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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 19th May 2023



Diary Dates for this month:

Thursday 25th May 2023:

Year 9 Vaccinations
Year 11 Celebration Assembly

Friday 26th May 2023:

End of Term 5 - school finishes at
15:05 (normal time).

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rugby League team on their tournament win yesterday, an excellent victory in their first competitive outing.

This week has seen the first of the whole year GCSE papers and the celebration assembly for Year 13 today. The students have made a good start to their exams and are growing in confidence as they start to get into the swing of it.

The final assembly for Year 13 is a special moment of reflection - their development over the last 7 years to the amazing young men and women they have become is inextricably linked to the investment made by parents, friends and teachers.

I am proud of our students, proud of our staff and proud of the community that we represent – thank you!

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Plan Study Time

Successful students schedule specific times throughout the week when they are going to study and then they stick to this schedule. Students who are not as structured do not perform as well. Creating a weekly routine with your child where you set aside time each to complete home learning will ensure they develop habits which will help them succeed in life-long learning.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Inclusion Administrator

HR Administrator

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

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Closing Date

23rd May 2023

5th June 2023

Communication with School

We welcome timely communication with the school. Please do feel supported in contacting the school if you have any specific concerns or wish to share some positive news about any of our students. We recognise that sometimes things don't go as we expect or hope they would and the sharing of information with staff is really helpful in addressing any issues or concerns to support all students and families.

Unfortunately, very rarely, communication with the school can become aggressive and/or abusive. Clearly this cannot be tolerated and in these situations staff may end the call. It is policy that we will report any abusive calls to the police.

Thank you for your support.

Heads-up Holiday FSM Voucher Scheme May Holiday

For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May. If you have not received your vouchers by the 23 May, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

PE Dress Code 2023-2024

The PE dress code has been reviewed for September 2023. The school has made a number of changes in a move towards gender neutrality. This is still not completely possible, as the school is required to work within the guidance of certain sports governing bodies that continue to require specific equipment and dress codes. The school has changed to darker colours to help maintain the longevity of the PE kit and to keep the cost as low as possible.

For the academic year 2023-23 onwards, Year 7 are required to wear the new PE dress code outlined below. The uniform can be purchase through the school's uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#) from 26th May 2023.

Years 8-11 can continue to wear their current PE uniform. Parents/carers are asked to replace items of clothing following the new PE dress code guidelines when required e.g. to replace wear and tear, a new size is required, a student would prefer the new PE dress code.

PE dress code from September 2023

BOYS

- Green/red reversible rugby shirt;
- Black shorts;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt;
- White socks (non-branded);
- Trainers - any colour;
- Rugby or football boots (essential for outdoor activites on the field);
- Optional: skins (top and bottom) - plain black, (NB. tracksuit bottoms are not suitable for rugby and football) - no large logos.

GIRLS

- Green and White hooded sweatshirt with school logo;
- Black skort;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt
- White socks (non branded);
- Trainers – any colour;
- Optional: black shorts/ leggings/ skins/tracksuit bottoms – plain black, no large logos or mesh sides (CHS leggings available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists).



Year 10 Mock Interviews

This term Year 10 were given the opportunity to have a mock interviewer with employers and colleges from the Gloucestershire Area. At Chosen Hill we believe that a Mock Interview helps students learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve their communication skills, and reduce stress before an actual job interview. Below are students' reflection about the day.

"having this opportunity to talk to employers and college staff in a safe environment gave me the confidence to speak to people I did not know about my chosen career path, the feedback I received has given me the confidence to look at different avenues regarding my career pathway."

"I was very nervous about taking part in this activity and it took a lot of courage for me to attend, however I am so pleased I did, I learnt a lot about my chosen career pathway and the different routes I can go to get the career I want."

I would just like to thank the employers, Universities and colleges for allowing their staff to support this worthy event:

Hugh Roberts ,UCAS, National Star, Cirencester College, Gloucestershire College, Kohler Mira, Cheryl and Nick Hearne, LB Bentley, CRSB LAW, Lloyds Bank, Connected Kerb, Mears, Gloucestershire University, Hartpury College, SGS College, DWP, Pennant PLC.



Apprenticeship News

Are you interested in working with animals?

Aspiring vets in years 10-12 are warmly invited to Dr James's and Dr Shannon's FREE VIRTUAL Get into Veterinary conference on:

Saturday 20th May 9:30am - 3pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone considering Vet School to get a real insight into the application process and what it's like to be a vet!

Students can register for the conference here:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-veterinary-medicine-conference/>

Apprenticeships
Opening doors to a
better future

ICE CREAM
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OPEN EVENINGS



- Do you want to be involved in making the world's most iconic ice creams such as TWISTER, MAGNUM and BEN & JERRY'S?
- You can EARN whilst you LEARN with one of our 3-year Apprenticeships at the amazing Wall's Ice Cream Site in Gloucester
- We are offering x10 Level 3 Food & Drink Technical Operator Apprenticeships
- Entry requirements: English and Maths GCSE grade C or Level 4 or above – gained or predicted

Come to an open evening – feel free to bring your parent(s) or guardian(s)
Have a look around and see how ice creams are made
Find out more about the Apprenticeship and meet some of the Team

1st June at 1930
22nd June at 1900
20th July at 1830

To book your place Email: angela.seddon@unilever.com



More information

More information about apprenticeships and other Careers related topics including guidance for both students and parents/carers can be found on our [website](#).

Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Challenge

On Thursday 11th May 2023, A-Level Chemistry students took part in the RSC Analytical Challenge. This is a nationwide competition that allows A-Level Chemistry students to put their skills and knowledge to the test in a practical scenario, across an entire day. Students had to work collaboratively in teams of 2 to 3, carrying out a range of practical tests to discover who had sabotaged 'The Grand Baking Competition'.

It was lovely to see the student's working in mix groups sharing knowledge and ideas on their analytical chemistry; from flame tests, pH analysis and thin layer chromatography, as well as discussing their findings throughout the day.

At the end of the day students all submitted their findings to be assessed by the Royal Society of Chemistry who will publish the results later this year. Well done to all involved and we eagerly await the results!



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards: Students celebrate their success at Buckingham Palace



On the 16th May 2023, Jemma Thomas, Francesca Malone-Martin, Maisie Rackham-Wood, Nikita Priday, Libby Newman, Roberto Villace-Rapson, Lucy Jeffrey, Ruth Bezuidenhout, and Connor Dempsey, all former students of Chosen Hill School's DofE Directly Licenced Centre, attended a presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London, where they received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards from a celebrity presenter, after sharing their experiences with their Royal Highnesses, The Duke of Edinburgh and Duchess of Edingburgh .

During the Gold Award Presentation, the group were presented with their certificates and congratulated on their efforts to complete the award, which took each young person 18 months of hard work and dedication to achieve.

To achieve their Gold Award, they had to volunteer, learn a new skill, get fit, take part in a week long residential and plan and undertake an expedition in wild country. Widely acknowledged as the world's leading achievement award for young people, DofE programmes enable any young person, aged 14-24, to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working.

Mr. Ian. Bird, DofE Manager, said, "I'm delighted to see, after such a long delay caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, these amazing young people have finally got the opportunity to gain the regonition they deserve through their invitation to attend a formal presentation of their Gold Award Certificates in the presence of members of the Royal Family. I would also like to pass on my personal congratulations to each of them. I'm incredibly proud of them all, each one has demonstrated considerable resilience and determination to succeed. It was also a privilege to witness their individual journeys of personal development over the 18 months it took them to complete the Award. It was lovely to see them grow in confidence, take on new challenges and actively support their local community. Like those that have gone before them, they join an ever-growing list of young people that are true ambassadors for both the School and the DofE Award Scheme. I hope they thoroughly enjoyed their time at Buckingham Palace."

Speaking about her Gold DofE experience, Francesca said, "Gold DofE has taught me to multi-task, which is a very useful skill to take into my future." Maisie also commented, "Whilst completimg my volunteering I learnt the skills needed to live on my own at university as the Award gave me a sense of independence and personal organisation."

Recently, Ryan Nash, Benjamin Hawkins, Matthew Gore and Pheobe Hatton have also completed the Gold Award and will be invited to The Palace to receive their certificates in the near future, too. Please join us in congratulating them and in sending them our very best wishes for an enjoyable 'Palace' experience.

The DofE Award was re-introduced into Chosen Hill School 10 years ago. In that time nearly 500 students have participated in the scheme. Participants currently volunteer for over 40 local organisations and international links continue with Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa, through ongoing efforts to raise the funds needed to complete the build of two additional classrooms and support victims of the recent cyclone.

Currently, students have the option to enrol on the Bronze Award in Year 9, the Silver Award in Year 10 and the Gold Award in Year 12; and we are always looking out for adult volunteers to join our growing team and to help us deliver the Award Scheme So, if you are interested or would like to find out more information, please email Mr. I. Bird using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

First Aid at Chosen Hill School

Students with minor ailments should not leave lessons to go to the First Aid Room. In the case of an emergency the Medical Officer, or another member of his team, will be called.

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FIRST AID

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First Aid Room
Opening Times

08:00 to 08:30
During lesson changeover
Breaktime (11:00-11:20)
Lunchtime (13:20-14:05)
15:05-15:30

All other times for EMERGENCIES ONLY!



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Chosen Hill School **FIRST AID**

First Aid Courses

First Aid at Work
First Aid at Work Requalification
Emergency First Aid
Annual Refresher
Student First Aid
Activity First Aid

Fire Safety Courses

Fire Safety
Fire Safety Awareness

Mental Health First Aid Courses

Mental Health First Aid
Mental Health First Aid Awareness
Mental Health First Aid Supervisor

*To enquire about dates and prices please email:
training@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk
or call 01452 713488 and speak to
Debbie Wardlaw or Mike Hemming*



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Sporting Achievements



Years 7-10 took part in an Athletics track event this week against Churchdown School Academy. Well done to all who participated.

Field events next week!



Years 9 and 10 played a good game of cricket against Chipping Camden School today with Harrison Tegg as top scorer!

Well done all!





Sporting Achievements








A huge well done to our Year 7 Rugby team who won the Rugby League tournament this week - undefeated champions!








Sports Clubs

April to July

Boys Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday		 Year 8 Cricket: Sports Hall	Year 7 Cricket 
Wednesday			 All Years Athletics: School Field 
Thursday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Years 9 & 10 Cricket: Sports Hall Year 9 Softball 
Friday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Years 7, 8 & 9 Tennis: Tennis Courts Year 7 Rugby League 

Girls Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym		<i>All Years</i> Girls Rounders: School Field
Wednesday		Girls Cricket: Sports Hall	<i>All Years</i> Athletics: School Field 
Thursday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym	<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	<i>Years 7, 8, 9 & 10</i> Rounders Matches
Friday		<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	



Photography at Chosen Hill School

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.