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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 18th February 2023



Advance Notice:

Sunday 19th February 2023:

Battlefields Trip arriving at 23:20 approximately

TERM BREAK

Monday 27th February 2023:

Return to School - Term 4
Year 8 - Chosen - Visit to Hartpury College

Tuesday 28th February 2023: Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1st March 2023:

Year 12 HE and Apprenticeship Fair - Bristol
Year 8 - Hill - Visit to Hartpury College

Thank you for your support over the last term, in particular your efforts in helping more students to arrive on time ready to learn at the start of the school day – we have seen a significant improvement in this over the last seven weeks. We are looking to build on this with a focus on helping students arrive punctually for lessons over the next term to help maximise learning time and reinforce successful habits.

There have been lots of highlights as well as heavy lifting in terms of teaching and learning over the last seven weeks. One of these highlights has been the amazing production of Guys and Dolls this week. I very much enjoyed the show and was in awe of the talent and hard work that had clearly been invested by so many staff and students to perform at such a high level and on such an incredible stage. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

I communicated our provisional plans for the next strike day (Thursday 2nd March) yesterday in order to help provide as much time in advance to make appropriate arrangements for the students that will not be in school on this day. We will continue to monitor the situation and will confirm plans at the start of next term.

Thank you again and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 27th February 2023.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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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 Safeguarding Lead

Teacher of IT

Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary

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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](#).

Punctuality to Lessons

As you are aware, the school is focusing on good punctuality as a life skill, which means arriving to school and lessons on time. For the majority of our student population this is a habit already established that will be an asset throughout their adult life. We wish to thank again, those parents/carers and students for ensuring they arrive to school on time, every day.

Assemblies this week have focused on the difference between being held responsible and being responsible. The number of students who are late to school has reduced significantly as a consequence of those students taking responsibility and coming to school on time. There remains a small number, and of those, most are dropped off outside school in a car after 8.25am. Can we please ask that those journeys begin earlier to enable your child to arrive to school on time and that they are inside the gate before 8.25am.

For term 4, the school will also focus on students being responsible and arriving at every lesson on time. This means late punctuality to lessons will also be classified as a negative behaviour. The name of a student who is late, will be recorded on Class Charts as a negative behaviour. The school will be piloting this for the first two weeks to see who is being late and why. After that if students still choose to arrive to lessons late, there will be consequences that are in line with the late to school arrangements.

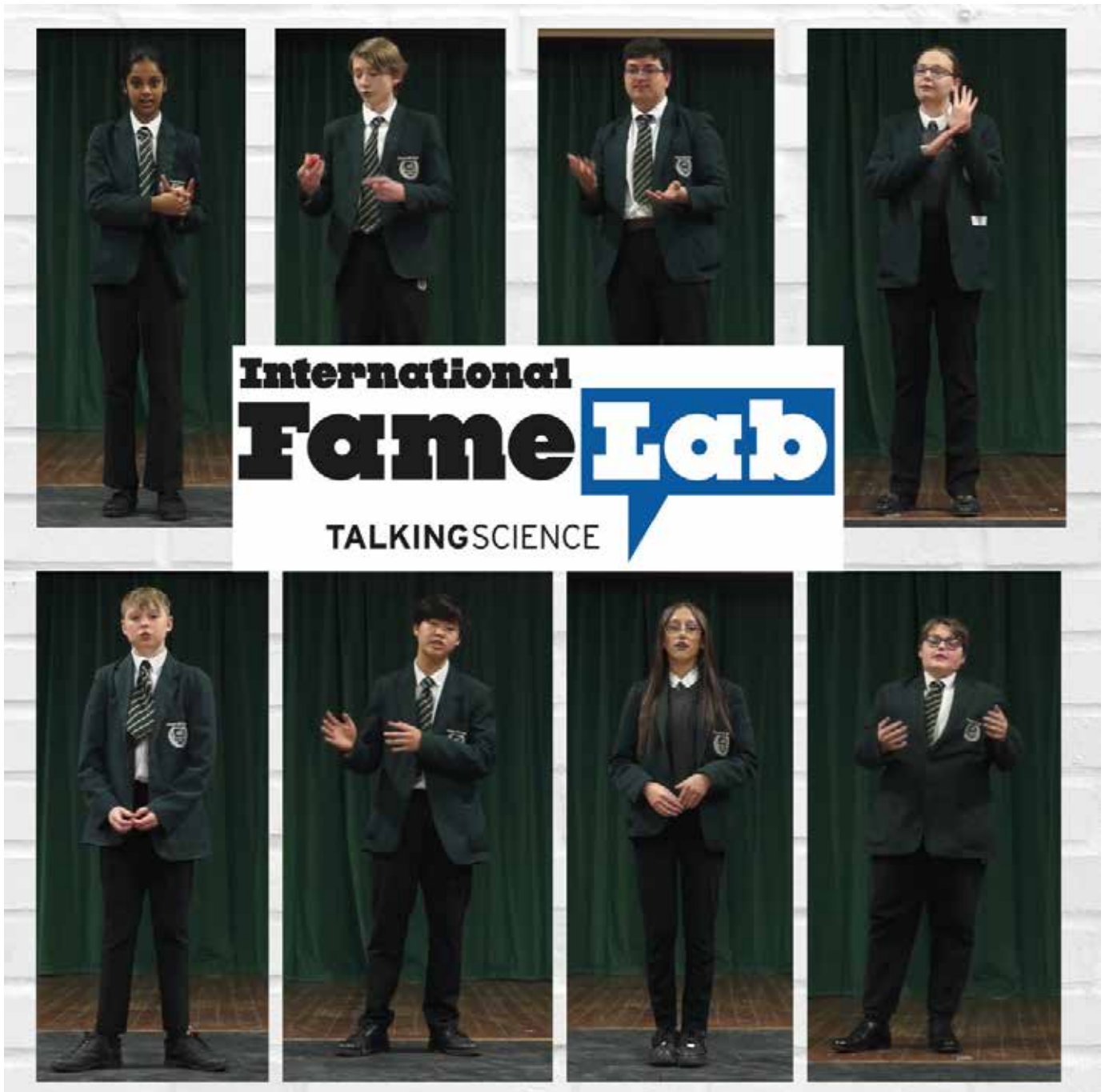
Thank you for your continued support.

FameLab

Chemistry lessons this term have looked a little bit different! All year 9 students have been involved with a Cheltenham Science Festival competition called Fame Lab Academy, researching a diverse range of topics and writing 3-minute talks to present to their class that have Content, Clarity and Charisma. They need to wow their audience and educate on some weird and wonderful topics without notes and within the time limit. Winner of the class heats went through to the school final that was watched and judged by Mr Pauling, Mr Day and our STEM mentor, Matthew Partridge from Errant Science.



The 8 finalists (Fred Joy, Nima Ghanbari, Sophie Sysum, Finlay Scott, Wilfred Ku, Chester Tiller, Anushka Katipalli and Olivia Killeen) presented their talks to an audience of year 8 pupils and discussed some fascinating topics ranging from "Is there life on Mars?"; "Why is potable (drinkable) water important?" and "The aerodynamics of formula one cars". Judges minds were blown by the quality of the talks and how confidently students communicated extremely complicated scientific ideas.



The winner of event was Anushka Katipalli who gave a wonderful talk on "Curing blindness with stem cells". The runners up were Sophie Sysum and Fred Joy. Anushka will compete against other schools in Gloucestershire at the regional final in March at the Roses theatre in Tewkesbury. The class finalists will be going along to cheer her on and hopefully bring home the trophy for Chosen Hill School.

Thanks go to Mrs Baker for compering the event and preparing the students to have plenty of Content, Clarity and Charisma.

Half Term Poster Competition for Years 7 and 8

On Saturday 11th February it was the "International Day of Women and Girls in Science". This was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to promote full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls. This day is a reminder that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology communities and that their participation should be strengthened. To help support and recognise this important date, the Science department is running a poster competition.

Who can enter?

Anyone in year 7 or 8.

What does the poster have to include?

The poster should have a photo or drawing of a female scientist that you think is inspiring to other people. You should include information on their achievement(s) and how this has impacted the scientific community. You can include any facts figures and diagrams that help to support your choice. Some examples of posters from previous years are shown.

Who do I send it to?

Dr Dinnis in the Science office next to Sc16.

What can I win?

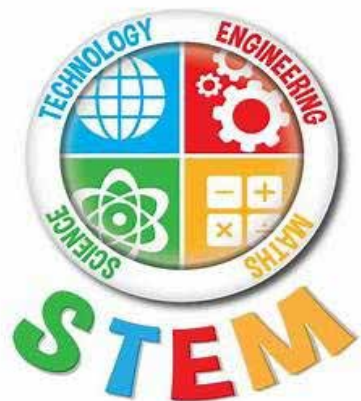
There will be three winners who will each receive a £10 Amazon voucher and a Science badge.

When do I have to hand it in?

All entries need to be handed in by the end of the day on Friday 3rd March 2023.



STEM CLUB

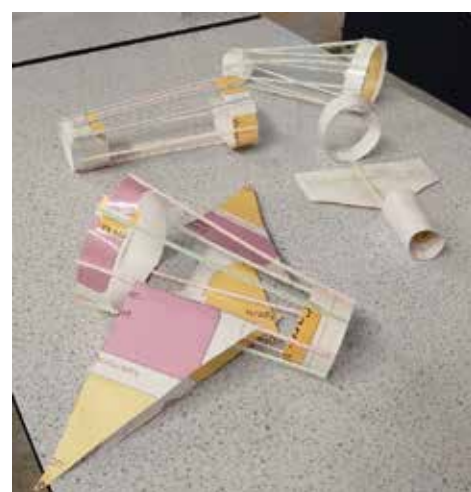


Each week in science students from across the year groups have been working hard on their engineering and scientific skills after school. STEM club is an exciting club that aims to get students hands on making and experimenting.

The students who come to STEM club have had an amazing half term. this term we have been burning food to see the number of calories, building marble runs, exploding match stick rockets, pinging catapults and making straw gliders (as shown in the pictures).

Plans for next term when the weather gets warmer, include pond dipping and launching rockets on the field.

If you would like to join STEM club, come along after school to Sc23 every Wednesday until 4pm. The club is open to anyone from any year group and is completely FREE! All equipment and resources are provided.



Upcoming Trips and Events in Science

Thursday 23rd March 2023 – Fame lab final trip to Roses theatre Tewkesbury

May 2023 – Faraday Engineering Challenge

June 2023 – Yr 7 Visit to Cheltenham Science Festival – Tim Peake

June 2023 – Yr 8 visit to Big Bang fair at NEC.

More details for all these upcoming events in science to follow after half term.



GOALS

"I was absolutely astounded watching last night. What a professional show!! Amazingly talented young people, including all those behind the scenes & in the tech team along with the on stage performers. What a fantastic opportunity for the kids in our school community - a huge thank you to all those who have put in the blood, sweat and tears to pull it off. Happy half term to you all - I expect cast, crew and staff need to sleep for a week to recover! "

"Saw the show last night, it was great. Well done to all on stage and a special 'Thumbs Up' to the Crew that made everything come together - lights, action, sound"

"We were blown away!"

"It was amazing"

"They were great, highly recommended you try and catch one of the next two shows"

"Highly recommended - a fabulous show"

"This was amazing! Can't get over how good this show is, so professional and everyone performed amazingly! Really really worth going to watch it was incredible, well done to all involved for putting on an amazing show!"

What's Playing at the Roxy?

This week, Chosen Hill students performed the musical extravaganza, *Guys and Dolls*! Set in the hustle and bustle of 1950s New York, *Guys and Dolls* tells the overlapping stories of high-roller Sky Masterson, who falls in love with mission worker Sarah Brown, and lovable rascal Nathan Detroit, engaged for 14 years to Miss Adelaide, a headliner at the Hot Box club. Including well-known songs like 'Luck Be A Lady' and 'Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat', it is a classic that previously graced the Chosen Hill stage 20 years ago.

A large number of students were involved with the production, both on and off stage, and they worked tirelessly to produce a show that was of an incredibly high standard. Audiences were blown away by the talent on stage, commenting on the professionalism of the students involved. Productions such as these are an excellent opportunity for students to shine outside of the classroom and give them the chance to lead in new ways, such as through choreography, marketing and tech.

The staff involved would like to thank the students for their dedication and professionalism throughout the process. The cast and crew went above and beyond to make the production a huge success.

Mr Aston, Ms Poole and Mr Day







Hatherley Road, Cheltenham

Services 97 & 98 Diversion

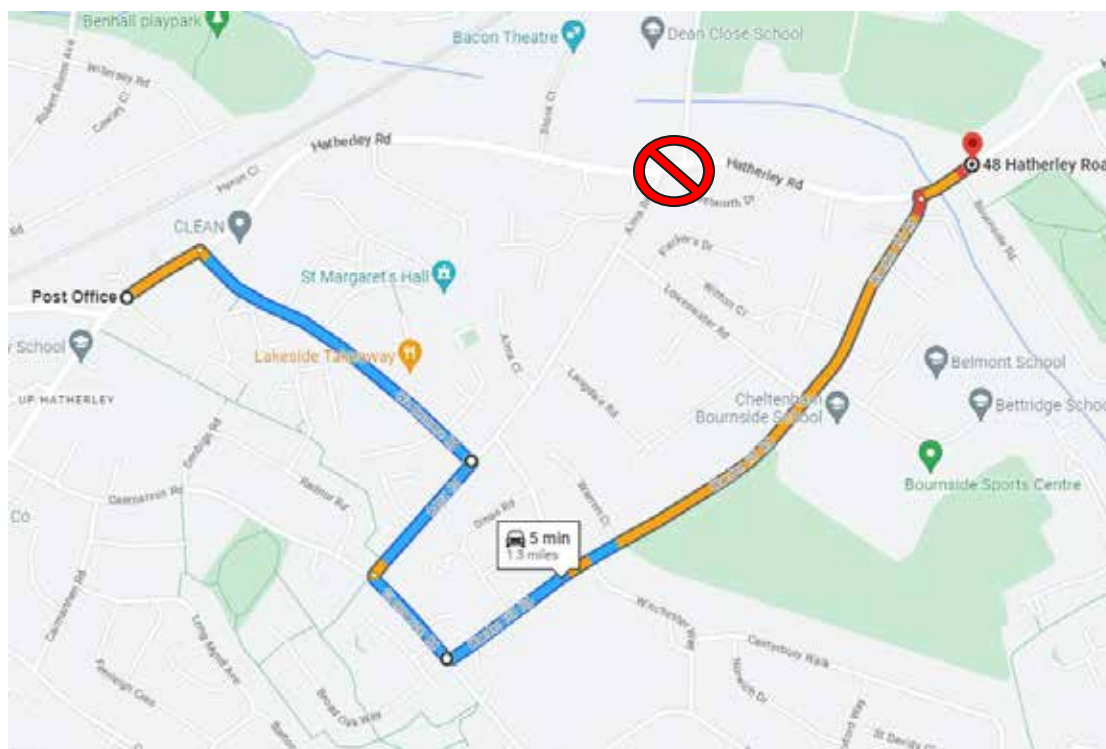
20th February to 3rd March 2023 (24/7)

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 1st exit into Caernarvon Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 1st exit into Warden Hill Road. At the end of Warden Hill Road, they will take the 2nd 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 1st exit at the mini roundabout into Warden Hill Road instead of the 2nd exit into Hatherley Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 2nd exit into Caernarvon Road. At the next mini roundabout, they will take the 2nd 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.



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)	

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](#)

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
- Midwifery Taster Day – 5th April 2023
- [Business Q & A session](#) – 17th April between 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Medicine Q & A session – 27th September - Save the Date
- Paediatrics Taster Day – 2nd October - 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!**

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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

Everyone welcome!



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.

Girl's Fixtures to follow shortly.

Boy's Sporting Fixtures

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

Sporting Fixtures

U15 Basketball Team.

Great Result this week.





An Action Packed Week for Chosen Hill School Sports Teams

U14's won the district football tournament in Tewkesbury with 6 out of 6 wins.

Our Year 9 football team played well against Cleeve School, just losing 3-2.

Year 7 and 8 football teams won against Pitville School 4-0.

Year 7 Basketballers played their first match.

Well done all!



Year 7 and 8 Netball

Fantastic netball from our Year 7&8s against High School Leckhampton this week. 2 wins and 2 losses. Well done all! Thank you to the Year 10s who helped with the umpiring, scoring and coaching.



Year 7 Rugby

Huge well done to our Y7 Rugby boys who had 2 wins against Crypt this week.



Sporting Achievements

The PE Department would like to share with you some of this week's sporting successes:

- U14 Girls District Champions for Football
 - U15 Boys Basketball beat Pittville 27-17
 - U12A/B Rugby team beat Crypt and lost to STR
 - U12 Girls Netball beat Churchdown
 - Senior Football Boys drew with Churchdown
 - Senior Netball Girls beat STR
 - U12/13 Girls Football beat Pittville
 - U13 Boys Football beat Cotswold
 - U14 Boys Football lost to Cleeve 3-2
 - U12 Boys Basketball first game lost to STR in a close game
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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>

