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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 20th January 2023



14th, 15th
& 16th
February
2023



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DATE!

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

Well done to our Y13 students for their focus and application to their mock exams this week.

There are two specific areas that I would like to highlight and about which we will be communicating with you further over the next week - Punctuality and Strike days.

Whilst we are aware that there has been additional disruption to travel to school with roadworks it is important that students are in school on time to make the most of their learning time and to enable a prompt and effective start to the day. Over the last two weeks we have been monitoring the punctuality of students to school in the morning. During this time lates have been recorded but no sanctions enforced in order to highlight the issue and encourage improved punctuality. Further details about the next steps with regards the implementation of our punctuality strategy are outlined later in this bulletin – your support in helping all students arrive on school on time is much appreciated.

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As has been highlighted in the media, the National Education Union have announced that its members that are teachers will be taking industrial action over the next few months with their first strike day on Wednesday 1st February 2023. There are a significant number of teaching staff at Chosen Hill School that are members of the NEU. Over the next week we will be taking time to plan for Wednesday 1st February and will communicate with you by Wednesday 25th January a provisional plan for how we intend to open the school safely. We will prioritise the examination cohorts (Y11/13) and our most vulnerable students in our plans. I appreciate that these strike days will be disruptive to many whilst also respecting the right for sanctioned industrial action by teacher members of the NEU to highlight their concerns regarding pay and the negative impact this is having on recruitment and retention of teachers.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Learning Tip:

Cognitive Science

In Wallingham’s book ‘Why don’t students like school’ he explains how we learn. He says that practice is crucial as it helps our memory and makes it long-lasting. He suggests that students practice so that over time they become automatic in what they do.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Cover Administrator	Eteach	22nd January 2023
Cover Supervisor	Eteach	5th February 2023
Qualified Learning Assistant	Eteach	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.

Considerate Parking.

Please do not use the upper or lower gates to drop off students or to collect them. These have been designated NO TURNING/PARKING areas primarily for the safety of students. The gates are often very congested at the both the start and end of the day with staff coming to work and leaving for home. This week has seen parents/carers blocking the gates to drop off students, causing congestion on the road and endangering students’ safety.

We have also had a number of complaints from residents regarding parents/carers blocking driveways. Please be mindful and courteous to residents when dropping off and collecting your child from school.

Advance Notice

Parents of Year 9, 10, 11 and 6th 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 6th 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.

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)	

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 a student who is late, will be recorded on Class Charts as a 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.

98 Bus – Innsworth House Farm



Could all parents/carers please speak to their students regarding issues with the 98 bus that should stop at Innsworth House Farm. If the bus appears to be at capacity, ie. with a significant number of standing passengers, the driver will not stop to pick up from subsequent bus stops. This is a regular occurrence and is having a significant impact on some students' ability to get to school. However, there are often empty seats or bags placed on seats, so could students please make sure that they move down the bus, not place bags on seats and use all available seats.

DofE Award Participants Learn the Basics of Outdoor First Aid

The DofE Award Scheme participants have been learning what to do in the event of an emergency whilst on their remotely supervised expeditions this summer.

On Saturday 14th January 2023 the Silver and Gold Award participants took part in a 1-day training course organised and led by the school's Medical Officer, Mr Hemming. The participants learned about how to safely and effectively deal with a range of probable injuries that could occur whilst conducting their summer expeditions. They also undertook the British Heart Foundations CPR training course and passed. As a result, not only do they have the skills and confidence to keep safe whilst on expedition, but the school and local community now have an additional 15 young people capable of saving a life.

A massive thank you to Mr Hemming, Mr Differ and Mr Bird, for volunteering their time to organise and run the day; and to the participants for engaging in the training with enthusiasm - working hard to successfully learn these vital skills.

The DofE Award was re-introduced into Chosen Hill School in 2013. In that time over 400 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.

Currently, students have the option to enrol on the Bronze Award in Year 9, Silver in Year 10 and the Gold Award in Year 12.

To find out more about the DofE at Chosen Hill School, please email Mr. I. Bird, Lead Teacher for Business and International Dimensions, DofE Manager, using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



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.



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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 but also a link to the Sue Ryder website where you can see what incredible work they do.

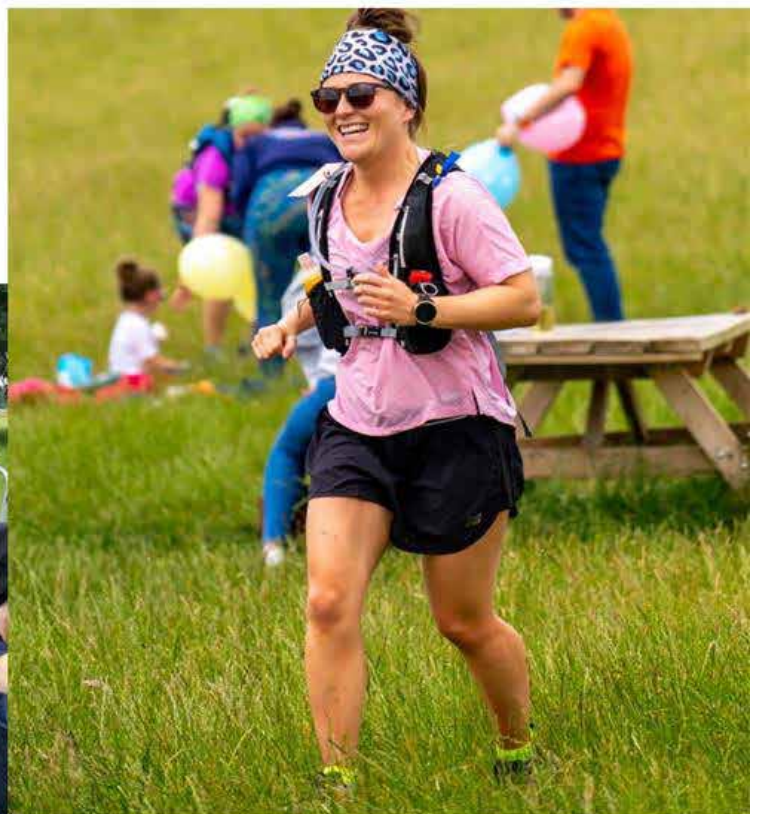
Miss Moss

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL!

Monday 23rd January 2023

MAINS

Chinese Sticky and Crispy Chicken Wings
Char Sui Chicken, served with noodles or rice
Chinese Chicken Burger
Egg Fried Rice

Vegan Sweet Chilli Noodles and Soya Bean Salad

Accompaniments

Stirfry Veg in Black Bean Sauce
Hoisin Chicken Pizza
Teriyaki Chicken Noodles

Dessert

Fruit Salad in Lime and Chilli Syrup
Apple/Banana Fritters



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>	

Chosen Hill School Table Tennis Team

Well done to our Table Tennis team who played some amazing games against Winchcombe School this week.

