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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 14th July 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 17th July 2023:

Sports Awards Evening - 6pm - 8pm

Tuesday 18th July 2023:

Sports Day

Thursday 20th July 2023:

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 21st July 2023:

END OF TERM - Students finish school at 1pm with buses departing at 1:10pm.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students that worked so hard over the last week to deliver an exciting and engaging programme of enrichment. The week itself is an opportunity to run a range of different experiences and activities that we cannot fit into our 'normal' timetable. It's a chance to provide wider learning for all our students and we hope that your child has taken lots away from the last five days – no doubt many lifelong memories made! Chosen Hill Instagram has done a great job this week trying to capture some of the fun. Thank you for your support.

Our thoughts this week have been with colleagues, students and families affected by the distressing incident at a local secondary school. Whilst this has been an incredibly challenging week for the school and our wider community I am grateful that such events are rare and that when they occur the support of the schools network is there to offer help and to take away any learnings to make us all stronger.

With one week left of the academic year we are excited about the opportunity to 'finish strong' - with important lessons preparing students for the summer break, sports day and the recognition and praise for a year of excellent work through the Sports Awards evening and celebration assemblies.

Please see some reminders of the last day arrangements as well as the schedule for restarting school in September in the bulletin (this week and next week).

Many thanks

Matt Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Safeguarding and Lockdown

You will be aware of the tragic incident that took place at Tewkesbury School earlier this week. Our thoughts are very much with those affected. We know the strength of their school community will help them to cope with what has happened.

From a Chosen Hill perspective, I would like to provide some reassurance about the importance and consideration invested in the safety of your child, both in and outside of school, when under our care. Thankfully significant events like those earlier in the week are incredibly rare – but we are mindful to not be complacent and to share some of the measures that are in place if required.

Safeguarding and the safety of your children is our priority. Like all schools, we have lockdown plans ready in case of emergency even though such events are unlikely to occur. A security lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill. It would be used when there is a threat to the safety of our students, staff and others in the school, and when it is safer for everyone to remain in school rather than evacuate. The aim is to keep people safe by confining them to a secure place of safety.

As part of our ongoing evaluation we are continuing to review our lockdown procedures, which we will share with students regularly to ensure that any response is effective and the rationale for the actions understood by all. When we do this it will be done carefully so as not to heighten anxiety, but more to remind and reassure.

Our plan includes;

- How students and staff are notified that we are in lockdown
- Immediate action to be taken by students and staff
- How we will make sure we can account for all students and staff
- How we will make sure all students are safe and secure

In the event of a school lockdown, we would notify parents via email, school gateway and Class Charts announcements. Our priority would be to keep everyone safe and avoid panic – for clarity students would be told not to use phones to communicate with others or post on social media. It is our intention to schedule a lockdown practice early in the new academic year – we will communicate this ahead of the event in September.

If you or your child have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

End of Term Arrangements

Please note that school will finish on Friday 21st July at 1:00pm (Buses will depart at 1:10pm)

Students will need to have cleared all lockers and picked up any lost property ahead of the last day – Any unnamed bags/equipment/clothes etc will be disposed of over the summer break.

If your child has lost/misplaced any items please encourage them to check the bag racks and lost property this week.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Sports Hall Assistant

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

Closing Date

28th July 2023

Library Closed Next Week

Please note the Library is now closed due to its relocation in the new academic year.

Students will be able to return all Library books to the collection box in the reception area.

Private Peripatetic Teachers in School

From September we will have the following teachers in school:

Singing
Guitar
Drums
Piano/Flute.

If you are interested in your child having lessons please fill in the form and return to Mr Aston (Head of Performing Arts Faculty) or Miss Hiley (ahi@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk), who is organising the lessons, as soon as possible.

More information can be found on the school website using the link below:

[Music Tuition Letter 2023](#)

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is returning this summer for children and young people in reception to year 11, who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The programme runs during the summer holidays. Online activity bookings for the HAF programme open at 12pm 5 July. Bookings usually go very fast after launch, so it is important to ensure you are informed of this before the date. Families can make sure they are HAF ready by registering on our Children's Activity Booking System (CABS).

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive 2 weeks of vouchers for the summer holiday at £15 per child per week. For the remaining 4 weeks of this holiday period, the HAF programme provides a meal for children attending the activities they are booked onto. For more information, please visit Gloucestershire HAF where you can also sign up to the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS).

If you require some additional support to attend HAF, we now have 6 HAF Community Connectors in place, for each district of Gloucestershire. All information on how to get in contact with your local HAF Community Connector is available on our website at gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For any queries relating to HAF this summer, you can get in contact with us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Donations of School Uniform and Equipment

We are looking for donations of school uniform that your child has outgrown and no longer needs. In particular those students who have finished Year 11 and looking to move onto the next phase of their education.

All school uniform in good condition would be greatly appreciated, including blazers, tie's, trousers and skirts.

Any equipment that your child will no longer need, such as calculators will also be welcome.

Thank you.

GHLL Young Carers Accreditation

Over the last year, we have been working hard to review and improve the provision for our Young Carers. A Young Carer is a student under 16 years of age who helps to look after a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally unwell or has a substance misuse problem.



Goals Beyond Grass

This term we have been lucky to work with an organisation called Goals Beyond Grass who deliver Inclusive Sports activities in Gloucestershire.

They have been into school and delivered 4 sessions with a small group of our students across years 7-10 giving them the opportunity to participate in activities using power wheelchairs.

In the final session the students participated in a series of competitions and points were given for their houses which will be included in Sports Day totals.



Enrichment Week 2023

What a busy week! Lots of activities and trips to various venues. Sadly today rain stopped play resulting in a last minute change of activities.

A huge thank you to our roving reporters Freya Hands and Elliott Aubin who have been out and about taking photos around school - watch out for their Enrichment Week Magazine documenting the activities that took place at school.

We've added just a few photos to give you a flavour of the week. More photos will be added to the website and our Instagram stories once all of the trips have returned and photos collated.









Photography at Chosen Hill School

We will be taking photographs regularly throughout the year for publicity and marketing purposes. 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.