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

Parent Bulletin

Friday 10th February 2023



**TICKETS NOW  
AVAILABLE VIA THE  
SCHOOL GATEWAY.  
GET YOURS NOW!**

## Advance Notice:

**Tuesday 14th February 2023:**

Guys and Dolls Live Performance

**Wednesday 15th February 2023:**

Guys and Dolls Live Performance

**Thursday 16th February 2023:**

Guys and Dolls Live Performance

**Friday 17th February 2023:**

Battlefields Trip departing at 06:35

**Sunday 19th February 2023:**

Battlefields Trip arriving at 23:20  
approximately

The week had an early start with the Year 9 rugby team participating in a 7's tournament at Dean Close on Sunday. The team played some excellent rugby, representing the school brilliantly both on and off the pitch.

Following on from a fantastic careers day last Friday, a very successful options evening was delivered last night (Thursday) - thank you to all who attended.

I was delighted to support the Famelab presentations this week and was in awe of the courage, knowledge and skill shown in the presentations.

Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our punctuality to school focus over this term, it has made a significant improvement to starting the school day on time. I realise that there have been additional challenges with traffic congestion over the last week and that this can have an impact on travel times. Please do let school know if you are unavoidably delayed.

We are very much looking forward to the School show, Guys and Dolls, next week. The staff and students involved have been working really hard to deliver an amazing run of performances - tickets are still available on the school gateway. Good luck to all involved next week.

**Mr Pauling**  
Headteacher

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

## Learning Tip:

### *Study in Short Bursts*

Research shows that we learn better when we study in short bursts. It's called 'spaced practice' and the theory behind it is that learning involves the creation of memories.

Memories are formed through links between neurons. In order for these memories to become embedded, the neurons have to be left undisturbed for a period of time. That's why we learn better in short bursts of studying. This approach gives the neurons time to "lay down" these new memories.

If your child is studying at GCSE or A Level, encourage them to revisit previous material that they have learnt in short regular bursts.

## Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

### Vacancy

Qualified Learning Assistant

Teacher of Mathematics

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

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Teacher of IT

Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary

### Link to Advert

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### Closing Date

20th February 2023

26th February 2023

26th February 2023

26th February 2023

5th March 2023

12th March 2023

## TERM DATES:

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

Safer  
Internet  
Day 2023 | Tuesday  
7 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)



For Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February the Gloucestershire Police Schoolbeat Team put together a short video for parents/carers to encourage you to talk to your children about internet safety.

Please click on the link below to view the short video

<https://youtu.be/IEfS-OK70sY>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Working with our local partners, we have become aware of the use of 'Snus' by some young people within our community and would like to bring this to your attention.

Snus (pronounced "snooze") is a smokeless, moist powder tobacco pouch that you place under your top lip. You don't burn it and you don't have to spit when you use it, making it very hard to detect.

Snus will have both a sedative and stimulating effect on young people and can be highly addictive. The production and selling of snus in the UK is illegal, and the consumption, as with any tobacco product, is illegal for under 18's.

Below are some images of what snus can look like:



For practical advice on how to talk to young people about drugs, you may find it helpful to look at the following:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

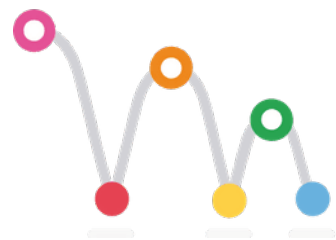
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/advice-info/family-friends/parents-carers-drugs-alcohol-info>

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact our Student & Family Welfare Officer:

Email: [ihn@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ihn@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01452 713 488



## Bounce Together Student Survey

The Bounce Together survey will be sent out to all students via ClassCharts this week. Students can complete this in their own time but if there is capacity for them to complete the survey during learning mentor time, we will encourage them to do so. The deadline for completion is Friday 17th February 2023.

# Hatherley Road, Cheltenham

## Services 97 & 98 Diversion

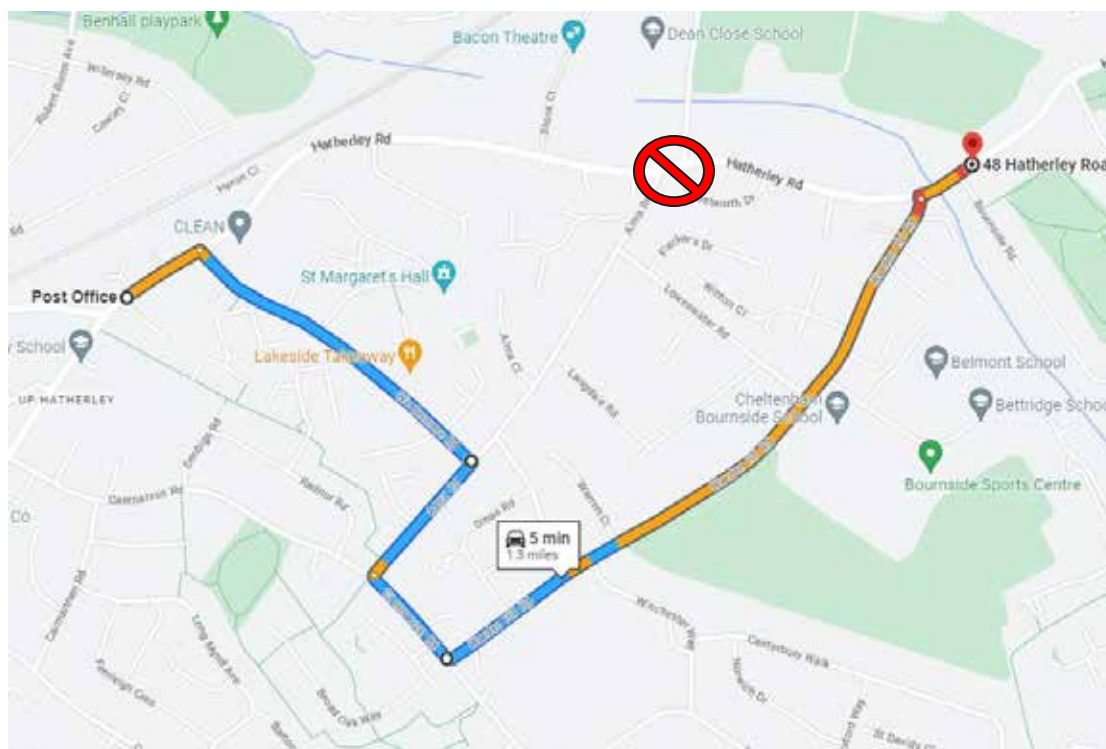
### 20<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 (24/7)

We have been told that Hatherley Road will be closed at its junction with Shelburne Road and Alma Road for carriageway improvement works on the dates specified above. As a result, services 97 & 98 will need to divert as follows :-

**Services 97 & 98 to Cheltenham** will serve the bus stop at Hatherley Post Office but will then turn right into Windermere Road instead of continuing along Hatherley Road. At the end of the road, they will turn right onto Alma Road. At the mini roundabout, they will take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit into Caernarvon Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit into Warden Hill Road. At the end of Warden Hill Road, they will take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit at the mini roundabout into Hatherley Road to re-join the normal route.

**Services 97 & 98 to Gloucester** will serve the bus stop at Hatherley Court Gardens but will then take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit at the mini roundabout into Warden Hill Road instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit into Hatherley Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit into Caernarvon Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit into Alma Road. After 0.2 miles they will turn left into Windermere Road. At the end of Windermere Road, they will turn left into Hatherley Road to re-join the normal route.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this road closure.





## House News

### Honorary House members

We are excited to launch the final vote for the new Honorary House Member. Thank you to all students who participated in the initial poll, suggesting a wide range of brilliant celebrities, and well-known persons that embody the spirit of the individual houses (and the whole of Chosen Hill!).

Below are the suggestions for each house and a little paragraph providing a reason why they deserve to be an Honorary House Member. We encourage students to vote using the Google forms link set as a homework on ClassCharts!



### Jill Scott MBE

Jill is an inspiring former English professional footballer. In 2022 she was part of the England squad that won the UEFA Women's Euros. Jill is an ambassador for the children's charity 'Variety' which funds and delivers life-changing programmes that give children and young people across the UK a better future. As a part of the LGBTQ+ community, Jill has spoken out against toxicity within men's football that makes it hard for male footballers to express their sexuality.



### Tom Holland

Tom is most famous for his role as Spiderman in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Alongside his impressive acting career, Tom is a focal point of 'The Brothers Trust', which shines a light on charities who struggle to be heard in the competitive not-for-profit sector. This includes providing financial grants and raising awareness through marketing and advertising. Tom's trust covers a variety of charities that aim to solve health, education and social issues such as 'Artists for Africa', 'Empowerment Plan' and Alex's Wish.

### Malala Yousafzai

Malala is a Pakistani female education activist who was awarded the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize laureate at the age of just 17. She is known for human rights advocacy, especially the education of women and children in Pakistan and throughout the world. After surviving an assassination attempt from the Taliban, she was granted asylum in the UK and studied in Birmingham, achieving 6 A\*s and 4 As in GCSE. After acing her A-Levels, Malala studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford, graduating in 2020.





### **Marcus Rashford MBE**

He is a professional football player for Manchester United. Over the COVID-19 lockdowns, Rashford worked tirelessly to ensure that students still received their free school meals, providing 4 million meals across the country.



### **Ellie Simmonds OBE**

Ellie is a former Paralympic swimmer. Simmonds has worked with many charities, encouraging young people to get involved with sport and to overcome adversity.

### **Dame Judi Dench CH DBE FRSA**

Judi is an award-winning actress. She has worked for many years to support young people's pathways into theatre, and also advocates for the conservation of wildlife.





### **David Attenborough**

David is a broadcaster, biologist, natural historian and author. Attenborough has advocated for many years for restoring biodiversity and mitigating climate change.



### **Serena Williams**

Serena is a former tennis player, having been ranked at Women's Number 1 in singles for 319 weeks. Williams has fought for gender equality in tennis and has been honoured by the NAACP for her activism.

### **Greta Thunberg**

Greta is an environmental activist who has challenged world leaders to take action to mitigate climate change. She has been nominated on multiple occasions for the Nobel Peace Prize and is a leader in the activist community.





### **Emma Watson**

Emma is an empowering feminist activist who was appointed in 2014 as a UN Women goodwill ambassador. She has used her stardom to donate to several organisations of various causes, including raising funds for organisations aimed at natural disasters, poverty, equal rights and more. Not to mention her famous role as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter film series!



### **Michelle Obama**

As a Lawyer and former First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle is an avid advocate for poverty awareness, education, nutrition, physical activity and healthy eating. In 2022, she announced the New Obama Foundation Girls Opportunity Alliance campaign to inspire everyone to get involved in Girl's Education and Empowerment. She has donated to a variety of charities and makes speeches raising awareness of international issues.

### **Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson**

Dwayne Johnson has a background in professional wrestling and a comprehensive movie career. He has a long history of donating to a variety of charities including the Make-A-Wish foundation, Parkinson Maritime Region, Red Cross and many more. In 2006, The Rock founded the 'Dwayne Johnson ROCK Foundation', a charity that works with at-risk and terminally ill children who are hospitalised for medical disabilities, disorders and illnesses.





## 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 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nursing-midwifery-and-theatres-open-day-apprenticeships-careers-tickets-522482698817>

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

if you have any further questions/support needed then please don't hesitate to contact.

# 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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## 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)



## GCHQ Language Event for Year 9 Students

Today we welcomed two linguists from GCHQ who came to talk to us about how a variety of languages are important to Analysis work at GCHQ. Year 9 found this very interesting and learnt a lot about different roles within the organisation. Our students were then recruited as spies, using their language skills to decipher a code to be able to provide details of a threat to security. They made excellent spies, as

they were able to decipher the codes with ease, using their knowledge of French, German or Spanish. Finally, students had the opportunity to learn some greetings and numbers in Arabic, supported two of our year 9 arabic speaking students. The Modern Languages Department would like to congratulate the year 9s on their excellent behaviour and participation in this event.

“We really enjoyed learning Arabic because it was new and different”

“I enjoyed unscrambling the German words”



**CYBER CRIME Level 1**

Use your problem-solving, language and research skills to stop cyber criminals damaging critical infrastructure and extorting money from the UK.

Stage 5: Translate the conversation into English

Now that you have deciphered the words, enter them into the gaps below.

GS: Hola. Estamos listos para la fiesta.  
TR: Estupendo. ¿Cuándo será?

GS: El día de \_\_\_\_\_  
TR: ¿Y a quién vas a invitar?

GS: A todos los empleados del \_\_\_\_\_ del \_\_\_\_\_  
TR: ¡Vaya! ¿Tanta gente!

GS: Sí. Cuantas más invitaciones enviemos, más dinero ganaremos.  
TR: ¡Ojalá! ¿Cuánto costará la entrada?

GS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TR: Vale. Mándame un mensaje cuando hayas enviado las invitaciones.  
GS: De acuerdo.





## 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 Fixtures to follow shortly.

## Boy's Sporting Fixtures

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

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### Year 8 Rugby vs St Edwards



## Year 9 Rugby Tournament

Top performance from Chosen Hill School Year 9 Rugby Team playing in a Rugby 7's Tournament at Dean Close School against private schools, nationally finishing 2nd in their group.



## Year 9 Netball

Great win for the Year 9 Netball team against Churchdown School this week.





## Year 7 and 8 Netball

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams, three wins against Churchdown School this week.



## Football Training

Great to see so many Year 7, 8 and 9 students at football training this week.



## Congratulations: Jake and Charlie Davidson

A successful weekend in the Davidson household. On Saturday Jake won the Swansea Boys u13 Open beating all of the Welsh Squad to retain the title he won last year. Charlie also put in some excellent performances and was runner up in the Swansea Boys u15 Open, losing to Toby Harwood, the Welsh no.1 Cadet in the final.

Sunday was no different as they competed in the Gloucestershire Schools Individual Championships with the winner moving forward to represent their school at the National Championships in Wolverhampton in April. Jake won the Boys u13 title and Charlie won the Boys u16 event.



### Schools Report (supplied by the event organiser)

The Gloucestershire school's individual tournament was held on Sunday 5 February at Cheltenham YMCA Sports Hall. 93 youngsters entered the event this year (up from 60 last year).

7 events were held - Girls U13, U16 and U19; and Boys U11, U13, U16 and U19.

The girls U13 was a round robin event with 5 entrants. Sophie Chan (Cheltenham Ladies College) was the winner with Alice de Wilde (Cheltenham Ladies College) finishing runner up.

The girls U16 was also a round robin. The winner was Chloe Ching (Cheltenham Ladies College) who remained unbeaten with Holly McMahon (Pates) the runner up.

Another round robin event was the girls U19 where Bethany Pye (Hartpury College) came out as the winner with Clara Chevalier (Cheltenham Ladies College) finishing in second place.

The boys U11 was a very competitive event with 5 groups of players. The first semi-final saw defending champion Toby Haworth (Abbeymead Primary) defeat Thomas Hadley (Wycliffe Prep). In the second semi-final last year's runner up Jani Keller (Bussage) met newcomer Frank Havlitus (Lydbrook Primary) and it was Frank who triumphed in the fifth game. Frank then defeated Toby in straight games to take the title.



The boys U13 had a large entry and top seed Jake Davidson (Chosen Hill) breezed through to the semi final where he defeated Tomas Havlitus (Dene Magna) 3 - 0. Second seed William Richards (Marling) met George Blenkinsop (Wycliffe Prep) in the last 4 and ran out a comfortable winner. Davidson retained his title by defeating Richards in straight sets.

The boys U16 had a high quality entry. Charlie Davidson (Chosen Hill) saw off Alex Lai (Balcarras) 3 games to nil in the first semi-final. The second semi-final saw the closest match of the day with Joseph Hadley (KLB) edging out Sam Beaumont (Crypt) 14 - 12 in the deciding game. The final was a repeat of last year's final and Davidson triumphed again by beating Hadley 3 - 0.

The boys U19 was another round robin. Jon Ramsbotham (Acorn) ran out as the winner with Elliott Gregory (Marling) as runner up.

The tournament was refereed by Lesley Slack.

The medals and certificates were presented by Sheila Humble (Secretary Gloucestershire Schools TTA and the winners qualify for the finals of the English Schools TTA Individual Championships on Saturday 22 April 2023 at Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton."