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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 26th May 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

**Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday
2nd June 2023:**
TERM BREAK

Monday 5th June 2023:
Start of Term 6.

Thank you for your support over the last term.

The last few weeks traditionally bring additional stress as students make final preparations for exams and we finalise the picture regarding staffing for the next academic year. The students have generally made a confident start to their exams – we wish them well over the next few weeks. Today we celebrated our Year 11 students - sharing old photos, stories and awards as well as our thanks for all they have invested into our school community. The staff and I, like many of you, are very proud of the amazing individuals they have become.

Thank you to all parents and carers for all you do to support the incredible work of our staff to educate and develop the students at Chosen Hill. Have a good half term. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term 6 - welcoming students back on Monday 5th June 2023.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Plan Study Time

Successful students schedule specific times throughout the week when they are going to study and then they stick to this schedule. Students who are not as structured do not perform as well. Creating a weekly routine with your child where you set aside time each to complete home learning will ensure they develop habits which will help them succeed in life-long learning.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

HR Administrator

Alternative Provision School Manager

Link to Advert

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Closing Date

5th June 2023

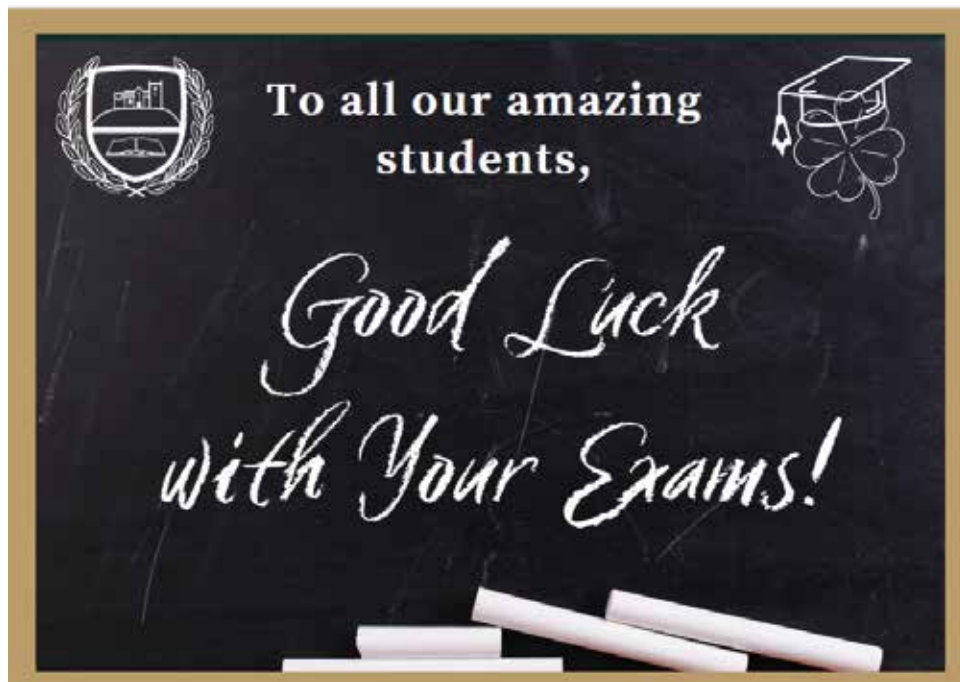
8th June 2023

Communication with School

We welcome timely communication with the school. Please do feel supported in contacting the school if you have any specific concerns or wish to share some positive news about any of our students. We recognise that sometimes things don't go as we expect or hope they would and the sharing of information with staff is really helpful in addressing any issues or concerns to support all students and families.

Unfortunately, very rarely, communication with the school can become aggressive and/or abusive. Clearly this cannot be tolerated and in these situations staff may end the call. It is policy that we will report any abusive calls to the police.

Thank you for your support.



Uniform donations

Once your child has completed their GCSE exams we would appreciate any donations of washed uniform items that are in good condition which will no longer be required. Ties and blazers will be gratefully received in The HUB, alternatively they can be left at reception.

Thank you

PE Dress Code 2023-2024

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 outlined below. The uniform can be purchase through the school's uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#) from 26th May 2023.

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.

PE dress code from September 2023

BOYS

- Green/red reversible rugby shirt;
- Black shorts;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt;
- White socks (non-branded);
- Trainers - any colour;
- Rugby or football boots (essential for outdoor activites on the field);
- Optional: skins (top and bottom) - plain black, (NB. tracksuit bottoms are not suitable for rugby and football) - no large logos.

GIRLS

- Green and White hooded sweatshirt with school logo;
- Black skort;
- Green games socks with white tops;
- Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt
- White socks (non branded);
- Trainers – any colour;
- Optional: black shorts/ leggings/ skins/tracksuit bottoms – plain black, no large logos or mesh sides (CHS leggings available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists).



Apprenticeship News

Are you interested in working with animals?

Aspiring vets in years 10-12 are warmly invited to Dr James's and Dr Shannon's FREE VIRTUAL Get into Veterinary conference on:

Saturday 20th May 9:30am - 3pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone considering Vet School to get a real insight into the application process and what it's like to be a vet!

Students can register for the conference here:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-veterinary-medicine-conference/>

Apprenticeships
Opening doors to a
better future

ICE CREAM
APPRENTICESHIP
OPEN EVENINGS



- Do you want to be involved in making the world's most iconic ice creams such as TWISTER, MAGNUM and BEN & JERRY'S?
- You can EARN whilst you LEARN with one of our 3-year Apprenticeships at the amazing Wall's Ice Cream Site in Gloucester
- We are offering x10 Level 3 Food & Drink Technical Operator Apprenticeships
- Entry requirements: English and Maths GCSE grade C or Level 4 or above – gained or predicted

Come to an open evening – feel free to bring your parent(s) or guardian(s)
Have a look around and see how ice creams are made
Find out more about the Apprenticeship and meet some of the Team

1st June at 1930
22nd June at 1900
20th July at 1830

To book your place Email: angela.seddon@unilever.com



More information

More information about apprenticeships and other Careers related topics including guidance for both students and parents/carers can be found on our website.

Faraday Challenge 2023

Congratulations go to the 36 lucky students from year 8 that were involved in the Faraday Institute of Engineering and Technology Engineering challenge today. Students were asked to design and build a working prototype related to drone delivery of medical and commercial supplies. All the students involved worked as teams to compete to build the best prototype and also to plan, budget and present their ideas to industry experts. The winning team were Ethan Cox, Elliot Wylie, Callum Allcock, Bella Hemming-Henry, Cait Will and Ben Bayliss. All students took home a goodie bag and the members of the winning team takes home a £10 voucher to spend each. The event organiser commented on how wonderful the students were and how well they worked as a team to come up with some creative and ingenious ideas.



Year 11 Leavers Assembly 2023

Once again we've reached that time of year when all students go through the obligatory ritual of shirt signing and an amazing leavers assembly full of memories and laughter. We wish our wonderful students the very best of luck with their exams.







The assembly finished with an outstanding rendition of Sam Smith's 'Stay with Me' which received a standing ovation from staff and students alike.

Well done Hailey.

Meet the Teacher!



Mr Macdowall-Scott joined us as a cover teacher in the music department and quickly found that Chosen Hill was the School he wanted to be at until he retires! His background as a professional musician stands him in good stead in performing arts as the guy that can play the piano in pretty much any style and most importantly showing the students what can be achieved with a little bit of work!

Mr Macdowall-Scott holds performance diplomas from both Trinity College of Music in London and The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, has given solo recitals at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and King's College, Cambridge. He is the Director of Music at All Saints Church in Pittville, Cheltenham where he directs the choir and plays the organ.

He now works as a Learning Assistant at Chosen Hill supporting students in class, continues to play for rehearsals and performances at School and is hoping to start up choirs in the coming months. In the Summer, you can find him coaching Year 7 and 8 Cricket and umpiring the fixtures.

He would like to invite you to an organ recital on Saturday 3rd June 2023 (7pm) at All Saints Church, Pittville, Cheltenham. This church has a strong connection to Gustav Holst - his Father was the organist, and the young Gustav sang in the choir as a boy. Mr Macdowell-Scott serves as Director of Music and organist at All Saints and would like to attract more people to events there.

The recital starts at 7pm and tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#) or on the door priced at £12.






Later in June, he is planning to play the organ for 24 hours from 10pm on Friday 16th until 10pm on Saturday 17th. People can join him in person or on line (more details to follow) and there is a just giving page set up so people can donate funds towards the restoration of this fabulous instrument. More details about the project, All Saints and Mr Macdowall-Scott are available on the All Saints [website](#).



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 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	

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

