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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 24th March 2023



Diary Dates for Next Week:

Monday 27th March 2023:

“School in Action” Photographer in school all day.

Wednesday 29th March 2023:

Celebration Assemblies

Thursday 30th March 2023:

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Friday 31st March 2023:

End of Term 4 - School finishes at 15:05 (normal time)

At the end of another busy week in school, I am sure we are looking forward to the clocks changing to British Summer time on Sunday with lighter evenings and hopefully some warmer weather on the horizon.

Year 12 have been sitting formal exams this week in the Main School Hall and I would like to acknowledge how responsibly they have conducted themselves for each exam.

On Thursday evening Gloucester Cathedral was packed with students, parents and staff from the G15 groups of schools for the annual “Celebration of Success” performance. I will admit that I sat at the front of the Cathedral brimming with a sense of pride as many of our students who participated in the Guys & Dolls musical at school, performed an outstanding rendition of “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat”. At the end of the evening all the students came together to perform a powerful finale.

Can I publicly thank all the students and staff involved in the evening.

Next week is the last week until the Easter Break and then we can look forward to the summer term and all that will entail.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Learning Tip:

Study in Short Bursts

Research shows that we learn better when we study in short bursts. It's called 'spaced practice' and the theory behind it is that learning involves the creation of memories.

Memories are formed through links between neurons. In order for these memories to become embedded, the neurons have to be left undisturbed for a period of time. That's why we learn better in short bursts of studying. This approach gives the neurons time to "lay down" these new memories.

If your child is studying at GCSE or A Level, encourage them to revisit previous material that they have learnt in short regular bursts.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Administrator for Admissions, Attendance and Alternative Provision

Operations Manager

Teacher of Geography and History

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Closing Date

9th April 2023

16th April 2023

16th April 2023



The School in Action

ColorFoto, our school photographer will be in school on Monday 27th March 2023. They will be timetabled to take publicity photos of 'The School in Action'. A selection of these photos will be used for publicity and marketing purposes such as the website and social media (when appropriate).

If you have expressed a wish that your child is not photographed they will not be included in any publicity/marketing materials.

Please contact publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any questions about photography at school and how we use the photographs.

FameLab

Chosen Hill school competed in the Fame Lab Academy Final on Thursday 23rd March 2023, with Anushka Katipalli flying the flag for the school, and the students who competed in the school final going along to cheer her on.

In the run up to the final all students in Year 9 prepared a 3 minute speech on a STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) topic of their choice and 8 class winners were put forwards for a school final. Anushka won the in-school competition and went on to compete with 22 other school finalists from across Gloucestershire in the grand final, held at The Rose Theatre in Tewkesbury.



Anushka delivered a fantastic speech about the origin and potential medical benefits of stem cells, including the possibility of seeing an end to diseases like diabetes. She was up against some tough competition and other topics covered included: The five second rule - should you really eat food that has been dropped on the floor, and Toast - the single best comfort food ever. After a long deliberation, the judges decided that the winning speech was on Deja vu, which it turns out is when the long and short term memory centres of the brain get muddled up, and is not actually a glitch in the matrix!

Well done to Anushka for competing. She walks away with £20 to spend at the Cheltenham Science Festival and a certificate and more importantly, she has made friends with all the other competitors and will keep in touch with them.



Chemistry Olympiad Successes

Recently, the Year 13 Chemistry took part in the National Chemistry Olympiad, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. This gave our pupils a chance to apply their chemical problem solving skills and their A Level knowledge in novel, real-world situations. Over 11000 pupils entered this year across the country and with the result in, Luke Brown and Harriette Davis both achieved Silver certificates, putting them in the top 30% of the country. This is an outstanding result and the first time since Covid that anyone has achieved this level of certification!

Guest Speaker Visit and Questions Session

Last week we were visited by guest speaker Imam Hassan from Gloucester Mosque, whose ongoing task in visiting a series of schools is to “break down barriers”. He spoke at length to both Year 7 and Year 10 about key elements of the Muslim faith and the types of everyday challenges that young Muslims face in schools and the wider community. Our students were very much struck by the practical points he made and how similarity as well as difference is apparent when we compare the realities of the Muslim and Christian faiths. His presentation was engaging and led to many open questions at the end of each session. We hope to explore and develop these early roots as part of our pursuit of British values in action.



Yoto Carnegies

This year at Chosen Hill School our Year 9 reading group will be taking part in the Yoto shadowing scheme for the Carnegie book awards. The students will read, debate and discuss 7 brilliant books that have been shortlisted from the original 125 nominated for this award. Shadowing is a national activity with thousands of schools taking part and engaging tens of thousands of young readers.

Our students will take on the role of judges and after reading the books debate who should win the prize, submitting their vote to Carnegie.

We welcome any Year 9 to join our reading group.

<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk>

The yoto
Carnegies

Explore pages of possibility when you open up a brilliant book.
It starts with a **spark.**

WHEN SHADOWS FALL
Esha Brahmachari

NEEDLE
PATRICE LAWRENCE

MEDUSA
THE GIRL BEHIND THE MYTH
Jessie Burton

THE BLUE BOOK OF NEBO
MANDON STEFFAN ROS

The Eternal Return of Clara Hart
LOUISE FINCH

KATYA BALEN
The **LIGHT** in EVERYTHING

I MUST BETRAY YOU
RUTA SEPETYS

Medal for Writing
Shortlist 2023
#YotoCarnegies23 | YotoCarnegies.co.uk

National Careers Week 2023

This week has been very exciting for staff and students at Chosen Hill. Here is a breakdown of some of the activities the students were able to access this week.

To start the week off I asked Chosen Hill staff to complete a careers door plaque, this plaque was to be on the outside of their classroom so that students could see that a career pathway might not be a straight one, It also showed them that their teachers may have had another career pathway before going into education.



Monday:

LM time: Students and staff started the week watching a video about having belief in oneself will give you courage and confidence to reach for the stars regarding their future career aspirations.

Lunchtime: Hartpury College ran a virtual workshop on careers linked to animal and equine.

Tuesday:

LM time: Students and staff watched career videos regarding careers linked to Travel and Modern Foreign Languages

Lunchtime: Gloucestershire College came in to meet with students to discuss options available for them at the end of year 11.

Wednesday:

LM time: today was International women's day students and staff watched breaking through the stereotypes video which looked at different careers regarding gender. Students also watched a clip of hidden figures which tells the story of a team of female African American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Lunchtime: Cirencester College came in to meet with students to discuss options available for them at the end of year 11.

Thursday:

Year 9 visit to Kohler Mira: To support international women's Day, Kohler Mira arranged for students from different schools to attend this event. The students spoke firstly to the female managing director of

Kohler Mira about her career pathway, we then had a tour of the site and finally the students had a Q and A session with female Gloucester Rugby players and female Cheltenham Town football players.

Friday:

Year 10 what next assembly with Gloucestershire Uni: Gloucestershire University arranged a virtual assembly explaining to year 10 students that their career aspirations' start now. Getting the best GCSE results will open more doors for you, so that you can reach your full career potential.



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)	

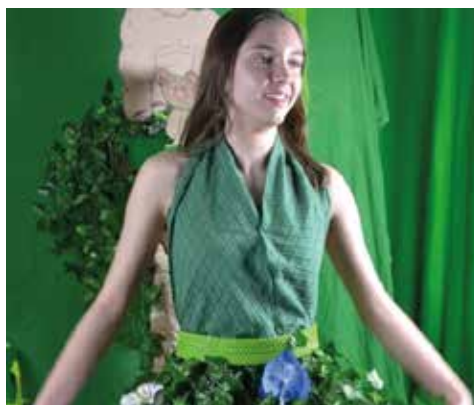
House News

House Renew

Thank you to all those that participated in, and helped out at the House Renew Fashion and Photography competition this year. We would also like to thank all, parents, carers, grandparents and guardians who helped the students gather resources and prepare their outfits. Your enthusiasm and support allowed this event to become a success.

Since December our students (along with the amazing Ms Sharpe), have been working incredibly hard to design and create their own outfits with the theme of 'Jungle' to enter this competition, and the resulting shots are fantastic! You may notice that in the background of each photo are a number of homemade trees. These were created by tutor groups at the end of last term in an upcycling house competition.

Below you'll find a brief preview of some of our students' work. Stay tuned for the winner who will be announced soon!



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

We have some amazing prizes for our Easter Raffle this year including our main prizes:

£50 Cash Prize

2 Luxury Pamper Hampers - each worth over £100

3 Chocolate Hampers

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated items for the raffle - much appreciated. There is still time if you wish to donate as the draw will take place on Thursday 30th March 2023.

If you have not already done so head over to the School Gateway to purchase your raffle tickets - these are priced at £1.

Remember you've got to be in it to win it!





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>	



Photography at Fixtures

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.

Sports Fixtures

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 hockey teams who took part in the District Hockey Tournaments this week at Cheltenham Ladies College.

