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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 17th March 2023



Diary Dates for This Term:

Monday 20th March 2023:

Year 12 Progress Exams begin

Thursday 23rd March 2023:

Fame Lab Finals at Tewkesbury

Monday 27th March 2023:

ColorFoto in school all day taking publicity photos of the School in Action.

Wednesday 29th March 2023:

Celebration Assemblies

Thursday 30th March 2023:

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Friday 31st March 2023:

End of Term - School ends at 15:05
(3:05pm)

Thank you for your support over what has been quite a disrupted week. I appreciate the impact that this will have had on many students and families and I am grateful for the supportive messages of understanding for the action being taken to highlight the funding challenge being faced by schools.

Despite the short week there has been lots going on including Fame Lab finals, Y11 catering practicals, sporting fixtures, a visit from an Imman and rehearsals for the students performing at Gloucester Cathedral as part of the G15 Celebration of Success event.

Congratulations to all those that submitted the excellent entries for the International Women and Girls in Science posters - some amazing work was sent in.

Good luck to the Y12 students that have their assessments next week.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Review Learning

Effective learners systematically review their learning. Asking your child what they have learnt at school is a useful way to encourage them to re-cap their key learning for the day. Rather than ask your child 'What did you do today?' ask them 'Did you find anything you learnt surprising today'.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Cover Supervisor	Eteach	18th March 2023
Administrator for Admissions, Attendance and Alternative Provision	Eteach	9th April 2023
Teacher of Geography and History	Eteach	16th April 2023
Operations Manager	Eteach	16th April 2023

Late to Lessons Update

As mentioned in a previous parent bulletin, during term 4, the school has been focusing on students being responsible and arriving at every lesson on time. This means as with late to school, late punctuality to lessons is also being classified as a negative behaviour. The name of a student who is late, is being recorded on Class Charts as a negative behaviour.

The school has been piloting this for the first three weeks to see who is being late and why. From the week beginning 20th March if a student still chooses to arrive to a lesson late, there will be a consequence that is in line with the Late to School arrangements. This will be communicated to student during their LM time.

Thank you for your continued support

Year 7 SEND Transition Survey

We are seeking to understand further the experiences of our year 7 parents regarding transition for their child with additional needs.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0KYdz08Hf4>

The survey will be available until Friday 7th April.

Thank you



Gloucestershire
Constabulary police
officers working full time
in schools in the whole of
Gloucestershire.
Empowering tomorrow's
generation.

Schoolbeat have been set up by Gloucestershire Constabulary, and they are a team of police officers that visit Gloucester schools three times a year to deliver a program of classroom based lessons. The lessons are delivered to:

- Reduce the risk of young people becoming victims or offenders of crime and ASB
- To raise awareness of risks and threats to the safety of young people – on and off line
- To empower students to make positive decisions and provide them with a problem solving 'tool box' for when life gets bumpy
- To support schools with safeguarding, reduce pupil exclusions and provide advice on day to day police related issues

Schoolbeat officers deliver information on the following topics:

Year 7 – Grooming, Drugs and Alcohol

Year 8 – Sexting and exploitation

Year 9 – Domestic abuse and county lines

As part of the sessions Schoolbeat also signpost to relevant agencies which can provide additional support and information. These include:

- Childline
- Tic+
- Talk to Frank
- Fearless/Crime Stoppers
- Hollie Gazzard Trust
- CEOP
- Think U Know
- Victim Support

Our Schoolbeat officer is PC Pete Curtis and he covers the Tewkesbury Area. He will be coming into Chosen Hill School for the second round of sessions for Year 7-9 the week beginning the 17th April.



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

Congratulations to our new Leadership Team for 2023/2024!

More information regarding the Student Leadership Team for our School Houses to come next week.



Jameson Curl-Wride
Head Student



Maddie Phillips
Head Student



Ella Bhowal
Deputy Head Student



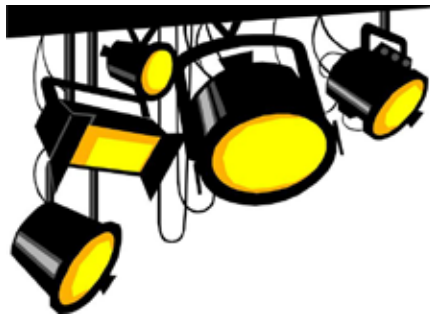
Ellen Kemmett
Deputy Head Student

North Eastern University London Essay Competition

Well done to Ellen Kemmett who took part in a competition that the North Eastern University London held, which was open to Year 12 students nationally.

Students were to write a 1,500 word essay on one of 9 topics. Ellen chose the Law topic, the question being "Must we always obey the law?"

Over 4500 Year 12 students from around the country took part, while Ellen did not place, she has been invited to the celebration ceremony in London.



SPOTLIGHT ON

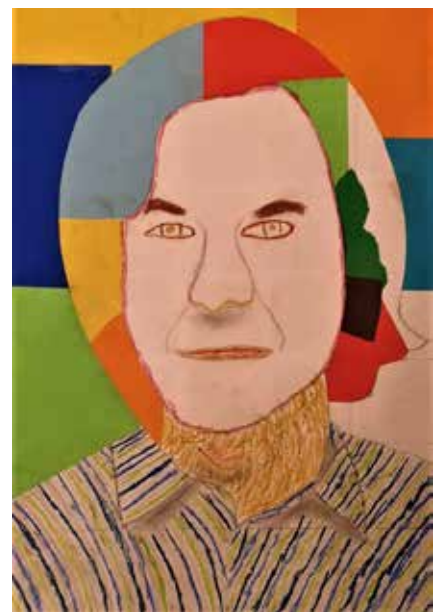


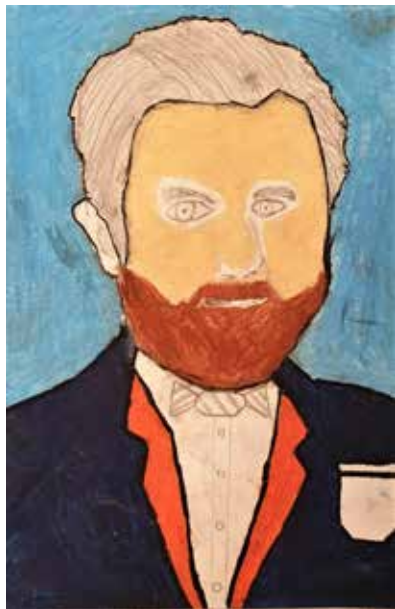
ART

Project: Year 8 Final Portraits

Our Year 8 students have worked hard this year refining their portrait drawing skills and experimenting with a variety of media in the style of several different artists.







Watch out for next week's edition of 'Spotlight On', a new and exciting feature where we will showcase the amazing work our students do in their various subjects.

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:

['Tails' of Olaf - The Therapist](#)

The launch video can be found at: <https://fb.watch/j9ktG08IQa/>



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.

THE BIG BANG FAIR

The Science department is running a trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham on Thursday 22nd June for Year 8 students.

There are 40 spaces available and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Further details and methods of payment can be found on the School Gateway.

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

Images shown below are from the Big Bang/NEC website.



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THE BIG BANG FAIR IS BACK



THANTHWE PRIMARY SCHOOL: CYCLONE FREDDIE DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!



Since the summer of 2016, we have developed an international partnership with Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa. Since then, we have raised funds to support the building of two brand new classrooms because up until recently the school had just 4 run down classrooms in which to teach 649 students. We have also set up and maintained a penpal project between students.

Malawi is the poorest country in Africa and is one of the world's worst hit by HIV-Aids with more than one million children orphaned by the disease. The majority of

the population scrape out a living as subsistence farmers and food security is precarious due to the extreme climate.

Two Days ago Cyclone Freddie ripped through the village of Thanthwe destroying the homes of over 100 families; many have been injured or even killed.

The school has converted its classrooms into makeshift shelters for the families made homeless by the storm.

The staff of Thanthwe School have reached out to us to request warm bedding, clothing, and necessities like toiletries.



If you have any clean, useable items or unwanted toiletries that you could kindly donate to the appeal, it would be of huge assistance to the homeless families in Thanthwe village. Simply drop them into reception early next week.

Please give whatever you are able.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mr. I. Bird, who will be leading the appeal, using ib@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 and 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 5 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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on day: £2.50**
**FREE for children
under 12**





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.

To watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtQws6bsetU>

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!



Scan here to visit our HAF website for more information.

**Bookings open 16 March-
Make sure you're HAF ready!**

Sign up to our HAF booking system at: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/>



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.

Football vs Churchdown School

Great evening of sport for Chosen Hill School this week with our Year 7s playing vs Churchdown School.



Year 7 Rugby

Well done to the Year 7 Football team who played vs Pates this week.



County District Football Tournament

Well done to our amazing U14s. They made it to the final and unfortunately lost out on penalties. We are so proud of these girls for all they've achieved and cannot wait to see what is ahead for this team.

