



Parent Bulletin

March
2025

Key Dates for March

Monday 10th March 2025- Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 12th March 2025- Year 12 Variety Show

Friday 14th March 2025- Year 10 Interview Workshop

Thursday 20th March 2025- FameLab Science Gloucestershire Final

Friday 21st March 2025- INSET DAY- Students do not attend



February Reflections

As we welcome the more recent fine weather and the advent of spring (at last) and settle into the new term, we can reflect on an incredible Term 3 that culminated in the awesome Beauty and the Beast production. Working in school has many rewards – not least of which is seeing potential unlocked!

The huge effort from the cast, crew and lead staff that went into the hours and hours of rehearsals fuelled by a shared desire for excellence really came together to create a truly memorable show – well done and thank you to all involved.

March Forecast

Term 4 has begun with a bang – Y11 have already completed their mock exams and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards expedition season launched. Congratulations to the Y9 Rugby team on their success at Kingsholm winning the plate competition last week. Y9 have also submitted their options choices and the process of planning for the next year's curriculum is already underway. We look forward to Y12 progress exams, coursework deadlines and a full revision programme for our Y11 and Y13. Thank you for your ongoing support for the school – here's to another focussed term of hard work and learning.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Chosen Hill Sporting Achievement

Massive congratulations to U14 Rugby team who won the Plate Final against Churchdown at Kingsholm on Wednesday 5th March. Tough game winning 15-10 but great CHS spirit shown throughout. An amazing opportunity for the students resulting in a win!

Congratulations!!



World Book Day 2025

Our entire year 7 and 8 students and all their subject teachers embraced this challenge with great success.

Across the day an elected student transported a book for two chapters to be read by each teacher to the entire class. The books were chosen with great care ensuring that the stories would catch the imagination and incite conversation. Reading is empowering our students to become independent thinkers, better writers and encourages them to achieve their personal best at GCSE – It's not just an 'English' thing!

Mrs Gardner- Library Manager



Notices

Governor Vacancies

Chosen Hill School are currently looking for a co-opted Governor and a Parent Governor.

All details of the jobs can be found on our website alongside the details of how to apply:

<https://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk/home/about-us/working-at-chosen-hill-school/>

Prom Outfits for sale

The Friends of Chosen Hill group have a large number of second-hand prom outfits for sale, starting at £10.

All sizes and condition can be found in the powerpoints linked below the bulletin on our website.

Please contact or visit The Hub for more information.

Year 8 'Awesome Easter Fair

Year 8 have studied a unit of work on mental health in their Wellness lessons between Jan and March. They have been learning all sorts of skills, that will help them to manage their own mental health, develop resilience and where to seek support.

One thing that can greatly benefit our mental health is helping and giving to others, so they have been set the task of organising a 'You Are Awesome Easter Fair' during lesson five on Wednesday 2nd April. Their aim is to raise as much money as possible for the different school house charities which are outlined below –

- Carne - Heart Heroes
- Masefield – The Survivors Trust
- Scott – Children with Cancer UK
- Whittle – Hope for Heroes

Year 7 and sixth form students have been invited to attend the fair so Year 8 can show off their great work and hopefully sell more products.

The 'Awesome Easter Fair', will be a cash only event, so please send your child to school on the 2nd April with some money if they would like to support the event and purchase any goods.

Request for Donations of Good Quality School Uniform Please

We are committed to supporting our school community and promoting sustainability and have a small 'shop' selling some items of pre-loved uniform clothing, at very low prices. Could we please ask for your support by donating any good quality school uniform items that your child may have outgrown. We are especially looking for Blazers and PE items. Your generous donations will be sold at low prices to assist other families with access to affordable uniform options. Please bring your donations to Reception between 8.00am and 3.00pm.

Thank you.

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The Entitled Sons Performance

We are very lucky to have the opportunity to welcome The Entitled Sons band (these are the 4 sons and husband of TV presenter Sarah Beeny) into CHS on Wednesday 30th April, Sarah Beeny will also be attending. They will be doing a live performance, followed on with a talk on Healthy Relationships, Bullying & Mental Health messages & a Q&A for pupils. The talks are designed to enhance what they are learning in their Wellness lessons.

ALL Year 9 and 10 will be attending the talk lesson 1

ALL Year 7 and 8 will be attending the talk lesson 2

Thanks in advance

DT Food Container Collection

If anyone has any empty containers the don't want we would be very grateful to received them in the Food Department. Please take anything that you are able to donate to DART.

Thank you

International Dimensions

Ian Bird, International Dimensions Lead, received this message of thanks form SAI International School in India and was asked to share it with our community:

Greetings from SAI International School.

You will be happy to know that we received or RIDS accreditation. Our dossier was approved with full score. We can't thank enough for all the support you and your school has given us. Our heartiest thanks goes to the students and the visiting teachers also who have lend their support to us for the required evidences.

Going for Gold!

Initial Expedition Skills and Fitness Assessment

This year's teams of intrepid Gold DofE Award participants from Chosen Hill School completed a circular walk of the Miserden area of the Cotswolds to demonstrate their competence at expedition skills during their Initial Expedition Skills and Fitness Assessment Walk on Sunday 1st March 2025

Throughout the day, participants had to carry a fully loaded expedition pack, work as a team to accurately navigate a course through the Cotswolds, safely cook a meal on the Trangia camping stove and handle first aid casualty scenarios.

They approached the assessment with good humour and all of them demonstrated a good level of fitness, competence at navigation, stove safety and casualty management. A few things were pick up for further development during the day but on the whole they are on progress for this stage of the course.

Please join us in congratulating them as they have successfully passed this important milestone in their Gold Award expedition training and move on towards their Cycle and Camping Skills Training Weekend, scheduled for 28-29th March 2025.

Thanks also to Jo Clarke, who volunteered her time to help with this important activity.

Without the support of volunteers like her, the DofE would not run.

We are always looking out for adult volunteers to join our growing team and to help us deliver the Award Scheme to a larger number of students. Currently, we have vacancies for a Bronze Award Leader and Expedition Supervisors. So, if you are interested or would like to find out more information, please email Mr. I. Bird using

IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

I Bird



DofE February Updates

Bronze DofE - Students have now started planning their practice expedition routes using the navigation skills taught on Wednesday evenings with Mr. Bird and the support of Jacob Wiggins, Roman Wardle and Hollie Cummins – 3 Gold DofE participants who are kindly sharing their skills and expertise to assist Mr. Bird whilst he covers the role, pending the appointment of new Bronze Award Leader. If you or anyone you know are interested in taking on the voluntary role of Bronze Award Leader, please contact Mr. Bird, using: IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk, to find out more.

Silver DofE – Massive congratulations to Ms. E. Wheeler (Silver Award Leader) who successfully passed her Countryside and Coastal Leader with camping endorsement despite difficult conditions during the weekend 7- 8th February 2025. This qualification enables her to lead teams and overnight camp in open country without the need for a more experienced volunteer supervising. Well done!!

Gold DofE – The participants have now completed their initial expedition skills training and have planned the route for their initial navigation and skills assessment walk, scheduled for Saturday 1st March 2025. Please join with us in wishing them every success.

Thank you, for the continued support for our participants from all our amazing parents/carers your encouragement is vital to their success!

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House Team Donations

The house team are looking for raffle donations for our House raffle. If any businesses or parents have things that could be donated, please could you email:

df@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Thantwe Primary School Appeal

We have received notification from Thantwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa, that the desks – purchased with the £1,300 raised by the December non-uniform day and the 'Tape Mr. Bird to the Wall' charity event – have arrived and the children at the school are extremely excited about being able to work at them during lessons.

The village elders, the headteacher and staff at Thantwe Primary School have asked us to pass on their sincerest gratitude to all who helped fundraise. Your efforts will have a positive impact on the learning experiences at the school; one which, until our involvement, had only 2 classrooms to teach 649 pupils. With our collective efforts, we have provided them with 2 additional classrooms each with desks, chairs and blackboards. The Malawian Government, have also now responded and helped build a fifth classroom.

The project now moves on to developing pen-pals and fundraising for improved sanitation, textbooks and equipment.

Please look out for the next fundraising project and give generously.

This will be the last fundraising project of the existing Sixth Form Ambassador Team; so, as we continue to nurture and develop a range of international collaborations, with the aim of developing a truly international dimension to learning here at Chosen Hill School, I'm sure you will join us in congratulating the outgoing team for their achievement and stand ready to support the new team with their future projects.

If you have any questions, our would like to help with future appeals, please do contact:

Mr. I. Bird, using IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



3G Pitch Fundraising



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As a School we want to provide our students with the best opportunities we possibly can to support them to be their very best.

We are currently raising funds for a 3G pitch in partnership with the Football Foundation. This will enhance the sports opportunities, not only for our young people but for sport generally in the local community. The pitch will be used by the school and local football clubs, including girls football and disability football. The pitch will also help us create more capacity in our sports hall to enable more time for other sports such as badminton and keep fit classes.

Please help us reach our fundraising goal by following the link below or scanning the QR code above.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chosen-hill-school/>

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GL50: OUR SURROUNDINGS REIMAGINED



CHOSEN HILL
SIXTH FORM



VISIT THE EXHIBITION

Chosen Hill students will exhibit at Sixteen Gallery from the 15th - 19th March.

Check out the exhibition **GL50: Our Surroundings Reimagined** to get a peek at the next generation of creative talent!

SIXTEEN GALLERY - 16, Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier St, Cheltenham GL50 1SW

SAT
MARCH
15TH

OPEN
AT
11.30am

FREE
ENTRY

16 SIXTEEN
Gallery



GL50: OUR SURROUNDINGS REIMAGINED

SIXTEEN GALLERY | 15 - 19 MARCH

This exhibition presents the work of Fine Art and Photography students exploring the theme of **GL50: OUR SURROUNDINGS REIMAGINED**.

The students aim to reinterpret, transform or challenge preceptions of Cheltenham's urban, natural and cultural landscapes providing fresh perspectives on the familiar.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Students were challenged to investigate the theme through their chosen mediums of painting, drawing, mixed media and photography. Asked to reimagine Cheltenham's surroundings with a focus on its landscape, landmarks or daily life and think about what makes Cheltenham unique, its history, atmosphere or hidden narratives?

Their journeys will culminate in finished pieces for this exhibition supported by sketchbooks/portfolios and artwork statements for a fully rounded involvement of the artists' experience exhibiting.