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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 3rd March 2023



Diary Dates for Next Week:

ALL WEEK:

National Careers Week

Thursday 9th March 2023:

HPV Vaccinations

What's Coming up:

Monday 13th March 2023:

Fame Lab Final

Tuesday 14th March 2023:

Imman Visit

House Upcycling Project

Friday 17th March 2023:

INSET Day - STUDENTS DO NOT
ATTEND.

Thank you for your support. This week saw the second NEU teacher strike day. With two further days scheduled in a couple of weeks time I am aware of the disruption that this has (and will) cause. The reason for the strike, including the challenges to resourcing and recruiting in school is a very real concern. Higher costs and a real terms reduction in the capacity for schools to afford them is at the heart of the motivation for the union action. Over the next week I will share our plan for the next two strike days (15th and 16th March) during which we would like to increase the number of year groups we can safely have in school.

It was great to be able to have the whole of Year 8 involved in a Careers focussed trip to Hartpury College this week and to hear about the different opportunities they experienced to find out more about different jobs and careers guidance.

The work of the student councils at Chosen Hill School is really important in hearing the voice of our young people. They are involved in all aspects of school improvement including staff appointments, teaching and learning committees, house events, pastoral feedback and so much more - I would like to thank all those involved and a special mention to Mr Jeffrey who leads on this important work.

Well done to Year 11 for the fantastic start they have made to their mock exams this week.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Learning Tip:

Listen to your child read

It is important to listen to your child read, even at secondary school. Not only can you help your child learn and understand new vocabulary, but you can help them speak with expression and volume. Some children find it helpful to record themselves and play it back.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Teacher of IT

Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary

Cover Supervisor

Link to Advert

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Closing Date

5th March 2023

12th March 2023

12th March 2023

18th March 2023



Sixth Form Leadership Campaign

The 2023-24 Student Leadership Campaigns starts today and will run until Monday 14th March. Year 12 applicants will be campaigning for votes during this period, and they will be coming around to speak to departments as well as putting their campaign material around school. The applicants are as follows:



**Ella
Bhowal**



**Ellen
Kemmett**



**Elliott
Aubin**



**Jameson
Curl-Wride**



**Maddie
Phillips**



**Miranda
Smith**

All staff, Year 12, Year 11 Applicants to Sixth Form and the current student leadership team can vote for two candidates each.

Each Learning Mentor group will also get a vote. Paper voting forms will be handing out by Year Leads next week. There will be time assigned during registration to watch the campaign videos and review candidates' statements before submitting their voting slip to the ballot box in reception.

May the best candidates win!

4pm Club Timetable

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

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)
- [Healthcare Science Event](#) – 11th March 2023 (10am – 2pm)
- Paediatrics Taster Day – 16th March 2023
- Midwifery Taster Day – 5th April 2023
- [Business Q & A session](#) – 17th April 2023 between 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Medicine Q & A session – 27th September 2023 - Save the Date
- Paediatrics Taster Day – 2nd October 2023 - Save the Date
- Nursing Q&A session - 4th October 2023 - Save the Date



Alaska Pink Salmon

Once again this year we have been selected to get a free delivery of Alaska Pink Salmon - fantastic news! We will be developing new cooking skills, as well as learning about health and sustainability. Delicious - we just can't wait!

We are 1 of 250 schools getting a delivery of Alaska Pink Salmon - 10,000 fillets are being delivered to schools in the UK courtesy of Alaska Seafood UK.

Year 8 Visit to Hartpury University and College

This week all Year 8 students had a fantastic opportunity to visit Hartpury University and College. The visit gave our Year 8s the opportunity to see what college and university life is like first-hand. The day started with a campus tour (for anyone who have not been to Hartpury this is not a small endeavour) and then Students had the opportunity to visit the Sports Academy, Equine Centre, Farm and Animal Centre. They also visited the College and University student accommodation. Throughout the day, our students listened to information about different subjects and courses that are available to at Hartpury post Year 11. The day also included activities that encouraged them to think about what sort of learner are they and what subjects they really enjoy. In addition, this experience will help them to think about what GCSE they may want to take. It was an enjoyable and productive day!

Below are some comments from students who completed the online survey:

What do you feel you have learnt from the taster day?

- *"That I can be more confident if I go to college and university"*
- *"What a college campus looks like"*
- *"That even if you don't know what to do when you're older you will have so many options"*
- *"I have learnt that college/university is more important than I thought and it's great for going into detail in the chosen subjects"*
- *"How exciting college/university is and what I want to do after my GCSEs"*
- *"You can focus on your goals"*
- *"I learnt a lot about university and there's a lot of different subjects and things to learn about and there's many things to do and go to"*





Get into Medicine Conference

This weekend, Dr Siva and I are hosting a FREE virtual Get into Medicine conference on Saturday 4th March (1:30pm - 7pm) and Sunday 5th March (10am - 3pm) for aspiring doctors in Years 10-12. Dr Siva and I will guide students through every stage of the UCAS application process for medicine.

This is a unique opportunity for your students to get ahead and make their applications to medical school stand out from other candidates. No previous experience is necessary. These conferences are here to help your students, not to test them. Students can sign up for free using the link below.

For aspiring dentists, Dr Safiyah Yacoobali will be leading the next free virtual Get into Dentistry conference on Saturday 4th March (9:30am - 1pm).

With bespoke advice for medicine and dentistry, these conferences will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT and BMAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

Applying to medical and dental school is best done with support from both parents and teachers, so all parents are invited too!

Having a strong grasp of the UCAS application process is as crucial to getting into university as getting excellent grades, and we're here to help your child reach this opportunity.

[Get into Medicine registration form.](#)

[Get into Dentistry registration form.](#)

National Careers Week: Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March 2023

National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance in education across the UK. Our aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar, to help support young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.

NCW will cover the following:

- Bespoke career sessions in Learning Mentor Time
- College and Employer Lunchtime drop in for all year groups
- Career information linked to subjects

**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



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

Everyone welcome!



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Click [here](#) to watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring!

Between 3-14 April, HAF eligible families will be able to access up to 4 days of free, fun activities in their district. To find out what days your district is delivering HAF, you can follow your [HAF district lead](#) on social media.

What will be available at HAF this spring?

- » Family days out
- » Football, basketball, cricket and more
- » Forest skills
- » Gymnastics
- » Music production
- » Sensory play
- » Delicious food
- » And more!



**Bookings open 16 March-
Make sure you're HAF ready!**
Sign up to our [HAF booking system](#).

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news...**

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Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF

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and [Twitter](#) for updates.





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Going for Gold!

Initial Expedition Skills and Fitness Assessment



On route. From Left to Right: Christy Reji, Ethan Ducan, Eleanor Hawkins, Jameson Curl-Wride

This year's team of intrepid Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award participants from Chosen Hill School braved the cold and windy conditions of the Cotswolds to demonstrate their competence at expedition skills during their Initial Expedition Skills and Fitness Assessment Walk on Sunday 26th February 2023.

Throughout the day, participants had to carry a fully loaded expedition pack, work as a team to accurately navigate a course through the Cotswolds, and cook a meal on the Trangia camping stove.

They approached the assessment with good humour and all of them demonstrated good levels of fitness, competence at navigation, and stove safety.

Please join us in congratulating them as they have successfully passed this important milestone in their Gold Award expedition training and move on towards their Introduction to Wild Country Weekend in mid-March 2023.

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Lead Teacher Business and International Dimensions
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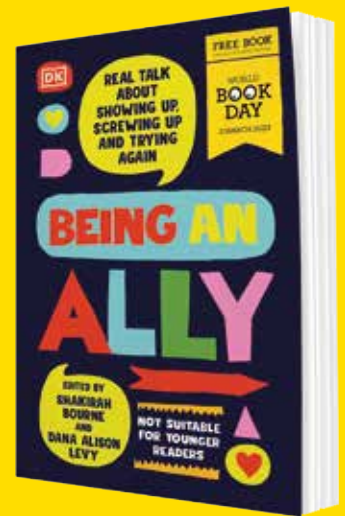
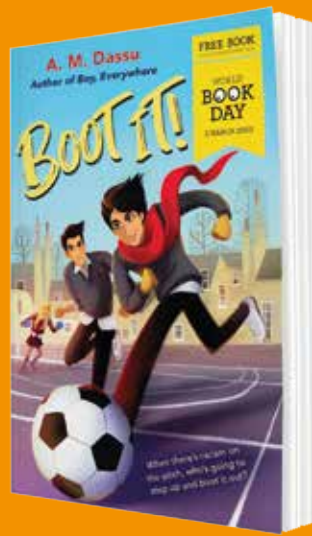
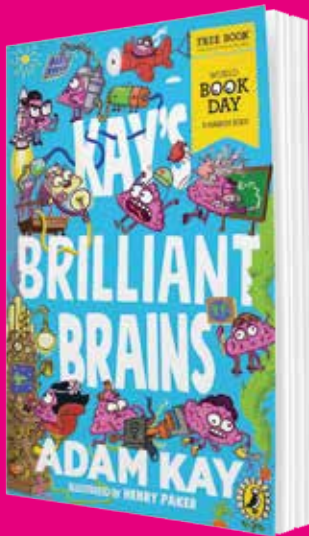
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BOOKMARK COMPETITION



100 YEARS OF DISNEY



*House Point for every entry and
Prize for best bookmark design*

To enter place your design in the entry box in the library

*Make sure your **name and tutor group** are on the
back of your entry*



*Suggested size = **17cm x 5 cm***



Competition closes on the 21.04.23

Good Luck!!!



P.A.T.C.H.

EASTER RAFFLE

We will, shortly, be launching our
Easter Raffle.

Any donations that you are able to supply would be
greatly appreciated.

Please bring any donations to reception.



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](#)



"A huge thank you to all who donated and bought refreshments at the Guys and Dolls production - I was able to raise £250 for my marathon fundraising, all going to the amazing Sue Ryder charity.

There are 6 weeks to go until the London Marathon. I am currently up to 18 miles with a 20-mile race in a few weekends time!

There is still plenty of time to donate to this amazing cause and look out for some fundraising events coming up in the next few weeks!



Earthquake Fundraising

Furkan Cam - A lovely ex-student of ours who left Sixth Form last year to study Mathematics at Manchester University. Unfortunately, his friends and family have been impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey. Thankfully his loved ones are physically OK but houses are damaged, and his people are struggling. He has reached out to share his GoFundMe page where he has raised £10,000 since last week with the Turkish Society at his University.

They will be donating the funds to charities in Turkey supporting rescue missions and for those mourning loved ones and their homes.

Please contribute if you would like to.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/turkiye-earthquake-relief-campaign/donate>

Join us at our
**Spring
Fayre**

Saturday 25th March
10am–5pm
Leckhampton Court Hospice grounds

- BBQ, pop-up bar and tasty treats
- Live music and entertainment
- Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms
- Glitter face painting, bouncy castle, and family fun activities


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Sports Clubs

January to April

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

Boys Sporting Fixtures

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

Girls Sporting Fixtures

Mon 6th March – Y9 Netball, District (A) Cheltenham Ladies College (2pm)
Tues 7th March – Y7 A & B Netball (H) High School Leckhampton
Tues 7th March – Y8 A & B Netball (H) High School Leckhampton
Wed 8th March – U15 B Netball (A) Denmark Road High School
Wed 8th March – Y8 Netball (A) Tewkesbury School
Thurs 9th March – U12 Football, District (A) Tewkesbury School

RACE WEEK

Mon 13th March – U14 Football County Finals
Tues 14th March – Y9 A & B Netball (H) vs Pittville School
Tues 14th March – Y10 A & B Netball (H) vs Pittville School
Wed 15th March – Y7 A & B Netball (H) vs Balcarras School
Wed 15th March – Y8 A & B Netball (H) vs Balcarras School
Thurs 16th March – Y7 & 8 Football, 9 a side (H) vs High School Leckhampton
Thurs 16th March – Y9 & 10 A & B Netball (H) vs Balcarras School
Fri 17th – INSET

U14 Football

Well done to our U14 girls who drew 1-1 with Denmark Road High School this week. Amazing performance from all.



Year 7 Netball

Our Year 7s took part in a netball tournament at Cheltenham Ladies College and played really well! Well done everyone!



Sporting News

Winners of the Defender Cup

The longstanding Defender Premiership Rugby Cup festivals (previously Land Rover Premiership Cup) return this season.

For each U11 and U12 team entering the Defender Premiership Rugby Cup, there is the chance to win an exclusive trip to the Premiership Rugby Final, at Twickenham Stadium on May 27th 2023.

Land Rover has been supporting rugby at all levels in the UK for nearly two decades; from the grassroots to the elite. Land Rover support for grassroots rugby in the UK is typified through the Defender Premiership Rugby Cup, a nationwide series of rugby festivals for U11 and U12 teams.

The team, which consists of quite a few of our Year 7 boys, won their event last Sunday. They didn't concede a single try and won with a clean sheet. The boys will be off to Twickenham for the Premiership Final.

