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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 27th January 2023



Advance Notice:

Sunday 29th January 2023:

British Basketball League Cup Finals
Departing School at 10am and
returning around 7pm

Monday 30th January 2023:

INSET Day - Students DO NOT attend
on this day.

Friday 3rd February 2023:

Careers Fair.

Monday 6th February 2023:

Fame Lab School Final

Thursday 9th February 2023:

Options Evening

Thank you for your support with student punctuality this week. We have seen a marked improvement to the number of students arriving late to school and appreciate all that you are doing to make this happen.

Well done to the Year 9 rugby team who played a great game against Dean Close in the Semi Final of the EDF Cup earlier this week.

We are really excited to be able to present to you our school production of Guys & Dolls next month. Tickets are now on sale and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming performances.

We would like to remind you that Monday 30th January is an inset day, therefore there will be no students in school on this day.

As you are aware, on Wednesday 1st February school will be partially closed. We will remain open for students in Year 11 and Year 13, along with a number of vulnerable students, with whom we have already made contact.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 will not be in school on this day but will be able to complete work that has been set online. Further communication regarding this online learning will follow next week.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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STRIKE ACTION!

On Wednesday 1st February 2023 Chosen Hill School will be partially closed to all year groups other than Year 11, Year 13 and for some vulnerable students who have been contacted. All other students in Year 7 to Y10 have been asked to remain at home where they can access work set online.

Learning Tip:

Talk for Writing

If your child has been set a piece of writing to complete as part of their home learning encourage them to talk their ideas through with friend or relative. They can explore lines of reasoning and retrieve elements of knowledge. The time spent talking informs the plan which, in turn, informs the actual writing.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Cover Supervisor	Eteach	5th February 2023
Qualified Learning Assistant	Eteach	20th February 2023
Teacher of Mathematics	Eteach	26th February 2023
Head of Faculty - DART (Design, Technology and Art)	Eteach	26th February 2023

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2023/2024 have now been published and can be found on the [school website](#).

Advance Notice

Parents of Year 9, 10, 11 and 6th Form – Careers Fair Friday 3rd February 2023.

On Friday 3rd February 2023, we are holding a Careers Fair in the Main School Hall. The event will run from 11.20am, across Period 3 (Year 10), Period 4 (Year 11 and Sixth Form) and Period 5 (Year 9). Parents are invited to join at 3.30pm. The Event will close at 4.45pm.

We will have representatives from a number of industries including Engineering, Healthcare, Construction, Hospitality and Catering, Childcare, Manufacturing and Cyber Security.

In addition to this, The RAF, ARMY and Navy will join us and Higher Education Providers including Hartpury, Gloucestershire, Cirencester and Stroud College.

The University of Gloucestershire will also join us and Post 16 Training providers including Prospect Training and Bridge Training.

A representative from our own 6th Form will also attend to share the opportunities available at Chosen Hill. If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs Selwyn](#).

Mrs J Henry and Mrs A Selwyn – Careers.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Options Evening, Thursday 9th February 2023

We started the process for GCSE options this week with an assembly to all year 9 students. They were given their option booklets to start considering subjects of interest for next year.

The options evening will be held on site on Thursday 9th February from 6pm to 8pm. It is an opportunity to hear about the process and talk to subject staff. A letter will follow to confirm the specific arrangements for the evening.

Dress Code

Thank you to all our parents and carers who continue to support the school dress code by ensuring their child wears the correct uniform every day. Chosen Hill School's dress code plays an important part in contributing to the ethos and values of the school and the learning environment. Uniform is an important area, which helps to set the standards. The school has a clear dress code, but for a few students at the start of term 3, this is currently not worn correctly. Parents/carers can help the school by checking that your child leaves home wearing the correct uniform. This includes checking jewellery, false nails, white socks and branded jumpers. Please check the dress code on the school website for any further clarification.

Punctuality to School

Assemblies this week have focused on resolutions and goals for the New Year. One of these was a focus on good punctuality to school and to lessons. The students understand that good punctuality means:

- You arrive to school and every lesson on time.
- You are developing key work place skills.
- You avoid impacting on the learning of others.
- You are not reducing learning time for other students.
- The school recognising and rewarding good punctuality.



The school is piloting a new system to encourage students to come to school and to every lesson on time. This means late punctuality to school and lessons is classified as a negative behaviour. The names of a student who is late, will be recorded on Class Charts as a negative behaviour. This means an alert will be created which will help parents/carers to discuss this with their child and why they were late, at the end of the school day.

Every morning at 8.25am the lower delta gate will be closed and any student who arrives to school after 8.25am will use the upper delta entrance. Mrs Comer and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be there to greet them and record their lateness on class charts. After 8.50am any student who is delayed will sign in to school at reception in the usual way.

We will be piloting this for the first two weeks to find out who is regularly late and the reasons why. If your child is late due to the school bus then this will not be recorded on class charts. Can we politely ask that from Monday, students ensure that they leave for school on time to ensure they are inside the school gate before 8.25am.

Mobile Phone Protocol in School

As outlined in the mobile phone protocol, students in Year 7-11 are not permitted to use or handle any type of mobile phone at school, including watches, iPads, tablets, or any similar device that uses the same technologies. As a consequence of this protocol, incidents involving mobile phones such as confiscation has reduced significantly, as the majority of our student population understand and abide by this protocol.

There are a small number of students who unfortunately continue to misuse the protocol. For example, when a student is spoken to by a member of staff or is referred to the Reintegration Room as part of Disruption Free Learning, they have taken it upon themselves to call their parent/carer. Often this is an emotional text message or conversation that can cause unnecessary worry for the parent/carer on the other end of the mobile phone. At that time, the parent is often receiving a one-sided account of an incident. On occasion, that parent has then come into school wanting to immediately meet with a member of staff which is a difficult request to carry out in a large secondary school.

On these occasions the student should not have texted or made that call. If an incident does happen in school then contact will be made with a parent about the incident, once an investigation has been completed and a fair and rounded understanding of the details can be communicated home.

The school recognises that there may be an occasion where a student has a genuine reason to contact a parent/carer during the school day. In this instance, the student can speak to reception, a Year Lead or other member of staff who can facilitate this, as long as this is within the vicinity of that member of staff. In future, if a student does message a parent or makes a call without permission, then their phone will be confiscated as part of the protocol that is in place and the parent will be asked to collect this from school.

Please can we ask that parents discuss this with their child to avoid any unnecessary resistance from a student and worry for the parent/carer arising from such an event, if this occurs.

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.



98 Bus – Innsworth House Farm



Could all parents/carers please speak to their students regarding issues with the 98 bus that should stop at Innsworth House Farm. If the bus appears to be at capacity ie. with a significant number of standing passengers, the driver will not stop to pick up from subsequent bus stops. This is a regular occurrence and is having a significant impact on some students' ability to get to school. However, there are often empty seats or bags placed on seats, so could students please make sure that they move down the bus, not place bags on seats and use all available seats.



Holocaust Memorial Day

In assemblies this week we have been commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on the 27th of January, as this is the official day of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. A Nazi concentration and death camp, Auschwitz was responsible for the deaths of 1.5 million Jews. The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day this year is 'Ordinary People' and how events such as the Holocaust were shaped by the actions of everyday people.

In our commemorative assembly, our students were introduced not only to the events that led to the Holocaust but the impact other genocides have had. There have been multiple global tragedies and attempted genocides across the world since 1945 and our assembly discussed how global events like these happen. Acknowledging the common themes between the Holocaust, Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur we discussed how these events are underpinned by discrimination against people based on their race, religion or ethnicity.

As the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day this year is 'Ordinary People', we also focused on how citizens can fall into categories; victim, perpetrator, bystander and upstander. We have used this week's assemblies to encourage our students to look closely at how easy it is to fall into the role of a bystander and not speak up when they see or hear things, they know to be hurtful or unfair. Being an upstander is sometimes difficult, but it is the right thing to do.



Finance Education

This term years 7, 8 and 9 will be spending their tutor time numeracy sessions learning about personal finances.

Year 7 and 8 will start by learning how easy it is for people to find out your personal information on line while year 9 will start by learning about gambling laws. Ask them what they have learnt to find out whether you might have been phished without realising!

Other sessions will include:

- Money and careers
- Budgeting
- Child poverty
- Spending wisely
- Best buys and value for money
- Reading payslips
- Public spending
- Ethical spending
- Understanding utility bills
- Exchange rates

Years 7 and 9 will also be covering finance in WPSHE after half- term when year 7 will be learning about banking and year 9 will go into more detail with gambling and identity theft as well as learning about coping with change, insurance, charities and the benefits system.

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)	

Chosen Hill School Performing Arts Department presents:



This fairytale musical love story of New York, is set in the 1940's and tells the story of gamblers, gangsters and dolls in a bygone era.

Nathan Detroit, desperate to find a spot for his illegal gambling operation, bets the highest gambler of them all, the suave and dashing, Sky Masterson, \$1000 dollars that he cannot take a certain woman to Havana. However, this particular dame, Sarah Brown, is a devout missionary and proves to be particularly hard to woo. Meanwhile Nathan's long term fiancée Adelaide, becomes desperate in her efforts to get him to tie the knot, after having been engaged to him for fourteen years...

Featuring many timeless classic, including Luck Be a Lady, Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat and Ive Never Been in Love Before you would be mad to miss it!

Performing on the evenings of the 14th, 15th and 16th of February with tickets now available via the School Gateway.



Tickets are now available via the School Gateway

£8.00 per ticket.

Seats are allocated on a first come first served basis and no changes can be made to seats once tickets have been issued.

Tickets will be distributed by your child's learning mentor the week following your purchase.

Any enquiries can be sent to:

boxoffice@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

We are **HIRING**

Position: Catering Assistant
Location: Chosen Hill School
Hours: 09.30– 14.30
Salary: £9.50 per Hour + Free Meal

To apply please email your interest to
chosenhill@impactfood.co.uk

London Marathon

Our Head of Year 7, Miss Moss, will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April 2023. She will be running for Sue Ryder and specifically supporting Leckhampton Court Hospice in Cheltenham. Miss Moss has said:

"I feel incredibly lucky to have been chosen for a charity place by Sue Ryder and cannot wait to run the marathon on the day. I am already busy adding miles into my training sessions and hopefully can encourage some students to start running in the process! There will be a number of charity events in school to support this but any additional donations from staff, students and parents would be massively appreciated!

Please see the Just Giving link below to find out more about my story and follow my running journey but also a link to the Sue Ryder website where you can see what incredible work they do.

Miss Moss

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

[Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice | Sue Ryder](#)





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.

REMINDER: U12 RUGBY TRAINING, WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

We need 2 teams for a few games coming up soon against Crypt and Pates. Come along if you're interested representing the school and being part of an amazing team!



Year 7 Netball v Denmark Road School

Well played to our Year 7 netball teams this week against Denmark Road

