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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 21st April 2023



Diary Dates for Next Week:

Tuesday 25th April 2023:

Mock Interviews

Wednesday 26th April 2023:

Mock Interviews

Maths Challenge

Year 8 Parents' Evening

It was great to welcome students back this week after the Easter break.

During this week we have started the summer examination season in earnest with Art and Design practical exams and MFL orals running over the next fortnight.

Earlier this week I wrote to all parents/carers to update you about the plans for the upcoming strike days (27th April and 2nd May) – please can you check the information sent out so that you can make any necessary arrangements on these days.

This week students have been having assemblies on re-establishing routines and positive learning habits - thank you for your support with helping students be prepared for learning with their 'Top 10' and correct school uniform.

I would like to wish a very happy Eid Mubarak to all those in our school community celebrating the end of Ramadan.

Have a good weekend.

Many thanks

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Asking Questions

If you are helping your child revise, ask them a high level of questions so that you can check for understanding. It is often useful to create lists of questions and answers as a revision resource.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Teacher of Geography and Social Science
Teacher of English

Link to Advert

Eteach
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Closing Date

22nd April 2023
8th May 2023

Second Hand Uniform

We have various items of second hand uniform for sale. Please contact reception for more information.

Chosen Hill School Dress Code

Parents and carers are asked to ensure that their child follows the dress code at all times. Whilst wearing Chosen Hill School uniform, students are representing the school in the local community. Any behaviour out of school whilst wearing our uniform, which falls short of our expectations and which brings the school's reputation into disrepute may result in disciplinary action.

Uniform is an important area, which helps to set the standards. The school has a clear dress code, but this does not always ensure that this is worn correctly. Parents and carers can help the school by checking that your child leaves home wearing the uniform correctly. This includes jewellery.

- A small, plain, single stud earring may be worn in each lobe which must be removed for Physical Education lessons. Ear bars and 'stretchers' are not allowed.
 - Moderate, natural looking make-up only.
 - No false nails or eyelashes. Nail varnish should be natural looking only.
 - Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous – long hair should be tied back during PE or practical lessons.
 - No extreme styles or unnatural hair colours are allowed.
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School Uniform: Optional Summer Uniform

As we prepare to enter our Summer terms, and hope for some warm, dry summer weather, we would like to remind you that students have the option of wearing a white short-sleeved polo shirt with the school logo (available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists who have a store in Cheltenham and Gloucester. The polo shirt replaces the formal shirt and tie. Another optional uniform item, which replaces the skirt/trousers is black formal tailored school shorts - remember any other shorts are not school uniform.

School Uniform: Reminder

Students need to have their shirts tucked in at all times. Blazers are to be worn on entering and leaving the lesson and moving around the school site.

Top 10 Equipment

Please remind your child to ensure that they have their 'Top 10' with them at school each day. Please also remind them they can use students services before school to ensure they are full equipped before the school day starts.



Chosen Hill School

Equipment

The Top **10**



A Blue or Black Pen



A Rubber



Your Reading Book



A Ruler



A Pencil



A Green Pen



A Board Pen



A Glue Stick



A Sharpener



A SHARP Calculator

Fundraising at Chosen Hill School

P.A.T.C.H. Easter Raffle

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a ticket or donated a prize. We raised £815 towards PATCH funds thanks to your support and generosity.

The winners have been notified by email.

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved in fundraising at Chosen Hill School please contact dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

London Marathon for Sue Ryder

PE teacher and Head of Year 7, Miss Moss, is running the London Marathon 2023 this coming Sunday! She is running for Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Hospice. Any last minute donations and words of encouragement from students and families would mean the world! Look out for Red number 18135 on Sunday!!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/E-Moss>

THANK YOU!



South West Tough Mudder UK for James Hopkins Trust

Please support an amazing young man who attends Chosen Hill School. Ryley Bace is participating in an extremely difficult challenge for the James Hopkins Trust, a local children's hospice, in memory of his little cousin who received respite nursing care at the James Hopkins Trust during his short life.

To read his story and donate visit his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ryleybace>



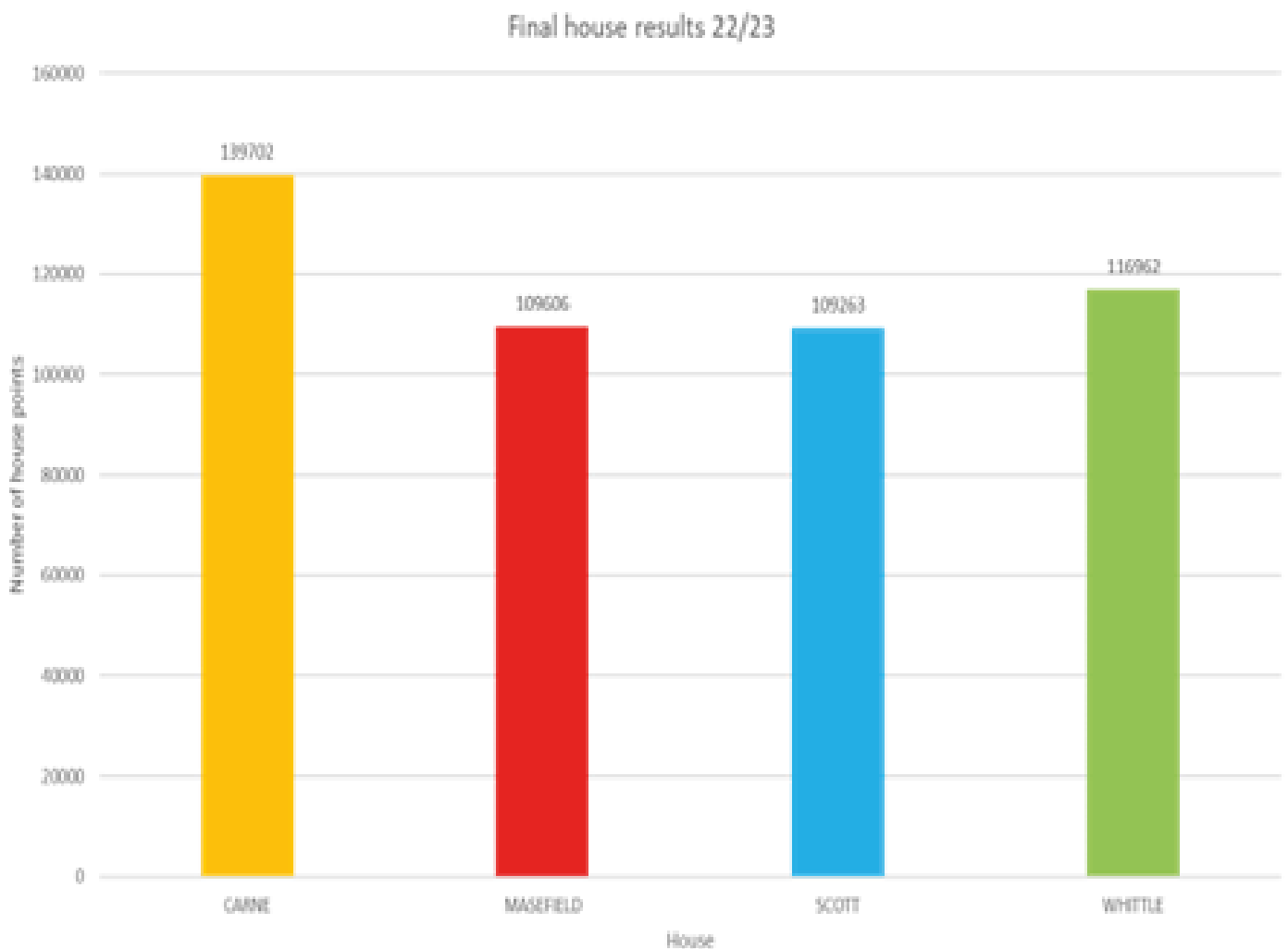
House Results

This house year has proven to be one of the biggest and best on record! The students have participated in a range of exciting competitions, including Sports Day, House Music, House Renew and a variety of house week challenges! We would like to thank all parents and guardians for their continued support at home and enthusiasm for house activities.

Our house year runs from Easter to Easter in order to allow a smooth transition from year 13 house leaders to our newly appointed year 12 house leaders.

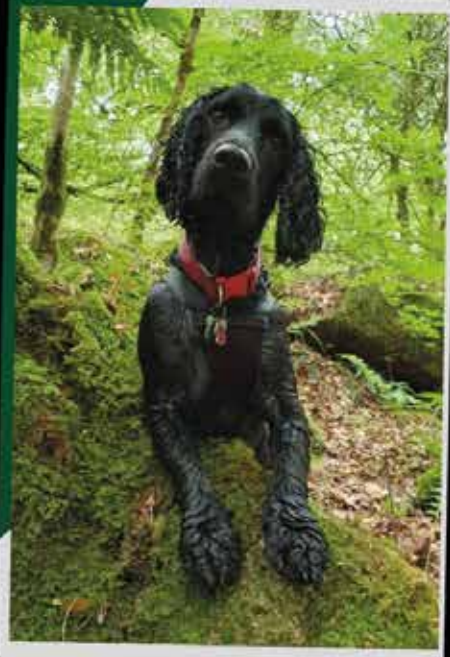


With that being said, the results are in for the 2022/23 house year!



A massive congratulations to Carne for another dominant year! However the tides are seemingly shifting with Whittle taking second place. As we move into the new house year we have some exciting events coming up, including the brand new video game house competition and the legendary sports day which now includes a banner making competition!

Stay tuned to find out more!



Hi, I'm Riggs The School Dog

Age: I'm 4 years old (5 in May)

Breed: I'm a Cocker Spaniel mix

Owner: My mummy is Mrs Staite



About me

Hi there, just a bit about me, my name is Riggs, I am very gentle and loving - I work hard helping my human brother at home with his emotions - he has Autism & ADHD and can get worried and upset sometimes but I know how to help calm him down. He is getting big now so I would like to see what other children I can help, especially those that are struggling with their mental health - I can put a smile on anyone's face! I love school - I have certificates to prove it from the kennel club & my mummy is doing some work so that I will be a registered therapy dog! I would like to help others enjoy being at school too, I also love chasing a ball, swimming, running around with my dog or human friends & having cuddles from my friends and family.

Dislikes - when I have to stop chasing my ball & when I am not getting constant fuss!



I love school!



Looking good!

Dartmoor Determination

Gold DofE Practice Expedition – Easter 2023

Four resilient and determined participants undertook their Practice Gold DofE Expedition on Dartmoor during the second week of the Easter holidays. They planned to complete a 48 km route in generally very poor weather conditions. Consequently, the team had to work hard on their micro-navigation skills, battling against the wind, rain and hail, as they followed their route through the mist.



Sheltering from the storm, left to right: Christy Reji, Ethan Duncan, Jameson curl-Wride and Eleanor Hawkins

Starting on Tuesday, the teams climbed over Oke Tor, fording two rivers before reaching the location of their first wild camp on White Moor.

Purifying water from streams and cooking a hot revitalising meal, the team settled down to an uncomfortable night as the storm continued to range around them.





The next day, they journeyed on to Hangingstone Hill, visiting a Neolithic stone circle before weather conditions deteriorated even further and forced a retreat off the moor via Okement Hill and East Mill Tor.

Not perturbed by the forced withdraw from the Moor, the team returned to Chosen Hill School, where they overnighed, and the next day utilised the ongoing 'DofE with a Difference' expedition variations - put in place during the Covid Pandemic - to complete the final day of their practice expedition, in non-familiar local country, in the Cotswolds.



Throughout, the participants showed great determination, coping with horrendous weather conditions, the difficult terrain and steep gradients. Pulling together as a team, they helped and supported each other to surpass previously conceived limits.

They were a credit to themselves and the school and successfully passed their practice expedition. A massive well done!

They will now start the detailed planning for their assessed expedition in July.

Best wishes to the team for a successful expedition.












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 



Sporting Achievements

Well done to Alfie who played in the Gloucester Development Rugby Team against Bath, London Irish and Bristol Bears.

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.