



**Saturday 4 March**  
9 - 12

**Register your  
interest today!**

[bit.ly/3XzYd5V](https://bit.ly/3XzYd5V)



### What will the day include?

- > Meet our inspirational teams and visit numerous stands to speak with experts that cover specialities e.g: Trauma/Orthopaedics, Theatres and Midwifery
- > Presentations from our Careers Engagement Officer for Apprenticeship information at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30
- > Learning Zone: application writing
- > Learning Zone: interview preparation

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**Everyone welcome!**

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# Careers Fair: Friday 3rd February 2023

More information and images next week





## Chosen Hill School Performing Arts Department presents:



This fairytale musical love story of New York, is set in the 1940's and tells the story of gamblers, gangsters and dolls in a bygone era.

Nathan Detroit, desperate to find a spot for his illegal gambling operation, bets the highest gambler of them all, the suave and dashing, Sky Masterson, \$1000 dollars that he cannot take a certain woman to Havana. However, this particular dame, Sarah Brown, is a devout missionary and proves to be particularly hard to woo. Meanwhile Nathan's long term fiancée Adelaide, becomes desperate in her efforts to get him to tie the knot, after having been engaged to him for fourteen years...

Featuring many timeless classic, including Luck Be a Lady, Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat and Ive Never Been in Love Before you would be mad to miss it!

Live performances start at 7pm on the evenings of the 14th, 15th and 16th of February with tickets now available via the School Gateway.



## Tickets are now available via the School Gateway

£8.00 per ticket.

Seats are allocated on a first come first served basis and no changes can be made to seats once tickets have been issued.

Tickets will be distributed by your child's learning mentor the week following your purchase.

Any enquiries can be sent to: [boxoffice@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:boxoffice@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

# We are **HIRING**

**Position:** Catering Assistant

**Location:** Chosen Hill School

**Hours:** 09.30– 14.30

**Salary:** £9.50 per Hour + Free Meal

To apply please email your interest to  
[chosenhill@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:chosenhill@impactfood.co.uk)

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## London Marathon

Our Head of Year 7, Miss Moss, will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April 2023. She will be running for Sue Ryder and specifically supporting Leckhampton Court Hospice in Cheltenham. Miss Moss has said:

"I feel incredibly lucky to have been chosen for a charity place by Sue Ryder and cannot wait to run the marathon on the day. I am already busy adding miles into my training sessions and hopefully can encourage some students to start running in the process! There will be a number of charity events in school to support this but any additional donations from staff, students and parents would be massively appreciated!

Please see the Just Giving link below to find out more about my story and follow my running journey but also a link to the Sue Ryder website where you can see what incredible work they do.

Miss Moss

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/E-Moss>  
[Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice | Sue Ryder](#)





# Prom Ready?

2023 PROM  
DRESSES  
Book your  
consultation  
now before we  
sell out!



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info@bridalwearandballgowns.co.uk





## Sports Clubs

January to April

	Lunchtime (1:25pm to 2pm)	After School (3:10pm to 4:15pm)	
Monday	<b>Year 7</b> Hockey – Sports Hall <i>CM</i>		
Tuesday	<b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b> Boys Basketball – Sports Hall <i>SP, MAR</i>	<b>Years 9, 10 &amp; 11</b> Netball – Courts <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Boys Football <i>SP, MAR, JP, TW</i>
Wednesday	<b>Years 7, 8, 9, 10 &amp; 11</b> Hockey – Sports Hall <i>CM, ST</i>	<b>ALL Years</b> Girls Football – Field <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	<b>Year 7</b> Rugby <i>TW, SP, JP, MAR</i>
Thursday	<b>Year 7</b> Boys Basketball – Sports Hall <i>MAR, SP</i>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b> Netball – Courts <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	
Friday	<b>ALL Years</b> Girls Basketball – Sports Hall <i>ST</i>	<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Badminton – Sports Hall <i>SP</i>	



### Photography at Fixtures

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](mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) to opt out.



## Boy's Sporting Fixtures

The list below timetables the Boy's Sporting Fixtures until Easter. Please be aware that the dates, although correct at the time of printing, are subject to change depending upon external factors.

Girl's Sporting Fixtures to follow.

## Boy's Sporting Fixtures

Mon 9th Jan – Y8B Boys Football @ Tewkesbury - Tournament  
Tues 10th Jan – Y9B Boys Football @ Tewkesbury - Tournament  
Wed 11th Jan – Y10B Boys Football @ Tewkesbury - Tournament  
Thurs 12th Jan – Y11B Boys Football @ Tewkesbury - Tournament

Wed 18th Jan – Table-tennis @ Winchcombe – selected pupils

Mon 23rd Jan – Y10 Boys Basketball vs STR (H)  
Thurs 26th Jan – Y10 Boys Basketball vs Pates (H)

Tues 31st Jan – Y10 Boys Football (A) Prince Henry's  
Weds 1st Feb – 6th Form Boys Basketball (H) vs STR  
Fri 3rd Feb – Y8 Boys Football vs St Edwards (A)

Mon 6th Feb – Y7 Boys Rugby – 7s Tournament @ Bristol  
Wed 8th Feb – Y8 Boys Football vs Bournside (H)  
Thurs 9th – Y10 Boys Basketball vs Bournside (A)

Tues 14th Feb – Y7 Boys Basketball vs STR TBC  
Tues 14th Feb – Y8 Boys Football vs Cotswolds (H)  
Weds 15th Feb – 6th Form Boys Football vs Churchdown (A)  
Thurs 16th Feb – Y7 Boys Rugby A and B teams vs Crypt (A)

### HALF TERM

Mon 27th Feb – Y9 – 7s Boys Rugby Tournament @ Bristol  
Wed 1st March – 6th Form Boys Football vs Newent (H)  
Thurs 2nd March – Y8B vs Pittville (A)  
Thurs 2nd March – Y9B vs Pittville (H)

Tues 7th March – Y7&8 Boys Football (H) Leckhampton  
Tues 7th March – Y10 Boys Football (H) Bournside  
Wed 8th March – 6th Form Football (H) Wyedean  
Thurs 9th March – Y7 Boys Football (H) A&B vs Pittville  
Fri 10th March – Y7 Boys Rugby (A) vs Pates (2.30pm KO)

### RACE WEEK

Tues 14th March – Y9 Boys Football vs Bournside (A)  
Tues 14th March – Y7 Boys Football vs Churchdown (A) x3 – 9 aside games  
Wed 15th March – 6th Form Football vs STR (H)  
Fri 17th – INSET

## REMINDER: U12 RUGBY TRAINING, WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

We need 2 teams for a few games coming up soon against Crypt and Pates. Come along if you're interested representing the school and being part of an amazing team!



## British Basketball Finals



Well done to our Year 10 team who played against Prince Henry High School and our Year 11 team who played against Bournside this week.



Our Year 7 Netballers played some great Netball at High School Leckhampton this week.

