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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 23rd June 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 26th June 2023:

Year 12 Health & Social Care Taster
Day at University of Gloucester

Tuesday 27th June 2023:

Year 9 Camp - Parent Information
Evening - 18:00-18:30

Wednesday 28th June 2023:

Climate Action Event - Year 7 -
09:30 - 13:50

DofE Parent Information Evening -
18: - 19:30

Friday 30th June 2023:

Year 12 Induction Day
Video Games House Competition
Valedictory Ball - Year 13

Thank you for your support this week and your patience regarding our plans for the two further strike days that were announced last week.

You will have received a letter from me earlier today outlining the year groups/students that will be in school on these days. These decisions are always difficult to make in light of so many unknowns but being able to open the site safely for students is our priority.

The next few weeks are full of excitement with sports days, induction days, and enrichment week to look forward to amongst the highlights.

Our House competition is hotting up with the next few weeks pivotal in determining this years winners. More to follow in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Many thanks

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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23rd June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your patience as we try and work out the best option for the next two National Education Union (NEU) teachers' strike days on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

As with previous industrial action we have been looking at the feasibility of accommodating additional year groups. Our key consideration in only offering a partial opening of the school is based on the extent to which safe levels of supervision can be maintained throughout the school day. Given the potential number of staff on strike and that they are not obliged to share their intention to strike, I am only able to guarantee the safe supervision of two year groups.

To this end, school will be open for the following groups of students only over these two days:

- **Wednesday 5th July** Year 12, Year 10 and targeted vulnerable students
- **Friday 7th July** Year 12, Year 9 and targeted vulnerable students

Normal timetabled lessons will be taught to the students in school on these days by staff present in school.

Students should arrive at school at the normal time (08:25 roll call) in full school uniform. Normal bus routes will be running and the canteen will be open (though with a reduced range). Whilst confirmation of the full list of teachers in school will not be known until the morning of the strike days, I am confident that we are able to safely open the school to the year groups identified above.

I am sorry we are not able to extend this provision to all year groups but have prioritised the students studying examination courses in this instance.

The students that are not in school will be set work by (non-striking) staff on ClassCharts. As with previous strike day provision, there will also be some centrally set resources (linked to the relevant and current curriculum topics) on our website under the Remote Learning pages.

Should you wish to find out more about why the NEU is taking this action, you can read their press release here: <https://neu.org.uk/campaigns/pay-campaign/pay-strike-action-faq>

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Pauling
Headteacher

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Learning Tip:

Self-reflection

Encourage your child to reflect on their learning and think about beliefs that may constrain them. Having self-awareness is a useful tool as it helps us to identify the areas we do well and those we need to work on.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Finance Officer

Site Assistant

HR Officer

Science Laboratory Technician - Chemistry

Link to Advert

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Closing Date

25th June 2023

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Chosen Hill School Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Governors of Chosen Hill School will be holding their AGM on Monday the 10th July at 6pm. The meeting will be held virtually and if you would like to join the meeting, the teams link is [here](#)

School Run

Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children. Be mindful of the needs of our local residents when parking during these times

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform Suppliers: Monkhouse

Monkhouse, our school uniform supplier, has notified us that the new PE kit has now arrived and is available online and in the shop for you to purchase.

Please remember the new PE kit is compulsory for the new Year 7s in September, existing students will continue to wear the current kit until replacements are required - then you will need to purchase the new kit.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday 24th June and Sunday 25th June 2023 - Volunteers needed for car parking at Chosen Hill School for the Hucclecote Football Club Tournament, which will be played at the Rugby Club.

If you can spare a couple of hours on either Saturday or Sunday and would like to volunteer, please send us an email stating which time slots you are able to fill.

P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you in advance.



VEO Camera and Tripod

The PE department are aiming to purchase a VEO camera and tripod so we can film sports teams to analyse and improve performance as well as collate evidence for practical moderation.

We are looking for sponsorship and donations to be able to purchase the camera and tripod for the start of the new academic year. We will be doing other fundraising events in Term 6.

The technology is state of the art and utilised by schools in the surrounding area. It provides teachers, pupils and parents with a breakdown of footage directly to their chosen device after the game has finished.

Please find a link to the website and other highlights to see the different features are listed below

www.veo.co

www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTpPSsvMKRM

If you are able to donate there is a link on the school gateway or if you would like to contact Mr Pettifer to discuss sponsorship please email him on jpe@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Deadline for donation is 30th June 2023.



Our Sixth Form Induction Day is on Friday 30th June 2023

We look forward to inviting all applicants to our Induction Day where they will get an experience of Sixth Form, have taster sessions in their chosen subjects and also meet their new cohort.

Please arrive at 08:45 for a prompt 09:00 start. The Induction Day will finish at 14:30.

All applicants will have been sent an invitation to their school email address. The email contains information about the day. There is also a sign-up link in the email that students must complete so we can cater for numbers at our BBQ lunch.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Pettifer on jpe@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Race4Life

During enrichment week on Friday 14th July students will be running our Race4Life course to raise funds for Cancer Research. Our Student Leadership Team will be running an assembly to Yr7, 8 and 9 next week. If you are able to donate there is payment option on gateway. For the event itself students will be encouraged to wear pink or blue and there will be message signs and medals available for all students. If you have any questions about the event please contact Mr Pettifer on jpe@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Enrichment Week

If your child has still not yet selected an activity for the Thursday of Enrichment Week, please do contact us with your choice. We have spaces available on the Harry Potter Studios Tour (cost £35.55) or Tenpin Gloucester trip (cost £30.00). We also have space on the following 2 free in-school activities - Kohler Mira Cars and Make & Do.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium and have any queries regarding funding towards Enrichment week trips then please contact Ms Shelton, Pupil Premium Manager.

Thank you to those who have already made a Voluntary contribution for Enrichment Week, it is hugely appreciated. You can still make a donation via School Gateway if you would like to do so. These donations all help us to provide the various activities happening across the week.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Adult Volunteer Helpers Needed



Bronze Award Helpers:

Due to growing demand and the retirement of 3 key adult volunteers, we now are in urgent need of help from colleagues to ensure we are able to continue to offer the DofE Award here at Chosen Hill School.

There is no need to have formal outdoor education qualifications, but we are willing to fully fund the training and assessment for the Countryside and Coastal Leader (with camping endorsement) and an Outdoor First Aid Certificate, for those adult volunteers that would like to gain a nationally recognised outdoor education qualification.

Gold Award Helpers:

This academic year we are looking to expand the number of Sixth Form participants in Gold DofE Award. However, currently we only have one SWMML, I. Bird, who is available and willing to lead training and supervise the expeditions. This limits numbers to a maximum of just 10 students.

Furthermore, you would need to enrol into the Southwest Mountain and Moorland Leaders scheme or equivalent and complete the training and assessment for a Summer Moorland/Mountain Leader and an Outdoor First Aid Certificate. These qualifications will be fully funded too.

Please do help us keep this excellent personal development programme going for our students by volunteering some time if you can and email Ian Bird (DofE Manger) using: IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk to express your interest and to find out more.

Thank you.

26 Students completed their Bronze Expedition Section this year.

On 13th May they took part in the first aid training necessary for when they are on their assessed expedition to ensure they are prepared in an emergency.

The following weekend the participants worked in their teams. On the Friday evening they pitched their tents and were instructed how to use the camping stoves (trangias) to prepare their evening meal. This was followed by rounders and general games on the school field before retiring for the night. The following morning at 7am the group rose cooked their breakfast, took down their tents and packed their full kit ready for the days hike in the local area to demonstrate their navigation skills learnt in the classroom sessions. Each of the four teams were accompanied by a DofE volunteer to help them accomplish the routes. Leaving from school to, home farm, the airport Staverton Church, Down Hatherley Church, Brickhampton golf course and returning to school using the footpaths and Bridal ways.



The assessed Expedition on 17th-18th June commenced at Birdlip near the junior school. Here participants met their assessors and collected their group equipment. Two teams set off at 9:30 followed by the other Two at 10am. Following clockways or anti-clockways around the routes to Gloucestershire's Girlguiding site at Bubbs Hill. During the weekend groups visited Barrow Wake, Coberley Church, Cowley Church, Elkstone Church, Brimpfield Church, Hazel Hanger Woods and back to Birdlip. Teams were on their own being remotely supervised and only meeting the volunteers at points along their routes.



Day 1 all teams had little navigational errors, with one team who seemed to like Coberley Church and returned there an hour later. However, they all eventually found their way to the campsite a little tired; since although the weather was overcast it was very muggy. At least the forecasted rain and thunderstorms were avoided. After a rest and their cooked food, they all enjoyed time playing games and generally amusing themselves before bed.

Day 2 the groups did the opposite route back to Birdlip with improved navigation. Besides the navigation each group had to choose a project to do during their journey. These were discussed with their assessor at the end of the expedition. Most groups

took photographs of their route and objects of interest like the buildings and the wild flowers. A couple of the teams want to collage their photos or present a blog at a later date.

Well done to all of them! I hope they will continue their DofE journey and go on to do the Silver or Gold award.

I would like to thank my expedition volunteers, Tom Care, Colin Johnston, Beth Pert, Ron Harpham who supervised along the routes and Andy Differ and Gilly Traverse who assessed.





We are once again proud to announce that our participants in the various levels of the DofE Award have been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for their positive contribution to their own personal development and for supporting the local community throughout the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Participants spent a combined time of 1040 hours volunteering for friends, family and other more vulnerable people within the local community. They did a wide range of volunteering activities, including sports leadership, litter picking, event management, raising funds for local charities, charity administration, conservation work and animal welfare, to name but of few. Their combined effort amounted to the equivalent of £5000 of work given freely to aid the community around Chosen Hill School.

Well done and sincere congratulations to all of them on this magnificent achievement!

I Bird
DofE Manager
Chosen Hill School

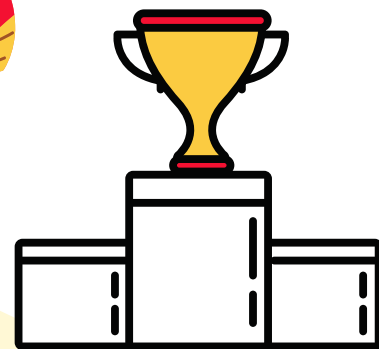
House News

House competitions are well and truly underway this term at Chosen Hill!

In preparation for our Sports Day on 4th July, a banner competition is taking place, giving students the opportunity to create a sign that will be used at the front of their House's Sports Day parade. There are some very exciting prizes at stake for this competition, so students should make sure to submit their banners to the Staff House Leads by 30th June 2023!

The 'House Gaming Competition' is taking place in the week commencing 26th June. Students will compete against one another at Mario Kart and FIFA to be in with a chance of winning voucher prizes and being the video game champion of Chosen Hill!

All House competitions carry the all important House points! Who will be the overall winning House this year?



WANT TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF HAVING YOUR BANNER USED AT SPORTS DAY AND WINNING A £10 AMAZON VOUCHER?

SPORTS DAY BANNER COMPETITION

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS IN DART (ART SUPPLIES PROVIDED):

- 21ST JUNE, D9
- 22ND JUNE, D9
- 28TH JUNE, D9
- 29TH JUNE, D9

Deadline: 30th June

House Colours at Sports Day



It was so good to see everyone making a great house effort in last year's sports day, this year we would like to do even better. The 6th Form are already collecting names of competitors and we are excited about the reports of our new media team. Please encourage your child to take part, as events like this help to foster the togetherness and community that we are striving for in school.

This year's sports day is in the afternoon of the 4th July (with prelims on the 27th June). All students (both competitors and spectators) should bring clothes in their house colours to change into at lunchtime on the 4th. Face paint and house banners are also encouraged. The 6th Form House Captains will be organising decorations during the early lunch before the event.

It is often difficult to source clothes of the right colour so the house team have organised the sale of house T-shirts. These are 100% cotton. Please see the size guide below to allow your child to ask for the correct size, once the T-shirt has been purchased it cannot be refunded or exchanged. There is limited stock so they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Thank you for helping us to make this the best and brightest sports day ever.

Chosen Hill House Team T Shirt FAQ

- 1. How much are the T Shirts?** - We have organised the discounted price of £%. This should be paid in CASH as there are too many options for size and colour to use gateway.
- 2. Where can they be bought?** - The Student Finance hatch by Year 9 canopy, it is open at break and lunch times.
- 3. Which House is my child in?**

Learning Mentor Group	CC & HC	CM & HM	CS & HS	CW & HW
House	CARNE	MASEFIELD	SCOTT	WHITTLE
Colour	YELLOW	RED	BLUE	GREEN

- 4. which size does my child need?** - These are the type of T Shirts that can be worn oversized.

Size	Adult XS	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL
Chest Size (Inches)	35/36	36/38	38/40	41/42	43/44










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
Friday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts 	Year 9 Softball 








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.

Girls Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym		<i>All Years</i> Girls Runders: 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> Runders Matches
Friday		<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	

Cricket Fixtures

- Mon 5th June - U13s Cricket @ Pates (2pm onwards start)
- Tues 6th June - U15s Cricket @ Pates (2pm onwards start)
- Thurs 8th June - U15s Cricket vs Cleeve @ Chosen
- Tues 13th June - U14s Cricket Friendly @ Bournside
- Wed 14th June - U13s Cricket @ Bournside
- Thurs 15th June - U13s Cricket @ Winchcombe (potential later finish then state)
- Tues 20th June - U13s Cricket @ ASA
- Thurs 22nd June - U15s Cricket Friendly @ Holmleigh Park
- Mon 3rd July - U15s Cricket vs St Edwards @ Chosen
- Wed 5th July - U13s Cricket vs Holmleigh Park @ Chosen

All approx. 3.30-3.45 starts unless stated.
All approx. 5-5.30pm finishes unless stated.

*Dates may change due to cup match clashes and other schools rearranging

Any questions about U15s Cricket please email tw@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk
Any questions about U13s Cricket please email sp@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Sporting Fixtures



This week was the Year 7s and Year 8 boys turn to participate in the Athletics at the Prince of Wales Stadium.

A fantastic effort from all, well done!

