



# Parent Bulletin

November  
2024

## Key Dates for November

**Friday 8th November-** Y9 Mini Boost at Elmbridge School

**Monday 11th November-** Remembrance Day

**Thursday 14th November-** Y10 Geography Trip to Bristol

**Monday 18th November-** Y9 GCHQ Language Competition

**Wednesday 27th November-** Y9 Empower Cyber Trip

**Thursday 28th November-** Y11 Gloucestershire College Trip

## October Reflections

As we start Term 2 and look forward to a busy couple of months of learning, exams and activity I am reminded to look back and reflect on the excellent start to the academic year. As always big events at Chosen Hill, whether Open Evenings, House Music or even flash flooding – I am incredibly proud of the sense of community, kindness and sense of team that comes to the fore. Over the last term we have seen an uplift in attendance and the number of positive achievement points as well as significant number of students involved in representing school whether on the rugby field, netball court or performing on stage or helping with school events it has been great to see so many proud to belong to Chosen Hill.

# November Forecast

Whilst the days might be shorter this term the amount that is being put in to the coming weeks is as exciting as it is busy. We look forward to the Remembrance reflections next week and the visitors we will be hosting from Japan and the student representatives that will be flying out to India to collaborate and learn from our partner school SAI International.

We have taken the decision to move to a monthly parent bulletin with and increase in our social media presence to help share and showcase the amazing work being done at Chosen Hill. Please rest assured that we will still let you know the key information in a timely and appropriate manner.

Many thanks  
Mr Pauling, Headteacher

# DofE Highlights

October has been a busy month enrolling all new participants into their awards or moving them up to the next award level, starting the expedition training sessions and helping students find sectional activities. The Year 13s also presented their expedition project presentation to an audience comprising of their family members, SLT, their assessor and the new Year 12 participants who have recently enrolled on to the Gold Award. Currently we have over 120 participants across the 3 award levels either starting off or still working towards completion.

Also, please make plans to purchase the expedition clothing and equipment they will need in the Spring. Christmas is often a good time to share out the cost of doing so with other family members.

We would also like to see the small number of our students who started their Bronze or Silver Award journeys last year complete as soon as possible by uploading any outstanding evidence. This will need to comprise of a photo of them doing the activity, a signed off activity log and their assessor's report. Please could parents check and help their child to do so. Mr. Bird remains on hand to assist them too.

They just need to book a lunchtime appointment with him.

And finally, we are pleased to welcome Ms Elizabeth Wheeler, as our new Silver DofE Award Leader this term. She has made an excellent start and brings energy and enthusiasm to the role -replacing Mr. Andrew Differ who will be a very hard act to follow in the role!

# Sporting Acheivements



We have had a very successful term of boys rugby having good numbers at training and having competitive fixtures against Bournside, Churchdown, Dean Close, Sir Thomas Richs and Cleeve. Yr7s have had 45-50 students train regularly this term. Yr8s got to the semi finals of the district tournament and have been entered for Dean Close tournament this week. Yr9s are into the next round of the rugby county cup they are also into the next round of the ESFA football national cup. Yr10 have improved from last year and pleased to see the competitiveness in recent games. Our 1st XV rugby team are into the 3rd Round of the National Cup after wins against Bournside and Cleeve so far this year. They travel to Monkton School, Bath on Thursday.



The Girls have had a busy term. Year 7 have shown an excellent early commitment and we were delighted to field 4 teams against Leckhampton High. Year 8s are super dedicated in both netball and football and have had many sucessess in both. Our Year 8 footballers have also made guest appearances for the year 9 football team in their cup run, which finished after a tough game against Crypt. The U16 football team were also in the cup and narrowly lost out to a visiting team from Oxford. Our netball team thoroughly enjoyed the county tournament where they put all effort in during their 6 games. Our Year 10s have assisted the Year 11s in their football team as well as having their own team. They are strong year group who are dedicated to training. We are very proud of all the girls who have represented the school last term.

# Chosen Hill Theatre



**Beauty is not about physical perfection, but about authenticity and confidence.  
Beauty and the Beast**

**Our Drama department has been busy this half term!**

**We have been lucky enough to witness some outstanding auditions for our musical offering this year of Beauty and the Beast. We were lucky enough to take some of our cast to see a production of Beauty and the Beast this week so that the students can get some inspiration for our own performance! Our rehearsals are now in full swing and we cannot wait to see our cast shine in February. Please keep an eye on our Chosen Hill Musicals page for more information.**

**In class- our Key Stage three students have been developing their skills across tableaux in year 7, production design such as costume and make up in year 8, and scripted performances in year 9. These skills will build the foundations for students to explore the world of theatre and all it entails.**

**Our year 12 BTEC students have been focused on developing their Variety show acts, exploring their talents across dance, musical theatre and monologues. Please look out for more details regarding their performance dates.**



**Day: Wednesday week 1**

**Time: 3:15 to 4:00**

**Place: Ss23**

**Who: All year groups**

**Come along to enjoy exciting activities that include competition, team work, problem solving and explosions!**

**Crash an egg, build a rollercoaster, explode a stick bomb, catapults, slime and much, much more!**



## **DofE at Chosen Hill School**

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.

If you are interested or would like to find out more information, please email

Mr. I. Bird using:

[IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

## New Members recruit for PATCH

PATCH is the Parents and Teachers of Chosen Hill School, we support the school through various fundraising events held throughout the year. There are many things that PATCH would like to be able to do across the school.

We would like to invite new members to join PATCH! We have had some fantastic members over the years who are now needing to take a step back. This does mean unfortunately that if we do not get any new members joining then we maybe faced with having to disband PATCH, as the saying goes many hands make light work! We need more members and also people that are able to step in to the roll of Treasurer and Secretary.

We meet a couple of times a school year and are happy to hold this mostly by online meetings making it more convenient for everyone, and we just ask that you support where you can with various events held over the year, including school disco's & car parking once a year.

If you would like anymore details regarding joining PATCH then please contact Beth Staite on [bst@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:bst@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Book Club!

We are extremely excited to announce the launch of our Book Clubs! Over the course of the year, we aim to read, meet and discuss new and more established novels. Once every half term, each Book Club will meet with an enthusiastic English teacher at a lunchtime where they will enjoy cake, hot chocolate and, of course, a good book. We would like to ask a small donation of £15 towards the purchase of books as there will be 4 in total. However, if cost is a problem please don't let it stop your child from joining and simply give what you can from £1 to £15.

If you would like to join your year's Book Club then please ask your parents to sign you up on School Gateway by Friday 15th November as there are only 20 places available per year group.

**THE MORE YOU  
READ THE  
MORE THINGS  
YOU KNOW.**



**THE MORE THAT  
YOU LEARN THE  
MORE PLACES  
YOU'LL GO.**

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-DR. SEUSS

# Notices

Year 9 are completing the GCHQ Language Challenge in w/c 18th November and, in preparation, they have been trying out a practice challenge! Why not have a go yourself? You could be in with the chance to win a prize!

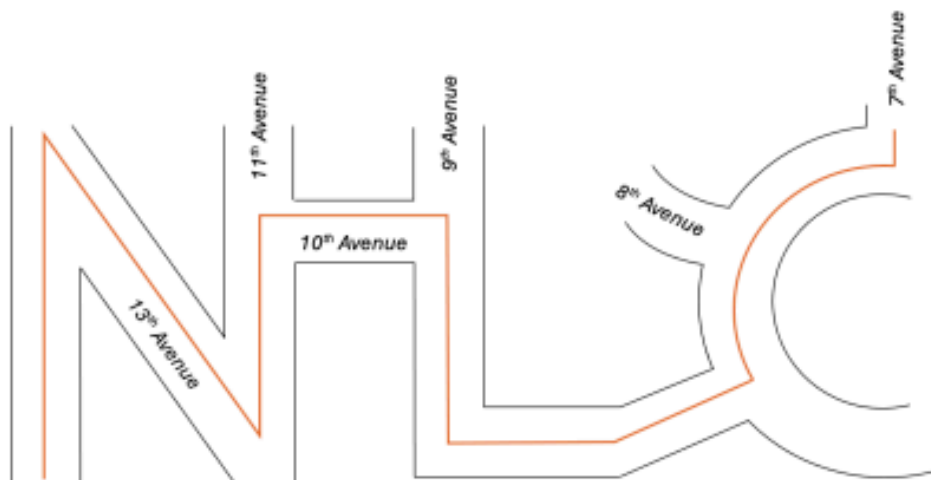
Think you've cracked it? Send your answer to [lp@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lp@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)!



We've obtained a list of directions which are written in an unknown foreign script:

2x1 Ae / S 9D1 x oV2  
 2x1 Ae S1 9D1 x oV2  
 2x1 Ae / S 9D1 x oV2  
 11 Ae / S 9D1 x oV2  
 7 1 Ae 3 9D1 9D1 9D1 9D1

The directions correspond to the following route:



Can you use the map and the corresponding translation to help translate the following unknown numerical code?

7 2 x 2 x 7 2 x 7

## November Careers Newsletter.

Welcome to the new monthly Career's newsletter, this newsletter will have information regarding post 16 and Apprenticeship opportunities, there will also be information for parents on how to support their young person through this new experience.

Below are some links and information that you may be interested in:

Year 11:

### Medic Mentors

Is your child interested in pursuing a career in medicine or dentistry, but isn't sure where to start? Then we'd love to invite them to one of our upcoming Get into Medicine or Get into Dentistry Conferences.

These LIVE virtual conferences offer a comprehensive guide through the entire medical and dental application journey, allowing students to gain key insights into the UCAS application process (including the NEW personal statement structure), connect with doctors, dentists and medical/dental students, and gain a clearer view of a future in medicine or dentistry.

Dates: Get Into Medicine:

Saturday 23rd November from 9:30am – 3:30pm

Sunday 24th November from 9:30am – 3:30pm

To register please use this link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dates: Get Into Dentistry:

Sunday 1st December from 9:30am – 3:30pm

To register please use this link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

A certificate of attendance will also be awarded to students who attend, which can be listed on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'. Or to help apply for an Apprenticeship with Health Care.

### Becoming an Estate Agent

Below is the link regarding what is involved in becoming an Estate Agent.

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/>

# Notices

## College Applications

College applications are now open for Sept 2025. Please be aware that it is first come first served regarding students being offered a place. So, the earlier they apply the better.

Further Education, Higher Education, Apprenticeships | Gloucestershire College

<https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/>

<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/>

<https://www.cirencester.ac.uk/>

## Sixth Forms:

Application opening varies from school to school. Please check the school's website for updates.

## Apprenticeships:

GE Aerospace: Applications OPEN!

Variety of Apprenticeships available:

<https://jobs.gecareers.com/aviation>

Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK

## Year 10

### Work experience

Year 10 students have been given information regarding year 10 work experience which takes place between Monday 7th July and Friday 11th July

Here is the link for the application form regarding work experience at Kohler Mira the closing date is the 15th November 2024

## Career Events 24-25

Event	Date	Time	Year Group
Ask the Professional	Friday 6th December 2024	9:00am-2:30pm All Day	Year 11
Careers Fair	Thursday 23rd January 2025	8:30am-3:30pm All Day	All Year Groups
National Apprenticeship Week	Mon 10th-Fri 14th Feb 2025	1:20pm-2:00pm	All Year Groups
National Career Week	Mon 3rd- Fri 7th Mar 2025	1:20pm-2:00pm	All Year Groups



# October Photo Gallery

