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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 10th March 2023



Diary Dates for Next Week:

Monday 13th March 2023:

Fame Lab Final

Tuesday 14th March 2023:

Imman Visit

House Upcycling Project

Wednesday 15th March 2023:

Teachers Strike Day -

Only Years 9, 11,12,13 and targeted vulnerable students to attend

Thursday 16th March 2023:

Teachers Strike Day -

Only Years 10, 11,12,13 and targeted vulnerable students to attend

Friday 17th March 2023:

INSET DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

This week saw the launch of the Sixth Form Student Leadership Campaign, with candidates launching their campaign videos, posters and statements so that staff and students can cast their votes. We look forward to the final results.

Well done to all of our football teams who played some great football this week. The fixtures for next week are in the back of the bulletin along with photos of our football teams.

A careers team have worked really hard this week to organise activities to give our students and insight into possible future careers, which included visits to employers, virtual workshops and visits from Hartpury and Cirencester Colleges. There will be lots of information and images about National Careers Week in next weeks' bulletin.

Well done to Year 11 for their continued efforts in their mock exams this week.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Self-reflection

Encourage your child to reflect on their learning and think about beliefs that may constrain them. Having self-awareness is a useful tool as it helps us to identify the areas we do well and those we need to work on.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Teacher of IT	Eteach	12th March 2023
Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary	Eteach	12th March 2023
Cover Supervisor	Eteach	18th March 2023
Teacher of Geography and History	Eteach	16th April 2023

Teachers Strike Days, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023

Having looked at the feasibility of accommodating additional Year groups particularly as we are aware that we have a calendared planned INSET day on the 17th March we have decided that Chosen Hill School will be open to the following group of students over the two strike days involving teachers in the National Education Union (NEU):

- Wednesday 15th March 2023: Year 9, 11,12,13 and targeted vulnerable students
- Thursday 16th March 2023: Year 10,11,12,13 and targeted vulnerable students

My key consideration in only offering a partial opening of the school is based on the extent to which safe levels of supervision can be maintained throughout the school day. Given the potential number of staff on strike and that they are not obliged to share their intention to strike, I am only able to guarantee the safe supervision of four year groups.

Normal timetabled lessons will be taught to the students in school on these days by staff present in school – Although Year 11 students studying some coursework heavy subjects will be given the opportunity to work on their coursework (further details regarding the schedule of this this will be shared with Year 11 at the start of next week.)

Students should arrive at school at the normal time (08:25 roll call) in full school uniform.

Normal bus routes will be running and the canteen will be open (though with a reduced range.) Whilst confirmation of the full list of teachers in school will not be known until the morning of the strike days I am confident that we are able to safely open the school to the year groups (above) on the Wednesday/Thursday next week.

I am sorry we are not able to extend this provision to all year groups, but have prioritised the students studying examination courses in this instance.

The students that are not in school will be set work by (non-striking) staff on ClassCharts. As with previous strike day provision, there will also be some centrally set resources (linked to the relevant and current curriculum topics) on our website under the Remote Learning pages.

Should you wish to find out more about why the NEU is taking this action, you can read their press release here: <https://neu.org.uk/press-releases/neu-take-strike-action-over-pay>

Thank you for your support.

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)	



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!

Olaf, our Therapy Dog

Mrs Flower, Mr Johnston and Olaf the Therapy dog have been working on a colouring book in association with Pets As Therapy UK.

'Tails' of Mr Olaf The Therapist. An activity and mindfulness book that provides a glimpse into the mind of the fox red Labrador. Mr Olaf shares his observations and reflections on his work as a Pets As Therapy Dog.

Every order means a donation to Pets As Therapy. From today until the end of Crufts (12 March), they are keeping a special launch price, visit their website to order your copy:

[Tales of Mr Olaf](#)

The launch video can be found [here](#).



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!!!



Bookmark Competition



This is an amazing opportunity for your child to explore their creativity. Each year the entries get better and better! The top three winning designs are printed in bulk for use in the Library and around school.

We already have our first competition entry and are looking forward to many more.

To be in with a chance of winning a prize, House Points and the opportunity to see your design in print enter today.

Trip to Science Festival (Year 7)



The Science department are planning a trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival to see an amazing talk by the famous British astronaut, Tim Peake. After the talk we also have an opportunity to explore the Discovery zone where students can have some hands-on experience of experiments and meet some scientists and engineers.

There are 90 places available and are allocated on a first come first served basis. Students who are unsuccessful in securing a place will be added to a waiting list.

The cost of the trip will be £18.80 and includes coach travel to and from the event. Payments can be made from Friday 10th March until Sunday 16th April.

Further details can be found on the school Gateway and on Class charts.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Dr Dinnis on rd@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Fundraising at Chosen Hill School - P.A.T.C.H.

Following the success of our Christmas raffle, PATCH are going to hold an Easter raffle and we would be very grateful for any chocolate donations you may wish to make. Please can you drop them at school marked for the attention of PATCH.

Tickets are on sale via the gateway at £1 each. We have some wonderful prizes including a £50 cash prize, 2 pamper hampers each worth over £100, and chocolate hampers including vouchers from The Village Cakery in Churchdown. They have amazing cakes and have always been very generous in their support of the school.

We are raising funds to support all the pupils at school and they have suggested through the school council, that they would like some more benches and equipment for drama and music as well as additional water coolers.

Thank you for your support.



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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For more information

visit: sueryder.org/springfayre

email: leckhampton.fundraising@sueryder.org

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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](#).

**To stay up to date on all HAF
news...**

Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website:
Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF

or follow us on [Facebook](#)
and [Twitter](#) for updates.





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

Year 10 Football

Well done to the Year 10 Football team who beat Bournside 4-0 this week.



Year 7 Football

1 win and 1 loss for our Year 7 Football team against Pittville School this week.



Football vs Leckhampton High School

Great evening of sport for Chosen Hill School this week. Year 7s beat High School Leckhampton.



Great win for the Year 8s too!



Year 7 Football

Our amazing Year 7 Football team played against Archway School this week.



U14 Football

Excellent game from our U14s this week against Bournside this week, winning 4-2. Three goals from Lorna, 1 goal from Eva.

Well done girls!

