



Parent Bulletin

February
2025

Key Dates for February

Tuesday 11th February 2025– Beauty and The Beast performance 1

Wednesday 12th February 2025– Beauty and The Beast performance 2

Thursday 13th February 2025– Beauty and The Beast final performance

Friday 14th February 2025– Last day before Half-Term break

Thursday 27th February 2025– Year 9 Options evening



January Reflections

With the slightly lighter mornings and the start of the six nations it is beginning to feel like winter is behind us. It has been another incredibly busy term including Y13 mock exams, careers fairs, MFL tasting week, practical exams, Famelab presentations and some incredible sporting success...and of course the school show. I am once again overwhelmed by the admiration, pride and appreciation for the incredible courage, skill and dedication of our cast and contributors to the production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. Somehow they managed to raise the bar again – a huge shout out to the performers, set designers, technical team and lead staff who invested so much in giving the students a chance to shine. Tickets are still available – don't miss the chance to see an incredible show!

February Forecast

Next term promises to be just as busy with coursework deadlines, Y11 mocks and options choices for Y9. we are looking forward to cheering on Y9 Rugby who play in their final at Kingsholm in early March as well as celebrating the wins and participation of so many across a programme of house, school and national fixtures.

Don't forget you can keep up to date with everything going on in school via @chosenhill on Instagram

Best wishes

Matt Pauling
Headteacher

Chosen Hill Theatre



Less than a week to go!

Our students cannot wait to show you what they have been working on. From singing and dancing to helping with makeup and painting set, we have a fantastic team of pupils who have evidenced their commitment and dedication to the project from the very beginning.

This is absolutely not one to miss – with toe tapping choreography and magical musical numbers, you're guaranteed to be singing these songs in the car on the way home!

Tickets are selling fast so don't miss out – get your tickets at the link below:

<https://buytickets.at/chosenhillschool/1506057>

The BATB Team"



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Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 27th February, 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Information has been sent to parents/carers. Any questions can be directed to Ms Poole. - lp@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

MFL Food Tasting

We had a really successful food tasting event on Monday in MFL with our Year 9 students. All students were enthusiastic and used their language skills to order food. Special recognition to the students below who excelled!

Ava John- German

Luke Jones- French/Spanish

Alvina Sunil- Spanish

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

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Gold and Silver DofE First Aid Training Day

The first aid training day was packed with teamwork, practice, and invaluable life-saving skills. Running from 9:00 to 3:15 in the upper school hall, it was a full-on experience that left a lasting impression.

We got to learn how to do CPR on dummies which we had to pump the chest 240 times in 2 minutes, can definitely say it was painful but interesting. We got to learn about the primary survey which included how to deal with a life-threatening injury like putting them into a recovery position if they are not responsive. What to do when someone has got a sunburn which is painful so I'm sure I'll be wearing my sunscreen. How to deal with blisters which you do not burst nor touch them as they can be painful. What a first aid kit includes and what it is not included (we definitely don't need butter in a first aid kit).

The skills we can definably say we attained from this could be how to do CPR properly, how to stay calm, recognizing what the injury could be like whether it's a concussion or what a stab wound it is and how to dress an injury.

It was fun and entertaining, and we got hands-on tasks and a chance to speak about hypothermia like what it is and the reasons for it.

A wonderful experience and would feel great knowing how these skills could genuinely save a person's life. A huge thanks to all the staff and the trainee who supported us and made it into an impactful experience. As a student, it was inspiring to see how much thought and effort went into that day. Not only did we learn skills but got treated to delicious cake and cookies! Thank you again for making this experience memorable.



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International Dimensions Update

This week a team of Year 10 GCSE Business students from Chosen Hill School came into school early to meet, for a second time, with their peers in India, via Zoom.



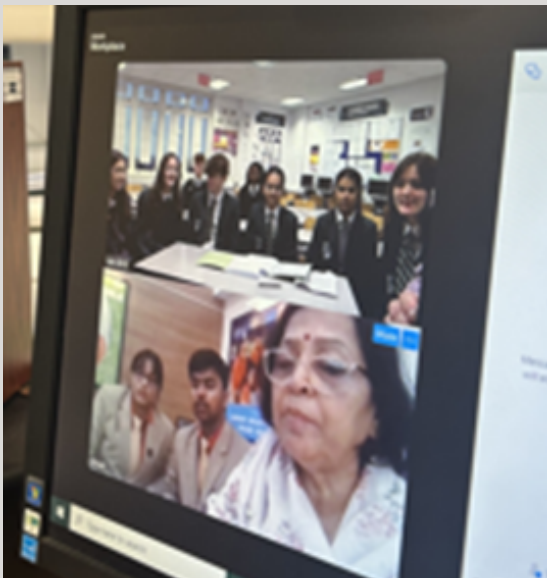
These 6 students have been participating in a voluntary, business-related international dimensions project, called SAIONEER. In collaboration with students from SAI International School, India.

The project requires students to set up and manage a small start-up business, conduct market research, design market-orientated products and then sell them internationally with each school acting as in-country distribution agents for the other. Profits are then used to support ongoing charities such as SAI International's 100 Libraries Project in India and Chosen Hill's Classroom Building Project in Thanthwe, Malawi, Africa.

The purpose of this week's virtual conference was to enable Chosen Hill's team to ask a wide range of primary market research questions using SAI International students as their respondents, whilst also giving a progress report on our efforts to sell SAI's products in the UK.

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The meeting went extremely well, and it was so rewarding to see the students actively engaging and helping each other, from across international time zones, to make progress on this exciting project. Our team left with some excellent information about what types of products Indian customers want, when and where to market them and what prices to charge.



Our students left armed with all the information they need to formulate a business plan, ready to start attracting investors for their new business venture. Watch out for news updates on this in the coming weeks.

Additionally, Mr, Webb and Mr, Bird met with Ms. Suchismita Chowdhury, Head-Global Dimensions, SAI International Residential School, to launch a brand-new music and dance project that we hope will see students from SAI International, Chosen Hill and our primary feeder schools participant in the Gym and Dance Show in November, making it a truly international event.

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Famelab School Final

Famelab is a competition run by Cheltenham Science Festivals and involves secondary schools throughout Gloucestershire.

Pupils in year 9 learn how to research, prepare and deliver a three minute speech based on a STEM topic of their choice. At Chosen hill all year 9 pupils were involved in this competition. They were taught during science lessons how to research, how to include scientific content in their speech at a level their audience will understand what they are saying and how to deliver their talk clearly with a little bit of charisma to help captivate their audience. All pupils performed their speeches in class and each class voted for a finalist. 12 finalists were chosen who went through to today's school final.

The school final was hosted in the main hall with three classes of year 8 students in the audience. 3 judges listened to the fascinating speeches and asked questions of our finalists. From the study of chocolate to the science behind dreams, the duality of arsenics use and even the physics of how to throw the perfect dart, we were treated to some captivating speeches.

Our two runners up were Poppy Davis asking 'what would happen if the Minions managed to steal the moon?' and Tom Cox who gave us the science behind nuclear war – and all they ways that it would kill us!



Our winner was Oliver Brodie who impressed all three judges not only with his entertaining speech about super soldiers but with his level of confidence answering their questions about his talk and his answer that if he could be enhanced in the manner of a super soldier he would use his powers to help those who needed it.

Oliver will now go forward to compete at the Roses theatre in Tewkesbury against 25 other schools and the other 11 class winners will join the audience to cheer him on.

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January Photo Gallery

