



**WELLNESS**  
**AMBITION**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**HONESTY**

# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 13th January 2023



## Advance Notice:

**Thursday 26th January 2023:**  
Year 9 Parents' Evening.

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

**Friday 3rd February 2023:**  
Careers Fair.

**Thursday 9th February 2023:**  
Options Evening

Thank you for your support this week – the continued traffic disruption from the road works in the village, coupled with a few days of wet and windy weather have made travel to and from school more challenging this week. Despite this we have seen a significant improvement across the week with students arriving to school on time – we are very appreciative of the efforts made by parents and students to make this happen.

The road works in the village look like they will be going on for the next few weeks at least and we are grateful for your continued effort to be punctual. We have been sharing assemblies for all students about the importance of attendance and punctuality and addressing any lateness to lessons so that we can maximise learning.

This week saw the first of the external exams for 2023 and next week the start of Y13 mocks. Year 9 options are currently being returned by students and the application window for prospective sixth form students is open. Certainly a busy time of year and one in which we want to continue to make sure every minute counts.

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:



[www.chosenhillschool.co.uk](http://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
Cover Administrator	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	22nd January 2023
Cover Supervisor	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	5th February 2023
Qualified Learning Assistant	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	20th February 2023
Lead Learning Assistant	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	20th 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.

## Advance Notice

### Parents of Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form – Careers Fair Friday 3rd February 2023.

On Friday 3rd February 2023, we are holding a Careers Fair in the Main School Hall. The event will run from 11.20am, across Period 3 (Year 10), Period 4 (Year 11 and Sixth Form) and Period 5 (Year 9). Parents are invited to join at 3.30pm. The Event will close at 4.45pm.

We will have representatives from a number of industries including Engineering, Healthcare, Construction, Hospitality and Catering, Childcare, Manufacturing and Cyber Security.

In addition to this, The RAF, ARMY and Navy will join us and Higher Education Providers including Hartpury, Gloucestershire, Cirencester and Stroud College.

The University of Gloucestershire will also join us and Post 16 Training providers including Prospect Training and Bridge Training.

A representative from our own Sixth Form will also attend to share the opportunities available at Chosen Hill. If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs Selwyn](#).

Mrs J Henry and Mrs A Selwyn – Careers.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Options Evening, Thursday 9th February 2023

We started the process for GCSE options this week with an assembly to all Year 9 students. They were given their option booklets to start considering subjects of interest for next year. The online Year 9 parents' evening will be open at 6pm on Friday 13th January 2023 with parents able to initially book 6 appointments. The options evening will be held on site on Thursday 9th February from 6pm to 8pm. It is an opportunity to hear about the process and talk to subject staff. A letter will follow to confirm the specific arrangements for the evening.

---

### 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.

---

### 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 students who are late, will be recorded on Class Charts as 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.

## Workshop on Self-Harm for Parents and Carers

Workshop on Self-Harm for Parents/Carers run by GHLL - Gloucester Healthy Living and Learning

7th March 2023, 18:30 - 20:30, Online via Zoom

This is a self-harm awareness session for parents which takes in to account the parental perspective and the emotions that can arise. Parents have consistently commented on how beneficial they found the session and how pleased they were that the school chose to tackle such a difficult, taboo and stigmatised subject.

"As a parent, you hope you would never ever have to deal with anything like this, but information evenings like this, promoting awareness of issues that are ever more present amongst our young people today are so important. It was a really informative, interesting and surprisingly enjoyable evening given the subject matter. Satveer was extremely engaging in her delivery, and I am sure everyone walked away from the meeting having more of an understanding and appreciation of the issues involved, I certainly did." Parent attendee.

If you would like to attend the workshop, please email [ghll@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:ghll@gloucestershire.gov.uk) stating your name, email address and the course you would like to attend.



### Celebrating the Life of LGBTQ+ Trailblazers

This term our LGBTQ+ support group PRISM, are looking at celebrating the lives of LGBTQ+ trailblazers. Below are some reading materials and media that celebrates the lives of LGBTQ+ trailblazers and trailblazing events in British LGBTQ+ history. You may be interested in taking a look at some of them.

Media type	Title	Description
Non-fiction book	From Prejudice to Pride by Amy Lamé	A look at LGBT+ rights through time from a modern-day LGBT+ icon.
Non-fiction book	Have Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement by Stella Caldwell	A history of the LGBT+ rights movement, including many key figures in British LGBT+ history.
Fiction book	Last Night At The Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo	This is a fictional book set in San Francisco in the 1950s. Although it is set in the States, it is an interesting look into how life may have been for LGBT+ folks in the past.
Museum/ social media accounts	Queer Britain	Queer Britain is the first LGBT+ museum in the UK. The museum itself is based in London but they have lots of great content on their social media platforms too.
Youtube interview	How have LGBT+ rights changed in the UK? With Michael Cashman	An interview with Michael Cashman for Just Like Us.
Youtube channel	Jessica Kellgren-Fozard	Jessica Kellgren-Fozard has lots of great videos on her youtube channel, including a series of historical profiles and long episodes on LGBT+ history.



## 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).



**Shop & Give**  
Powered by TheGivingMachine

### 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**

**Shop via**

[shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk)



**Scan and enter our  
quick sign up code:**

**37610**



Over 2,000 of your favourite retailers are participating

Sainsbury's



## 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.



### Request for Cardboard Boxes

The Art Dept. are going to need cardboard boxes of any shape and size, for upcoming projects. If you have something that you think might be suitable, please take to the Art Department.

---

### 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.



## 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>	





## Sporting Fixtures

A great evening of rugby this week against Pittville School. Well done to Year 7 boys!



Well done Chosen Hill Year 11 - winners of 8 aside tournament at Tewkesbury School.  
12 goals scored, 0 conceded. 5 wins from 5.

