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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 5th May 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 8th May 2023:

KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 10th May 2023:

Year 12 Parents' Evening -
Via video link, 16:00 - 19:00

Friday 12th May 2023:

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

Thank you for your support over what has been a disrupted few weeks with Bank Holidays and Strike Days. I have been grateful for your understanding and flexibility in accommodating the changes we have had to make.

School has continued to be as busy as ever with sporting fixtures, expeditions and guest speakers alongside the excellent work in the classroom.

A special mention to the staff and student studying 3D Design, Art and Photography - today marks the end of three weeks of practical exams.

As we prepare for a unique celebration this weekend for the Coronation of King Charles III I hope you are able to enjoy the pageantry and time with friends and family.

Many thanks

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

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	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Teacher of Art and Photography	Eteach	16th May 2023
Assistant Head of Faculty - Art and Photography Lead	Eteach	16th May 2023
Lead Practitioner - English	Eteach	14th May 2023

Communication with School

We welcome timely communication with the school. Please do feel supported in contacting the school if you have any specific concerns or wish to share some positive news about any of our students. We recognise that sometimes things don't go as we expect or hope they would and the sharing of information with staff is really helpful in addressing any issues or concerns to support all students and families.

Unfortunately, very rarely, communication with the school can become aggressive and/or abusive. Clearly this cannot be tolerated and in these situations staff may end the call. It is policy that we will report any abusive calls to the police.

Thank you for your support.

Year 10 Update

I wanted to share with you a couple of upcoming dates of note for you and your child:

On May 25th, we have booked a company called 'Elevate Education' to come into school to do revision workshops with the year group. This will take part across P4 for students on the 'Chosen' side of the year, and P5 for those in 'Hill'. This will offer them key skills and techniques to use in preparing for their upcoming mock exams, and we will be engaging the company for follow-up sessions throughout Y11 as well. As part of this, we are providing an online parental workshop from 6pm to 7pm that evening, which will be hosted via Zoom (link to follow), and we very much look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the session. They will share with you the information that students have been given during the workshops, as well as giving you an opportunity to ask questions around how best to support your child as they approach exams.

I have been hugely proud of the progress our Y10 year group have made during their time at CHS, particularly since I became their YL when they were in Y8, and given the pandemic there have been very few opportunities to celebrate and reward the vast improvements and achievements so many of them have made. Building a sense of community, celebration and shared memories is an important focus for me as we move into a more 'normal' time in society, although I recognise that with impacts from strikes, additional bank holidays and ongoing Covid issues, things can still be quite unsettled. It is therefore with some hesitation, and recognising the preciousness of lesson time, that I have arranged for the year group to be off timetable next week for what I hope will be a fantastic opportunity to share some memories and be rewarded for continuously showing resilience in their lives through what has been a very difficult time. You may be aware that one of our number, Joshua Pickering, has recently featured in the new Disney film, Peter Pan and Wendy, and I would love to invite all Y10 students to a showing of this in school on Wednesday, 10th May during Registration, p1 and p2, with refreshments provided. This is, of course optional, but I'm hoping that all of the year group will be able to enjoy this small 'thank you' to them for all the focus and effort they have shown. Should you have any concerns regarding this, please do get in touch.

PE Dress Code 2023-2024

The PE dress code has been reviewed for September 2023. The school has made a number of changes in a move towards gender neutrality. This is still not completely possible, as the school is required to work within the guidance of certain sports governing bodies that continue to require specific equipment and dress codes. The school has changed to darker colours to help maintain the longevity of the PE kit and to keep the cost as low as possible.

For the academic year 2023-24 onwards, Year 7 are required to wear the new PE dress code outlined below. The uniform can be purchased through the school's uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#)

Years 8-11 can continue to wear their current PE uniform. Parents/carers are asked to replace items of clothing following the new PE dress code guidelines when required e.g. to replace wear and tear, a new size is required, a student would prefer the new PE dress code.

Photos will shortly be available of students modelling the kit, in the meantime there are mannequins on display in reception showing the PE Kit. We will notify you when the photos are available.

PE dress code from September 2023

BOYS

- Green/red reversible rugby shirt;
- Black shorts;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt;
- White socks (non-branded);
- Trainers - any colour;
- Rugby or football boots (essential for outdoor activities on the field);
- Optional: skins (top and bottom) - plain black, (NB. tracksuit bottoms are not suitable for rugby and football) - no large logos.

GIRLS

- Green and White hooded sweatshirt with school logo;
- Black skirt;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt
- White socks (non branded);
- Trainers – any colour;
- Optional: black shorts/ leggings/ skins/tracksuit bottoms – plain black, no large logos or mesh sides (CHS leggings available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists).



Best Practice Award for 2023

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Best Practice Award by the Virtual School in recognition of the support we offer to our vulnerable learners.



The Virtual School

Best practice award 2023

Heads-up Holiday FSM Voucher Scheme May Holiday

For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May. If you have not received your vouchers by the 23 May, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Student Travel Survey

Our local Councillor, Ben Evans, recently met with residents to discuss the issues surrounding parking and traffic congestion in Churchdown. One of the actions from this meeting was to canvass students in all local schools, to gather information about their journeys to and from school. We have added a link to the survey on ClassCharts and would ask that you please to complete it by the deadline of 12th May 2023.

Thank you for your support.

JOIN THE GLEE CLUB!

YEARS 7-9
WEDNESDAY LUNCH
PARRY ROOM



Come along and have a sing -
no experience needed!

Disney, musical theatre, pop and more...!

Fundraising at Chosen Hill School

P.A.T.C.H. UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. We raised £815 for PATCH funds and this will be used to help buy some microscopes for science and additional benches around the school.

Our next event will be helping Hucclecote Football club with car parking for their tournament in June. We would like people to volunteer to help with the parking on the weekend of the 24th/25th June between 8.am and 6pm. The busy times are from 8am until 12.30pm and 1.30-5.0pm. If you would be available to help, even if it is just for a couple of hours on either day, please can you let us know by emailing dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. This will raise £450 contribution to PATCH and help a local community club.

The date of our next meeting is Wednesday the 24th May at 5.30pm and it will be by teams. We would love to welcome some new members to the team, so please feel free to join us using the link here

We are also hoping to have a Halloween themed disco for years 7 and 8 in October and another of our popular quiz and curry nights on the 10th of November. Please save the date!

Thank you for your support.

South West Tough Mudder UK for James Hopkins Trust

Please support an amazing young man who attends Chosen Hill School. Ryley Bace is participating in an extremely difficult challenge for the James Hopkins Trust, a local children's hospice, in memory of his little cousin who received respite nursing care at the James Hopkins Trust during his short life.

To read his story and donate visit his Just Giving page:

[Ryley Bace, Just Giving Page](#)



Cheltenham Three Peaks Challenge

A group of teaching staff are completing the Cheltenham Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday 10th June. This is a fundraising event for Aim Up. Aim Up is a charity that supports vulnerable adults in the local area.

They are not a group of seasoned walkers... 22 miles of hilly terrain certainly will be a challenge!

Any donations would be much appreciated.

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/aim-up>



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Chosen Hill School **FIRST AID**

First Aid Courses

- First Aid at Work
- First Aid at Work Requalification
- Emergency First Aid
- Annual Refresher
- Student First Aid
- Activity First Aid

Fire Safety Courses

- Fire Safety
- Fire Safety Awareness

Mental Health First Aid Courses

- Mental Health First Aid
- Mental Health First Aid Awareness
- Mental Health First Aid Supervisor

*To enquire about dates and prices please email:
training@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk
 or call 01452 713488 and speak to
 Debbie Wardlaw or Mike Hemming*



Sporting Achievements



Congratulations to Amelie White who represented Swindon Town FC at a tournament in Blackpool over the Bank Holiday weekend.

We spoke to Amelie about her weekend success:

"I am a goalkeeper who has played at Swindon town for a whole season now.

The Blackpool cup brought teams from places such as Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and even teams from Holland and there were 4 groups of 4 teams competing to win the Blackpool cup.

My team qualified for the trophy pathway and we won the final 5-0.

To any other girls willing to play football - do it, join a team! Don't let anything hold you back and follow your dreams."

Amelie White

















Sports Clubs

April to July

Boys Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School	
Monday				
Tuesday		 <p>Year 8 Cricket: Sports Hall</p>	<p><i>Year 7</i> Cricket</p> 	
Wednesday			 <p><i>All Years</i> Athletics: School Field</p> 	
Thursday		<p><i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts</p>	<p><i>Years 9 & 10</i> Cricket: Sports Hall</p>	<p><i>Year 9</i> Softball</p> 
Friday		<p><i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts</p>	<p><i>Years 7, 8 & 9</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts</p>	<p><i>Year 7</i> Rugby League</p> 

Girls Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym		<i>All Years</i> Girls Rounders: School Field
Wednesday		Girls Cricket: Sports Hall	<i>All Years</i> Athletics: School Field 
Thursday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym	<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	<i>Years 7, 8, 9 & 10</i> Rounders Matches
Friday		<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	



Photography at Chosen Hill School

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.

The AceWay

By Megan Butterworth

New and exciting tennis opportunities for children of all ages to learn and play tennis together.

We offer groups, private and joint lessons for all ages and abilities and cater to any additional needs.

Junior Group Times:

4 – 8 years olds Thursdays at 4:30pm – 5:30pm

9 – 10 year olds Thursdays at 5:30pm – 6:30pm

11 – 14 year olds Thursdays at 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tots Tennis (under 4s) Fridays at 9:30am – 10:30am

Junior Club Evening Fridays at 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Tots Tennis (under 4s) Saturdays at 9:30am – 10:30am

4 – 8 years olds Saturdays at 10:30am – 11:30am

9 – 10 year olds Saturdays at 11:30am – 12:30pm

11 – 14 year olds Saturdays at 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Junior Club Afternoon Saturdays at 3:30pm – 5:30pm

For more info and to sign up please don't hesitate to contact Megan:



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