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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 28th April 2023



Diary Dates for Next Week:

Monday 1st May 2023:

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 2nd May 2023:

NEU Strike Action:

Only students from Years 11, 12, 13 and targeted students to attend.

Work will be available remotely on the website for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Thank you for your support this week and your flexibility with working around the strike days this week and next Tuesday (2nd May). Whilst there is some disruption over the next few weeks with Bank Holidays on consecutive weeks school continues to be busy and productive.

Well done to all those students in Year 11 and Year 13 studying Design, Art, Photography, Catering, Performing Arts and Languages (Orals) that have already started their final exams since the start of this term.

This week we held a really successful programme of Year 10 Mock Interviews supported by local businesses, education providers and employers. It is one of my favourite activities - the uplift in student confidence, pride and self-belief as they walk out of the room is visible!

Thank you for support in getting students to school on time, I have been pleased with the sustained reduction in lateness to school, which has meant a more effective start to the school day.

Many thanks

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Connect with us on Social Media:



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

Be Brave

You don't improve if you are worried about looking foolish. Encourage your child to be brave and have a go. This could be answering questions in class or joining a sports club.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Teacher of English

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

Closing Date

8th May 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.

Second Hand Uniform

We have various items of second hand uniform for sale. Please contact reception for more information.

Chosen Hill School Dress Code

Parents and carers are asked to ensure that their child follows the dress code at all times. Whilst wearing Chosen Hill School uniform, students are representing the school in the local community. Any behaviour out of school whilst wearing our uniform, which falls short of our expectations and which brings the school's reputation into disrepute may result in disciplinary action.

Uniform is an important area, which helps to set the standards. The school has a clear dress code, but this does not always ensure that this is worn correctly. Parents and carers can help the school by checking that your child leaves home wearing the uniform correctly. This includes jewellery.

- A small, plain, single stud earring may be worn in each lobe which must be removed for Physical Education lessons. Ear bars and 'stretchers' are not allowed.
- Moderate, natural looking make-up only.
- No false nails or eyelashes. Nail varnish should be natural looking only.
- Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous – long hair should be tied back during PE or practical lessons.
- No extreme styles or unnatural hair colours are allowed.

School Uniform: Optional Summer Uniform

As we prepare to enter our Summer terms, and hope for some warm, dry summer weather, we would like to remind you that students have the option of wearing a white short-sleeved polo shirt with the school logo (available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists who have a store in Cheltenham and Gloucester). The polo shirt replaces the formal shirt and tie. Another optional uniform item, which replaces the skirt/trousers is black formal tailored school shorts - remember any other shorts are not school uniform.

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.



Chosen Hill School

Equipment

The Top 10



A Blue or Black Pen



A Rubber



Your Reading Book



A Ruler



A Pencil



A Green Pen



A Board Pen



A Glue Stick



A Sharpener



A SHARP Calculator

Student Travel Survey

Our local Councillor, Ben Evans, recently met with residents to discuss the issues surrounding parking and traffic congestion in Churchdown. One of the actions from this meeting was to canvass students in all local schools, to gather information about their journeys to and from school. We have added a link to the survey on ClassCharts and would ask that you please remind your child to complete it by the deadline of 12th May 2023.

Thank you for your support.

JOIN THE GLEE CLUB!

YEARS 7-9
WEDNESDAY LUNCH
PARRY ROOM



Come along and have a sing -
no experience needed!

Disney, musical theatre, pop and more...!

Fundraising at Chosen Hill School

P.A.T.C.H. UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. We raised £815 for PATCH funds and this will be used to help buy some microscopes for science and additional benches around the school.

Our next event will be helping Hucclecote Football club with car parking for their tournament in June. We would like people to volunteer to help with the parking on the weekend of the 24th/25th June between 8.am and 6pm. The busy times are from 8am until 12.30pm and 1.30-5.00pm. If you would be available to help, even if it is just for a couple of hours on either day, please can you let us know by emailing dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. This will raise £450 contribution to PATCH and help a local community club.

The date of our next meeting is Wednesday the 24th May at 5.30pm and it will be by teams. We would love to welcome some new members to the team, so please feel free to join us using the link here

We are also hoping to have a Halloween themed disco for years 7 and 8 in October and another of our popular quiz and curry nights on the 10th of November. Please save the date!

Thank you for your support.

South West Tough Mudder UK for James Hopkins Trust

Please support an amazing young man who attends Chosen Hill School. Ryley Bace is participating in an extremely difficult challenge for the James Hopkins Trust, a local children's hospice, in memory of his little cousin who received respite nursing care at the James Hopkins Trust during his short life.

To read his story and donate visit his Just Giving page:

[Just Giving, Ryley Bace](#)



LONDON MARATHON

Well done to Miss Moss and Tim Rogers (former student and former staff) for completing the London Marathon last weekend.

“A huge thank you to anyone who sponsored Miss Moss in the marathon - nearly £3000 was raised for the amazing Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Hospice.

Thank you!”

Miss Moss



“Reflecting back on an amazing day running in the London Marathon on Sunday.

Easily one of the hardest things I’ve ever done but the most incredible experience to be part of! The support from the crowds of people was just ridiculously good!

Super grateful for everyone who supported in London and from afar, and most importantly, thank you so much to everyone that helped us raise over £12k for the MND Association!”

Tim Rogers

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Jake Selected for England Table Tennis Squad

Just 12 years of age and having one of the best seasons of his career to date, year 7 student at Chosen Hill School Jake Davidson has been selected to be part of the England Table Tennis U13 squad.

His hard work and training, 3-4 nights a week and competitions at the weekend have seen very little spare time in his pursuit to become a top level player. Training out of Cheltenham Table Tennis Club two nights a week and practice with the Gloucestershire County squad together with practice from other top players in the region, mixed with weekend competitive play has already resulted in a lot of time on the table and the road.

His results this season have seen him become the Swansea Open U13 Champion for the second time, the Gloucestershire Schools Champion, Winner of the Cheltenham handicapped event. Plus runner up in the Gwent Open, Plymouth Open 2 star and 4 star tournaments. In addition to this he has made his debut in the U19 British Junior league side for Nailsworth Phoenix alongside his brother Charlie and is fresh from two title wins in the U13 and U15 events at the SW Qualifiers to secure a place in the South West team that will compete at the Inter-Regional Championships in May.

Jake said " I have been really working hard and my focus has been good and the forehand is starting to take shape. My brother Charlie who also plays and has also been helping me with my game, I was delighted to receive this news from England"

The season is not over yet as the next events are the Inter-regionals National Championships and the Table Tennis England U13 National Championships, plus the extra work that is now required within the National Squad who are based in Nottingham.



School Table Tennis Players Compete for a Space in the SW Team

It was a trip down to the South West coast at the weekend as two of our Chosen Hill table tennis players attempted to qualify for the Inter-Regional National Championships by becoming part of the South West Table Tennis Squad.

Cho Tsun Leung and Jake Davidson took part in the U13 and U15 events for two spaces in the SW team that will compete against other regions in the National Championships Tournament on the 20th and 21st May 2023 in Wolverhampton.

Jake continued his form from the Cheltenham Closed Championships and marched his way into the final group of the mixed U15 event in the morning with comfortable victories in the 1st round group matches. Then he took wins over Alyssa Nugen (Devon) who took the female qualification space, Josh Branch (Bristol) and William Richards (Glos) to secure the U15 title and remained unbeaten. Cho Tsun Leung unfortunately found the U15 standard tough and was unable to qualify to the main group but the play-off matches proved valuable.



It was no surprise that then that in the U13 event in the afternoon, Jake again dominated beating 7 players including fellow club member Cho Tsun Leung, and only dropping one set on his way to winning the second title of the day.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Year 9 Students

Last weekend, Megan Bostock and Lorna Watson Y9 were representing Cheltenham Town Ladies Football Club U14's in the ESF2023 - The UK's biggest youth football festival. Their team won all 6 matches and have qualified to play in the National Finals at St Georges Park in June.












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	Year 9 Softball 
Friday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Years 7, 8 & 9 Tennis: Tennis Courts	Year 7 Rugby League 








Sporting Achievements

This week we played our first rounders match of the year at Cleeve School.

- Year 7s drew
- Year 8s lost
- Year 9s lost
- Year 10s won

Everyone did amazingly well! Special mention to the Y7s who played their first ever rounders match and improved massively from the first innings to the second innings. Well done all! We cannot wait for the rest of our matches this term.

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	



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.

DOWN HATHERLEY CC YOUTH ACADEMY

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Down Hatherley CC juniors play competitive cricket in the CGCA Youth League, with teams in the U11, U13 and U15 age groups.

We welcome boys and girls aged 9-15 to our training sessions, which take place on Friday evenings from the end of April until mid-July.

Our coaching team are all ECB qualified and have a wealth of experience in making sessions engaging, inclusive and fun.

We currently have availability in our squads for new joiners. Experience is preferred, but not essential.

Our first session is on 28 April.

Sign up with us here:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/downhatherleycricketclub/signup>

Under 11s 6.00-7.00

Under 13s 7.15-8.30

Under 15s 7.15-8.30

WHY CHOOSE DOWN HATHERLEY?

- * All equipment provided by the club
- * Experienced and highly qualified coaches
- * Excellent ground and facilities
- * Clubmark accredited
- * Joining fee only £50 for the season
- * No weekly session or match fees


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