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**AMBITION**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 6th January 2023



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Diary Dates for Next Week

**Thursday 12th January 2023:**  
Year 11 Parents' Evening

### Advance Notice:

**Monday 30th January 2023:**  
INSET Day - Students DO NOT attend on this day.

It has been great to welcome students back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable holiday. 2023 promises to be another exciting year – It was wonderful to be able to kick start the new year with a really successful Sixth Form Open Evening and have so many current and former students present to share their journey, destinations and aspirations for the future.

As we welcome students back we have been reminding them of the need to make the most of every minute and the importance of setting and maintaining high personal standards, including attendance, punctuality, uniform and positive learning behaviours. It has been great to see so many students returning with a renewed focus to give of their best everyday - Thank you for setting and supporting the high standards, it is the consistent, shared message between home and school that has the biggest impact on student progress.

Unfortunately we have had further disruption to the road outside of school with temporary traffic lights contributing to additional congestion. Please if at all possible can you drop/pick up further up Brookfield Road/Abermarle Road to limit the amount of traffic immediately outside school.

Many thanks for your ongoing support

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

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

## Learning Tip:

Combining words and visuals helps learning

Learning Scientists have found that drawing visuals alongside information can make it memorable. This practice is known as 'dual coding' can help students revising for a test or can support research notes. Visuals could be timelines, cartoons, diagrams or icons.

## Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

### Vacancy

Pupil Premium Manager

Cover Supervisor

Cover Administrator

Qualified Learning Assistant

Deputy Headteacher

Cover Supervisor #2

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### Closing Date

8th January 2023

8th January 2023

8th January 2023

8th January 2023

9th January 2023

5th February 2023

## 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.

Term dates for 2023/2024 are currently under revision and will be published soon.

## Request from Food Department

Chosen Hill Food Department are after your Christmas sweets, well the empty boxes please. If you have any of the large plastic sweet tubs, e.g. Celebrations, Heros, Quality Street, could you kindly send them to the food dept after the Christmas holidays where they will be gratefully received.



## 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](mailto:office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Dress Code

Thank you to all our parents and carers who continue to support the school dress code by ensuring their child wears the correct uniform every day. Chosen Hill School's dress code plays an important part in contributing to the ethos and values of the school and the learning environment. Uniform is an important area, which helps to set the standards. The school has a clear dress code, but for a few students at the start of term 3, this is currently not worn correctly. Parents/carers can help the school by checking that your child leaves home wearing the correct uniform. This includes checking jewellery, false nails, white socks and branded jumpers. Please check the dress code on the school website for any further clarification.

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### Punctuality to School

Assemblies this week have focused on resolutions and goals for the New Year. One of these was a focus on good punctuality to school and to lessons. The students understand that good punctuality means:

- You arrive to school and every lesson on time.
- You are developing key work place skills.
- You avoid impacting on the learning of others.
- You are not reducing learning time for other students.
- The school recognising and rewarding good punctuality.

The school is piloting a new system to encourage students to come to school and to every lesson on time. This means late punctuality to school and lessons is classified as a negative behaviour. The names of a student who is late, will be recorded on Class Charts as a negative behaviour. This means an alert will be created which will help parents/carers to discuss this with their child and why they were late, at the end of the school day.

Every morning at 8.25am the lower delta gate will be closed and any student who arrives to school after 8.25am will use the upper delta entrance. Mrs Comer and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be there to greet them and record their lateness on class charts. After 8.50am any student who is delayed will sign in to school at reception in the usual way.

We will be piloting this for the first two weeks to find out who is regularly late and the reasons why. If your child is late due to the school bus then this will not be recorded on class charts. Can we politely ask that from Monday, students ensure that they leave for school on time to ensure they are inside the school gate before 8.25am.

Please also note that there are some temporary traffic lights currently in place at the top of Brookfield Road near the school. Please can parents/carers using a car, be advised that it will be easier to drop off their child on Albemarle Road and then walk down the hill to the upper delta entrance.

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### Lost Property

We are currently reviewing all the lost property we currently hold at school. Can we please remind you that if your child has lost any items of either uniform, stationery, drinks bottles, PE kits, shoes, trainers etc, they are collected as soon as possible from lost property. Items that are named will be returned to the student during this time.

Any items not claimed by Friday 20th January, 2023 will be washed and will then be added to our "lent items" store within school.

## REPREZENT On the Level Mental Health Talks

You may be aware of rising concerns in the media on young people's well-being and mental health. As part of our schools action around mental health, we are pleased to announce that Year 10 have successfully participated in and completed two interactive workshops called On The Level, to help equip pupils to manage their mental health and improve their well-being. As part of the workshops they learn't about the online support service 'On Your Mind Glos' (<https://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk/>) as part of this learning experience.

On The Level is produced by REPREZENT - an award-winning youth development organisation and media platform, helping young people realise their full personal potential through core social, emotional and communication skills. REPREZENT run training and development programmes and champion youth culture through a London-wide radio station, REPREZENT 107.3FM.

# REPREZENT

# ON THE LEVEL



## Chosen Hill School

are an On The Level school demonstrating their commitment to Young People's Safety in Education and proactively supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing.

2023

## P.A.T.C.H. News

AGM - We will be holding our AGM in the Elm pub in Churchdown on the 25th Jan at 5.30pm. Please come along and join us if you would like to hear about our fundraising plans for the rest of the year . New members are always very welcome and it would be great to see some new faces. If you would like any more information, please email the Business Manager on [dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).



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### New Year Sales

Just a reminder when you are bagging your New Year Sales 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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## House News!

### House Renew (Fashion) Competition

In preparation for the upcoming House Renew (fashion) competition, we are asking for donations for the students to turn into fabulous costumes on the catwalk. These can be old or damaged but they must be clean.

We are looking for the following items of clothing/accessories:

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

Please drop these off on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in P4.

We are looking for student fashion designers, makers and models. So please encourage your child to get involved. They must attend a lunchtime club on Wednesdays. This Wednesday, 11th January, is an upcycling plastic bottles session.

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## SAFETY NOTICE



## Gloucestershire Business School Challenge 2022

Winners of Best Overall Team Presentation and Joint Winners of Most Innovative Idea



Chosen Hill School A-Level Business Students who participated in the competition, left to right: Charlie Woodhouse, Joshua Crisp, Liam Bircher, Tom Parker-Butler, Matthew Gore, Alex Waters and Hugo Purcell.

Two teams of hard-working and enthusiastic A-Level Business Students returned to the University of Gloucestershire's new state of the art Business School, at their Oxstalls Campus, on Wednesday 14th December 2022. The purpose of their visit was to present their exciting and innovative new business ideas, which they have been developing over the last 2 months, as part of the inter-school enterprise competition led by Dr. Robert Whitehouse.

The competition was supported by a range of local Business, including Gloucester Rugby Club, Hazlewoods, Gloucester Brewery and the University's own Business Growth Hub. Representatives from each business, including the Managing Director of Hazlewoods and Gloucester Brewery, formed the judging panel on the day.

Working in teams of up to 4, the students had to prepare a pitch for what they considered to be a new, sustainable and successful business idea for Gloucestershire. It had to be well researched, based on real-life data and delivered in a creative and engaging manner. To assist them, senior lecturers met with the teams at Chosen Hill School to conduct a university style seminar to review their provisional plans ahead of the competition.

As a result of all of their efforts, Chosen Cycles and team, comprising Matthew Gore, Tom Parker-Butler, Hugo Purcell and Alex Waters were awarded joint top prize for most innovative business idea, one that fixed and recycled bicycles in an affordable way, whilst campaigning to encourage more people to cycle.

Doubling up on our success was 'Plate and Shake' a team comprising of Liam Bircher, Joshua Crisp and Charlie Woodhouse who presented their innovative business concept focusing on post exercise nutrition with so much skill and confidence that they won the Overall Best Team Presentation Award.

A massive well done to all 7 students, not only were they true ambassadors for the school on the day, but also demonstrated the growth mind-set, determination and creativity needed to be successful.

We also hope this opportunity will now re-invigorate the close working relationship that we had with Gloucestershire University's Business School prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. One that will help us provide stretch and challenge to our GCSE and A level Business students.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

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## 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</b> Netball – Courts <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	<b>BOYS FIXTURES</b>
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>	

