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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 21st July 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 4th September 2023:
INSET DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT
ATTEND

Tuesday 5th September 2023:
Year 7 and Year 12 return to school

Wednesday 6th September 2023:
Whole school returns to school
Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 7th September 2023:
Year 13 Parent Information Evening

Friday 8th September 2023:
Individual School photographs for
Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and
Year 13

Thank you for your support over what has been a busy, productive, enjoyable and exhausting year. There are far too many highlights to mention in this bulletin but please do take some time to revisit previous parent bulletins and/or our social media accounts to remind yourself about the range of fantastic opportunities and focussed learning across the year.

We managed (eventually) to run Sports Day on Wednesday having dodged the rain on two occasions previously. It was worth the wait with some excellent performances and a real celebration of our community and House pride!

This bulletin contains lots of important information for the summer and our return to school in September - please take note of the key dates and messages so that we can hit the ground running in September for another incredible year.

I wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Many thanks

Matt Pauling
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:





| SEPTEMBER | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
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| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | |
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| Term Time | | Holidays | | Bank Holiday | | INSET Day STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND | | Open Evening | |
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| Term 1: | Mon 04 Sept - Fri 27 Oct 2023 | 40 days |
| | <i>Tue 05 Sept - Year 7 & 12 only</i> | |
| | <i>Wed 06 Sept - all years return</i> | |
| Term 2: | Mon 06 Nov - Fri 22 Dec 2023 | 35 days |
| Term 3: | Mon 08 Jan - Fri 09 Feb 2024 | 25 days |
| Term 4: | Mon 19 Feb - Fri 22 Mar 2024 | 25 days |
| Term 5: | Mon 08 April - Fri 24 May 2024 | 34 days |
| Term 6: | Mon 03 Jun - Mon 22 Jul 2024 | 37 days |



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| Christmas Bank Holidays: | 25 December 2023 26 December 2023 |
| New Year Bank Holiday: | 01 January 2024 |
| Good Friday: | 29 March 2024 |
| Easter Monday: | 1 April 2024 |
| Early May Bank Holiday: | 06 May 2024 |
| Spring Bank Holiday: | 27 May 2024 |
| Summer Bank Holiday: | 26 August 2024 |

Total 195 days

195 days are defined as "School Days". In the school year 2023/2024 students must attend for 190 Days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days are **INSET** or non-contact days (**days students do not attend**).

Staff Leavers

It is always a sadness to say goodbye to staff that have contributed much over their time at Chosen Hill. We thank them enormously for their care and dedication and wish them well with their next steps.

Thank you;

Mrs Sharp (Textiles)
Mrs Caddy (English)
Miss White (Art and Photography)
Mrs Franklin (Health and Social Care)
Mrs Pearce-Colman (Music)
Mrs Taylor (English)
Mr Wyatt (Geography)
Miss Underwood (DT/Art)
Mrs Watt-Mower (Business)
Mrs Morris (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Evans (Science Technician)
Ms Bardgett (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Ponter (Teaching Assistant)

End of Term Arrangements

Please note that school will finish on Friday 21st July at 1:00pm (Buses will depart at 1:10pm)

Students entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect food at breaktime to take home.

Students will need to have cleared all lockers and picked up any lost property ahead of the last day – Any unnamed bags/equipment/clothes etc will be disposed of over the summer break.

If your child has lost/misplaced any items please encourage them to check the bag racks and lost property this week.

Key Dates for Term 1

- **Monday 4th September 2023 - INSET DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND.**
- Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Start of Term for Year 7 and Year 12 students only.
- Wednesday 6th September 2023 - all remaining students return to school.
- Wednesday 6th September 2023 - Year 7 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7pm
- Thursday 7th September 2023 - Year 13 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7:30pm
- Friday 8th September 2023 - Individual School Photographs for Years 7, 8, 9 and 13
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 - Year 12 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 - Individual School Photographs for Years 11 and 12
- Monday 18th September 2023 - Open Morning
- Tuesday 19th September 2023 - Open Morning
- Wednesday 20th September 2023 - Open Morning
- Thursday 21st September 2023 - Open Morning
- Thursday 21st September 2023 - Open Evening - 6pm to 8pm (school finishes at 1pm with buses leaving the school site at 1:10pm)
- **Friday 22nd September 2023 - INSET DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND**
- Wednesday 27th September 2023 - Year 8 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 11th October 2023 - Year 9 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7pm
- Thursday 12th October 2023 - Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6pm to 7pm

More detailed information will be available on the [website](#).

Uniform for September 2023

Many of you will be thinking about making the annual trip to the shops and online to purchase school uniform and shoes. This is particularly pertinent for parents/carers of students joining Year 7 in September 2023. Our school uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#), are reminding parents/carers that it is helpful to visit their website before the end of term in order that uniform purchases are in place for the new academic year. There are also links to current summer orders on their homepage.

We would like to refer you to the **Uniform Acceptability Check** at the bottom of the dress code policy which is available on the [website](#). This will help parents avoid purchasing costly uniform items that are not acceptable under the School Dress Code.

To avoid any student having to replace items of clothing in September, can I remind you of a few key pointers:

- **School shoes should follow the uniform policy - all black formal and professional, flat-heeled plain shoe with an instep – these should be of a material that can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, suede/canvas shoes or boots to be worn. Heels may not be higher than 5cm (2in) for safety reasons on stairs in school;**
- **Socks must be plain black;**
- **Black formal school trousers – trouser hems should hang to a length no more than 1cm above the ankle. Reminder: any other trousers are NOT school uniform. This means not jeans, leggings or jeggings, skinny or slim fit, i.e. not tight around the ankles.**

In addition, in September please can parents and carers ensure that the general rules around piercings, make-up, false nails and eyelashes are adhered to. The school will be checking uniform regularly during roll call and by students supporting the dress code, this will avoid an unhappy start to the new academic year.

Can we remind parents and carers that 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 2023-24 onwards, Year 7 are required to wear the new PE dress code. 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.

The school is aware that the new hoodies and short sleeved shirts supplied by Monkhouse are incorrect – the white marking have been replaced with black. Monkhouse have assured the school that when the incorrect item has been purchased, they will take parents/carers details and replace the items free of charge, when the corrected stock arrives at the warehouse.

Can we respectfully remind parents again, that a school uniform grant may be available if your child is entitled to free school meals. Details of the grant are also available on the school website.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies.

Donations of School Uniform and Equipment

We are looking for donations of school uniform that your child has outgrown and no longer needs. In particular those students who have finished Year 11 and looking to move onto the next phase of their education.

All school uniform in good condition would be greatly appreciated, including blazers, tie's, trousers and skirts. Any equipment that your child will no longer need, such as calculators will also be welcome.

Student Uniform



PE Kit



Examples of Acceptable Shoes



Examples of Unacceptable Shoe Styles



Examples of Acceptable Trousers



Examples of Unacceptable Trousers





Chosen Hill School

Equipment

The Top 10

Your Reading Book (KS3)

A Blue or Black Pen

A Rubber

A Scientific Calculator

A Ruler

A Pencil

A Green Pen

A Board Pen

A Glue Stick

A Clear Pencil Case

It will also be useful to have:

A Sharpener

A Highlighter

A Maths Set

Coloured Pencils

Returning Ready to Learn

Please ensure that you are fully equipped and ready to learn from the first day back by using the summer to check you have your Top 10.

Personal Information and Data

With a new school year approaching it is timely to remind you to make sure that we have accurate contact and medical details on record. Please visit the School Gateway and advise us if you have changed contact information, including emails, to ensure that we are able to always reach you.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Design Technology Technician

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

Closing Date

6th August 2023

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is returning this summer for children and young people in reception to year 11, who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The programme runs during the summer holidays. Online activity bookings for the HAF programme open at 12pm 5 July. Bookings usually go very fast after launch, so it is important to ensure you are informed of this before the date. Families can make sure they are HAF ready by registering on our Children's Activity Booking System (CABS).

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive 2 weeks of vouchers for the summer holiday at £15 per child per week. For the remaining 4 weeks of this holiday period, the HAF programme provides a meal for children attending the activities they are booked onto. For more information, please visit Gloucestershire HAF where you can also sign up to the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS).

If you require some additional support to attend HAF, we now have 6 HAF Community Connectors in place, for each district of Gloucestershire. All information on how to get in contact with your local HAF Community Connector is available on our website at gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For any queries relating to HAF this summer, you can get in contact with us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Ideas for Summer Activities

Subjects: Art
Destination/Idea: Forest of Dean Culture Trail
Link/Location: <https://www.forestofdean-sculpture.org.uk/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

A longstanding sculpture trail showcasing works by some of the world's leading artists in an ancient woodland.

Subjects: Art/Creativity
Destination/Idea: Cotswolds Sculpture Park
Link/Location: <https://cotswoldsculpturepark.co.uk/>
Cost: £8 each

Brief Description:

Sculptures in an enchanting landscape. Tea room and sculptures to buy. Situated in the Cotswolds Water Park, so other walks and outdoor activities nearby.

Subjects: DT/Physics
Destination/Idea: Jet Age Museum, Gloucester
Link/Location: <https://jetagemuseum.org/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

Amazing local donation-run museum dedicated to aerospace and jet planes.

Subjects: Geography/History
Destination/Idea: Purton Ships' Graveyard
Link/Location: <https://www.cotswolds.com/things-to-do/purton-ships-graveyard-p2820313>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purton_Hulks
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

The Purton Ships' Graveyard is a number of abandoned boats and ships, deliberately beached beside the River Severn as a method of protection against coastal/river erosion. It is the largest ship graveyard in mainland Britain and includes examples of the wooden Severn trows and an old Aust Ferry. A lovely walk along the estuary with lots of information boards.

Subjects: Geography
Destination/Idea: Orienteering Course, Ashton Court Bristol and Crickley Hill, Gloucestershire
Link/Location: https://www.goorienteering.org.uk/course/crickley_hill_country_park
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

Permanent orienteering courses that you use your map skills to navigate! Both suitable for beginners.

Subjects: Geography/History
Destination/Idea: M Shed, Bristol Docks
Link/Location: <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

A free museum in central Bristol which covers the story of Bristol, its industry, culture and people.

Subjects: Geography/RE/History
Destination/Idea: Pitt Rivers Museum
Link/Location: <https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

A fascinating museum stuffed full of artifacts about people and their cultures from all over the world. It includes a "His Dark Materials" trail to follow in Lyra's footsteps. It is at the forefront of the decolonisation process and the steps it is taking can be a fascinating source of debate.

Ideas for Summer Activities

Subjects: Geography/History/RE
Destination/Idea: Climb Cirencester Church Tower
Link/Location: <https://cirenparish.co.uk/visit-the-parish/the-parish-church-of-st-john-baptist/climb-the-tower/>
Cost: £5 per person (Children between the ages of 12 and 16: £3). Children under 12 are not permitted up the tower.

Brief Description:
Climb Cirencester Church Tower – dates available on the website.

Subjects: Geology/Earth Science
Destination/Idea: Museum in the Park, Stroud
Link/Location: <https://museuminthepark.org.uk/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:
A room of the museum on the ground floor is dedicated to the local Geology. This includes descriptions of the palaeogeography during the Mesozoic and an impressive collection of fossils.

Subjects: Geology/Earth Science
Destination/Idea: Breakheart Quarry
Link/Location: <https://www.breakheart.org.uk/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:
Great site for a bit of fossil hunting.

Subjects: History
Destination/Idea: Caldicot Castle
Link/Location: <https://www.monlife.co.uk/heritage/caldicot-castle-country-park/>
Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:
Castle, Country Park and car park. Lovely place to visit, walk in the countryside & picnic.

Subjects: Languages
Destination/Idea: various venues in Stroud
Link/Location: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/359639368920918/>
Cost: Free

Brief Description:
Have a look at the FB group - people meet and talk on Mondays and Thursdays, around midday. French, Spanish, Italian, Ukrainian. Turn up and join in!

Subjects: History
Destination/Idea: The Corinium Museum and Cirencester Amphitheatre and Chedworth Roman Villa
Link/Location: <https://coriniummuseum.org/>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gloucestershire-cotswolds/chedworth-roman-villa>
<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/cirencester-amphitheatre/>

Cost: Free entry to the Amphitheatre

Brief Description:
A few examples of local Roman remains (there are of course masses more!) You can get into Chedworth with National Trust membership and the amphitheatre is free.

Subjects: History
Destination/Idea: Caerleon
Link/Location: <https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/caerleon-roman-fortress-and-baths>
Cost: Check website for prices

Brief Description:
An hour away in Wales, a town filled with Roman remains including a barracks, amphitheatres, baths and a museum.

Ideas for Summer Activities

Subjects: History

Destination/Idea: The Ashmolean Museum

Link/Location: <https://www.ashmolean.org/>

Cost: Free entry

Brief Description:

A free entry museum, this one in Oxford. Lots to see and copies of famous statues.

Subjects: Maths

Destination/Idea: Mazes - great puzzling fun for all the family

Link/Location: <https://eltonmazes.co.uk/mzpress/>

<https://thedragonflymaze.com/>

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids/amazing-mazes-visit-gloucestershire-beyond-302218>

Cost: Check websites for information.

Subjects: Music

Destination/Idea: BBC Proms 2023

Link/Location: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/rrbp5v/by/date/2023> - Royal Albert Hall,

Cost: [London](#) See websites for information.

Brief Description:

The World's Greatest Classical Music Festival' - tickets are available to purchase online OR Promming tickets are available on the day at a much cheaper rate - please see this link for more info:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3598F306c3KnN6t3x6ThKpN/what-is-promming>

Performances are also available to watch on BBC channels and BBC iPlayer/BBC Sounds

Subjects: Music

Destination/Idea: The Three Choirs Festival

Link/Location: <https://3choirs.org/>

Cost: See website

Brief Description:

The Three Choirs Festival is a week-long programme of world-class music making, featuring choral and orchestral concerts, solo and chamber music recitals, talks, cathedral services, theatre, exhibitions, and walks, rotating each summer between the beautiful English cathedral cities of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester. With free youth membership, tickets can cost as little as £5. <https://3choirs.org/youth-membership>

This year it takes place in venues in and around Gloucester.

Subjects: RE/History/Geography

Destination/Idea: Hereford Cathedral Mappa Mundi and chained library

Link/Location: <https://www.herefordcathedral.org/mappa-mundi>

Cost: Check website for information.

Brief Description:

Oldest Map of the world from Middle Ages. Library of chained books before printing press was invented. Daily guided tours.

Subjects: Science/Maths/DT

Destination/Idea: Techniquest, Cardiff

Link/Location: <https://www.techniquest.org/>

Cost: Check website for information.

Brief Description:

A Hands-on science museum and planetarium, a short drive over the Severn bridge, with cheap nearby parking – or take the train – it's just a few minutes' walk from the station!

Sports Day 2023



After 2 postponements due to rain we finally had our sports day today - and what an exciting afternoon! We had an entire Press Team, a banana playing a drum, a dinosaur dancing in the YMCA dance-off, lots of running, the teacher's relay and, of course, Riggs the school dog.

The winners of Sports Day 2023 are.....SCOTT!







Sports Awards 2023

On Monday 17th July 2023 we held our first Sports Award evening, celebrating students sporting achievements both in school and as personal out-of-school successes.

A huge thank you to our guest speaker Jess Fishlock MBE who was on stage to hand out medals and answer student questions.

Our thanks also go to our PE department who organised the entire evening.



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to former student Giacomo Lamanuzzi starred in the documentary *The Vikings: Invasion*. Giacomo joined a reenacting group a couple of years ago and has performed Anglo Saxon and Viking reenactments at public events. The group is based in Kent and often use Oystermouth Castle near Swansea for events.

Giacomo also teaches bushcraft to children on school camps specifically for bushcraft (near Oxford).



Our congratulations also go to former student Harry Emmett who signed for Gloucester Football Team this week.

