



**WELLNESS**  
**AMBITION**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**HONESTY**

# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin

Friday 31st March 2023



## Diary Dates for Next Week:

### Saturday 1st April 2023:

Ski Trip to Sauze d'Oulx, Italy -  
Departing from school at 13:30

### Saturday 8th April 2023:

Ski Trip to Sauze d'Oulx, Italy -  
Arriving at school at 18:00

### Monday 17th April 2023:

Start of Term 5.

Thank you for your support over what has been a very busy and disrupted half term. I am really proud of our students and their resilience and focus.

Attendance and punctuality to school and lessons has been a specific focus this term and I am very grateful for your support and the efforts made by the students in showing a marked improvement in all these areas over the last 5 weeks - thank you.

With the signs that spring might actually be here (finally) and the lighter evenings I am hopeful that you will be able to enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation with family and friends over the next two weeks.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 17th April for another busy term.

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

**Mr Pauling**  
Headteacher

happy  
easter

Connect with us on Social Media:



[www.chosenhillschool.co.uk](http://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk)

## Learning Tip:

### Asking Questions

If you are helping your child revise, ask them a high level of questions so that you can check for understanding. It is often useful to create lists of questions and answers as a revision resource.

## Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
Administrator for Admissions, Attendance and Alternative Provision	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	9th April 2023
Premises Manager	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	11th April 2023
Operations Manager	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	16th April 2023
Teacher of Geography and History	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	16th April 2023
KS3/KS4 Assistant Year Lead (Non Teaching)	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	16th April 2023
Non Qualified Learning Assistant (TA)	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	16th April 2023
Student and Families Welfare Officer and Assistant DSL	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	20th April 2023
Teacher Geography and Social Sciences	<a href="#">Eteach</a>	22nd April 2023

## ONLINE SURVEY



### YEAR 7 SEND TRANSITION SURVEY

We are seeking to understand further the experiences of our year 7 parents regarding transition for their child with additional needs.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0KYdz08Hf4>

The survey will be available until Friday 7th April.

## FACE Family Advice

Are you a parent or carer trying to support a young person with any of the following issues?

ADHD  
Anxiety  
Anger  
Autism  
Cannabis  
Depression  
Motivation  
Self-Esteem



If you would like the opportunity to access live, interactive support on these issues, in a climate where being able to speak to an actual person is becoming increasingly difficult please contact us (leaflet with more information also available).



March 2023

# Newsletter



Watch the **Understanding the Teenage Brain** talk - recording now available to rent or buy



## What's new?



### INTRODUCTION TO ADHD

Watch the video  
or attend the live interactive sessions



### CANNABIS AWARENESS

Watch the video or attend the live 'two dates' only talks at the end of March



### off Your FACE

A new series of sessions helping you  
understand addiction and support recovery

## 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.
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## 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.

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## Alaska Pink Salmon

A huge 'THANK YOU' to Alaska Seafood UK who donated some of the 10,000 Alaska Pink Salmon fillets which they were delivering to schools in the UK. We were one of the 250 schools in the UK to benefit from the kind donation.

Our students learned how to prepare and cook the salmon, as well as its health benefits and sustainability. I think you'll agree the salmon tarts look amazing!



## Peter Pan, Wendy and Josh Pickering

"Based on J. M. Barrie's novel Peter and Wendy and inspired by the 1953 animated classic, Peter Pan and Wendy is the timeless tale of a young girl who, defying her parents' wishes to attend boarding school, travels with her two younger brothers to the magical Neverland. There, she meets a boy who refuses to grow up, a tiny fairy and an evil pirate captain, and they soon find themselves on a thrilling and dangerous adventure far, far away from their family and the comforts of home"

Spencer Lloyd (IMBD website)

Huge congratulations to Josh Pickering who stars alongside Jude Law (Captain Hook), Alexander Molony (Peter Pan) and Ever Anderson (Wendy) in the latest adaptation of J.M. Barrie's novel directed by David Lowery.

We caught up with Josh to find out how this all came about...



"I was nine years old when I started my acting career professionally when I auditioned for an agent in London, however I have been acting since I was about three as I used get up every morning and instead of putting on normal clothes I would put on a costume; you would have to call me by the name of the character I was dressed as, and I would act as that character for the entire day, so acting has always been built into me.

The projects I have worked on all came from my agent who frequently sends me scripts of films and TV shows to audition for, I have been lucky enough to audition for some amazing roles and even luckier to be cast as a few.

The characters I have played include: Jack Blackfriars (A Discovery of Witches) a street urchin who was taken in by the lead characters of the show, John Darling (Peter Pan and Wendy) brother to Wendy and Micheal Darling who get taken on an adventure to Neverland, I played young Micheal in a show called 'Safe Space', that is yet to air on SKY as well as a character called Liam in a short film called 'Hope After Suicide'.

My hope for the future is to carry on acting and do it for the rest of my life as it's my absolute passion and I love every aspect of it, I love the people I get to work with, the places I get to see and the things I get to do and learn."

We are all looking forward to watch Josh in action. For a sneak peak of his performance watch the official trailer for Peter Pan and Wendy.

We are so proud of Josh and wish him every success for the future.





# Hi, I'm Riggs The School Dog

Age: I'm 4 years old (5 in May)

Breed: I'm a Cocker Spaniel mix

Owner: My mummy is Mrs Staite



## About me

Hi there, just a bit about me, my name is Riggs, I am very gentle and loving - I work hard helping my human brother at home with his emotions - he has Autism & ADHD and can get worried and upset sometimes but I know how to help calm him down. He is getting big now so I would like to see what other children I can help, especially those that are struggling with their mental health - I can put a smile on anyone's face! I love school - I have certificates to prove it from the kennel club & my mummy is doing some work so that I will be a registered therapy dog! I would like to help others enjoy being at school too, I also love chasing a ball, swimming, running around with my dog or human friends & having cuddles from my friends and family.

Dislikes - when I have to stop chasing my ball  
& when I am not getting constant fuss!



I love school!



Looking good!



**EFL**  
TRUST  
FEMALE  
TALENT  
INCLUSION



Forest Green Rovers  
Community

# Future Lionesses Talent ID Day



**FUTURE  
LIONESSES**  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL



## What:

Forest Green Rovers Community have teamed up with 3v3UK to run an event to identify talented female footballers who could be future lionesses



## When:

13th April  
1pm - 4pm

## Where:

Oxtalls Sports Park  
Plock Court  
Gloucester  
GL2 9DW

## Who:

Girls born in 2006, 2007, 2008,  
2009 or 2010  
living within 1hr of the venue

## Register:

<http://futurelionesses.co.uk>



## Girls Talent Inclusion Event in Gloucester (FGR Community)

FGR Community are running a Girls Talent Inclusion event to try and find potential future lionesses in the Gloucester area.

Event Details:

This is a girls football event for girls born between 2006-2010 and involves lots of fun 3v3 games - held at Oxstalls Sports Park (GL2 9DW), Gloucester on Thursday, April 13 between 1pm and 4pm. There will also be England talent reporters

looking for any future lionesses there. Booking details can be found on the links below.

The event is supported by the EFL Trust Female Talent Inclusion Programme, which helps to identify talented female participants from all parts of the community and aims to ensure social class, ethnicity and demographics are not a barrier to success.

This is a collaboration between the EFL Trust and The FA to create a pathway from local communities, regardless of background, into the FA Women's England Talent Pathway.

Website:

[FGR Community running Girls Talent ID event | WE ARE FGR](#)

[Twitter](#)

It would be great to see as many girls there as possible!

**phs** Group **P=RIOD EQUALITY**

## Creating period equality for all.

Your educational organisation is now providing access to free period products.

**If you need a free period product:**

**During lunch time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**Please go to the Careers Office (opposite D13) where you can help yourself to whatever you need.**

Funded by  
Department for Education

#periodpositive  
#periodequality

## Creating Period Equality in Education

Period products should be made available to those who need them in education as they're a necessity, not a luxury.

The Department for Education's (DfE) Period Product scheme to provide free period products to young people who need them in schools and colleges across England is now available.

This scheme will enable all learners to participate fully in education by making period products available as and when they are needed. With a product offering that suits everyone, there's a choice of pads and tampons, including environmentally friendly products.

Students can access these products by dropping into the Careers Office at lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The area will be supervised by a female member of staff but they will not have to ask, they can just help themselves to whatever they need.



## Chosen Hill School Received Recognition for its Outstanding International Dimension to Learning



Mr. Bird, International Dimension Lead, (second from right), to the left of Scott MacDonal, Chief Executive of the British Council, receiving the International School Award Plaque and Certificate on Behalf of Chosen Hill School at The Houses of Parliament, Monday 20th March 2023.

Despite the numerous restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, students and staff at Chosen Hill School have found many innovative ways to both keep existing relationships going and to develop new international partnerships over the last 2 years. We have kicked started many of our ongoing collaborative projects, acted in an ambassadorial role for one of our feeder primary schools, Parton Manor Primary, and introduced a number of new and exciting projects across all year groups. Furthermore, the School has also re-started its International Dimensions Club and has recently appointed five new Sixth Form Student Ambassadors to promote, lead and manage a range of international activities throughout the school and our wider community.

As a result, the British Council have recognised our outstanding International Dimension to learning here at Chosen Hill School, one that continues to develop and improve as more and more faculties embark on exciting collaborative projects, visits and learning activities with schools from India, Germany, France and Malawi, to mention but a few.

Please continue to encourage your child to get involved in these activities.



Mr. Bird, (first left), with Colleagues from Schools based in Coventry on the Terrace at the Houses of Parliament.



Testing their micro-navigation skills to find a boundary stone on open moorland in the Brecon Beacons.  
From Left to Right: Ethan Duncan, Christy Reji, Jameson Curl-Wride and Elleanor Hawkins

Intrepid Gold DofE Award participants from Chosen Hill School braved the windy and wet conditions of the Brecon Beacons National Park to put their expedition skills to the test during their Introduction to Wild Country Training Weekend, 18th -19th March 2023.

All demonstrated good levels of fitness, competence at navigation through wild country and campcraft. Please join us in congratulating them as they have now completed the formal training element of their Gold Award Assessed Expedition, scheduled for July 2023.

However, they do have one more challenge to complete ahead of July 2023. The team must be able to demonstrate how well they have mastered the expedition skills that they have been taught. Hence, they are now busy planning a remotely supervised 4-day practice expedition, to take place on Dartmoor, 11th – 15th April 2023. Over those 4 days they must effectively use their expedition and teamwork skills to safely conduct a completely self-sufficient walking journey of c. 70Kms. Afterwards, they must also present a practice project using evidence collected whilst journeying, and be able to accurately reflect on their individual performance and experience.

Our very best wishes to them all for a safe and successful practice expedition!

## House News

### House Renew Results

The inspiration for the House Renew competition.



The winning designs:





THE  
WINNING  
HOUSE



Winning House Trees

# And the Y7 winners are:



7HM



7HC



7HW



# And the Y8 winners are:



8CC



8HC



8HW



# And the Y9 winners are:



9HW



9CC



9CW



# And the Y10 winners are:



10CW



10HW



10CC

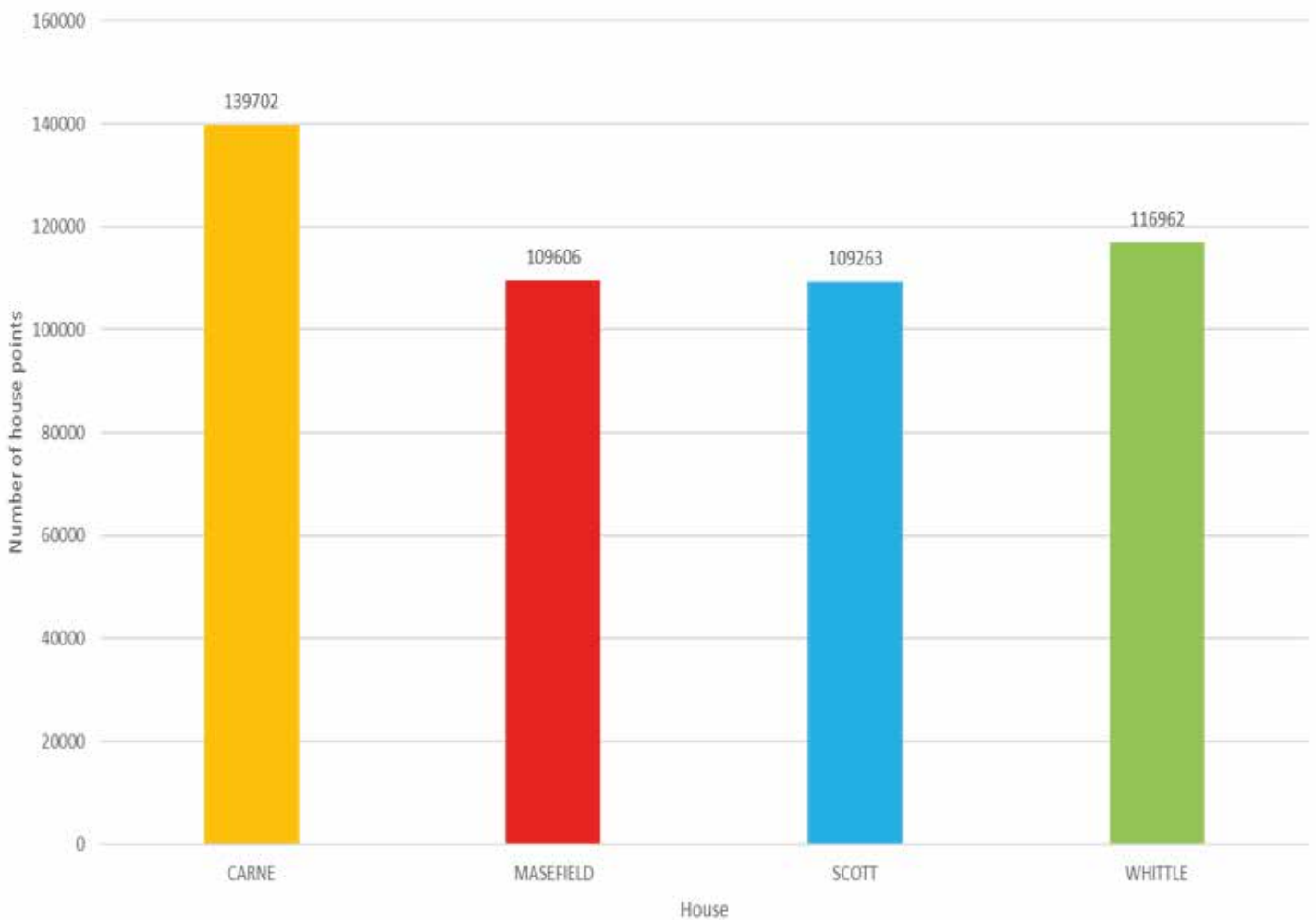


THE  
WINNING  
HOUSE



### End of Term House Points Totals

Final house results 22/23





## Sports Clubs

January to April

	Lunchtime (1:25pm to 2pm)	After School (3:10pm to 4:15pm)	
Monday	<b>Year 7</b> Hockey – Sports Hall <i>CM</i>		
Tuesday	<b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b> Boys Basketball – Sports Hall <i>SP, MAR</i>	<b>Years 9, 10 &amp; 11</b> Netball – Courts <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Boys Football <i>SP, MAR, JP, TW</i>
Wednesday	<b>Years 7, 8, 9, 10 &amp; 11</b> Hockey – Sports Hall <i>CM, ST</i>	<b>ALL Years</b> Girls Football – Field <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	<b>Year 7</b> Rugby <i>TW, SP, JP, MAR</i>
Thursday	<b>Year 7</b> Boys Basketball – Sports Hall <i>MAR, SP</i>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b> Netball – Courts <i>EM, ST, CM</i>	
Friday	<b>ALL Years</b> Girls Basketball – Sports Hall <i>ST</i>	<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> 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](mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) to opt out.



## An Action Packed Week for our Football Teams

Two amazing wins this week for our Year 7 Girls (football)

A great team effort for our Year 8 Boys vs Pates Grammar School

Well done all!

