



Chosen Hill School

Learning Tip

Cognitive Science

In Wallingham's book, 'Why don't students like school', he explains how we learn. He says that practise is crucial as it helps our memory and makes it long-lasting. He suggests that students practise so that over time they become auto-matic in what they do.

Connect with us on Social Media:



Parent Bulletin - Friday 4th February 2022

Thank you for your continued support with your child wearing face coverings. This time of year always has higher levels of illness and consequently absence, so it is helpful to have so many students wearing masks when moving around school. Thank you for your continued vigilance and regular testing to help us keep the impact on missed learning to a minimum.

This week we have been able to restart assemblies and begin the process of rebuilding the sense of community, that will be supercharged by the collective pride in the staff and students performing in Grease over the coming weeks. I can't wait to celebrate the hard work and dedication that has gone into delivering this production. If you haven't bought your tickets yet – I thoroughly recommend you do! With a full programme of sporting fixtures - including one that saw Mr Webb dust off his boots last Sunday – and the opportunity to engage with external partners, speakers and visits we are looking forward to an exciting few weeks for the school in the run up to the half-term break.

We have recently launched a House rebrand competition/consultation to canvas the opinion of staff and students about our existing offer. This has been a catalyst for further community engagement with students really wanting their voice heard. I look forward to the debate and opinion that will be offered in the following weeks.

One of the unintended consequences of the disruption of the last few weeks has been a general deterioration in the standard of uniform. Thank you to the

parents that attended our uniform consultation evening on Monday your views have been much appreciated. We are in the process of evaluating the feedback from this to inform future decisions, whilst also using the remaining weeks of this term to remind students of the correct uniform as we prepare for a specific focus on this from the start of next term.

I would like to wish all those celebrating it a Happy Chinese New Year 'Kung Hei Fat Choi'

Matt Pauling - Headteacher

Year 9 Options Consultation Evening: Wednesday 9th February and Thursday 10th February Thank you to the huge number of Year 9 parents and students who attended the options' evening on Wednesday night. It was a highly successful evening. Thank you to all those who have booked online appointments about options choices. These will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February between 4pm and 6pm. If you would like the opportunity to talk through your child's options, please sign up for a 10 minute online appointment by using the link below:

<https://chosenhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Lost Property

We have a large collection of lost property. Please can you ask students to collect any missing items (uniform, stationery, water bottles, etc) as soon as possible from the Reprographics Room.

Covid Vaccinations School

We have been advised that the next round of COVID vaccinations in school will be held on 8th February. Please return your consent form that was emailed this week by Monday 7th February. This is for children aged 12 and over to have their second vaccine or for those that missed it last time and would like to have one now.

The consent will not come back into school and we will not be able to accept any consents on the day, so if you wish your child to have the vaccine it is very important that you fill in the consent form when it is emailed.

School Uniform

Please could we ask parents and carers to donate any school uniform, that is still in good condition, when your child has outgrown it. We often require items of clothing that the students have either forgotten, e.g. ties, shirts, blazers, skirts and trousers, or, following an accident, have been made unwearable in some way.

Languages Food Tasting Event - Year 9

In languages lessons during the week commencing Monday 8th February, Year 9 students will have the opportunity to taste food from the countries of the language they are studying.

We are currently studying the topic of food and this event will give the students the opportunity to 'order' food in the foreign language from our 'A' level students who will be 'working' in the cafe.

Following the tasting they will be able to compare and give opinions about the food that they have tasted in French, German or Spanish.



Democracy in Action: Student Voice Counts!



The whole School Student Council met yesterday and was, as usual, a feisty example of practical democracy in action at our school. As usual the Head teacher attended to respond to the agenda created by the Sixth Form Council

Leaders alongside our new Parent Governor Mrs Kessell and Mrs Hanwell, Assistant Head Teacher. The various committees fed back their news from meetings with staff (covering canteen, mental wellbeing and disruption free learning) and the meeting agreed on key action points. New items this time were: reviving our plans for Student Learning & Teaching Ambassadors as well as discussing strategies to make for our Uniform Review and House leadership revamp involve as many views as possible. There was also news of a new Student Voice competition, to reach the widest audience and an opportunity to work with Local Churchdown Councillors. Key points will be turned into minutes and two of the Sixth Form Leaders will attend the next School Leadership meeting to relay the most important priorities.

Competition

Make Our Voices Count: Student Participation Appeal

We are asking students, year councils or learning mentor groups to submit their ideas as to how to improve student participation and involvement in School, and to ensure that student views are part of School decision making the best ideas will be given funding of up to £500 to make them happen!

Entry forms for the competition can be found at Reception.

Closing date: Hand in to reception or via email to s-council@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk by Friday 18th February 2022.



Top 10 Equipment

Thank you to everyone who reminded their children about the importance of the Top 10 Equipment and checked for items missing. We have attached the Top 10 Equipment guide to the bulletin again for reference.

Students can purchase equipment from Student Finance if needed.

Student Finance Opening Times

Monday to Friday

Morning: 08:15 - 08:55

Breaktime: 10:55 - 11:15

Lunchtime: 13:15 - 14:00

Late Bus

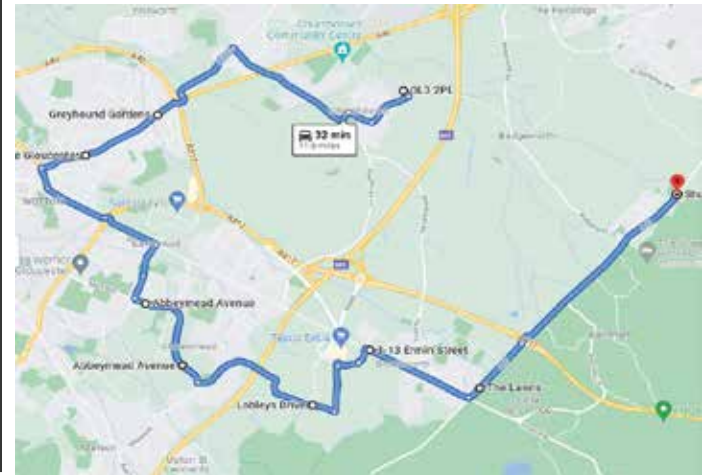
There is an amendment to running times. The late bus will run from Tuesday to Thursday, leaving the school site at 16:30 (4:30pm).

Tickets are purchased directly from Student Services and will cost £2 per student per trip.

This service can only run if students are making use of it regularly.

The bus will be following the route below and stopping at:

- Stop 1: Greyhound Gardens (Stop ID: glodgwmj)
- Stop 2: Elmbridge Road (Stop ID: glodgmdm)
- Stop 3: Wotton Hall Club (Stop ID: glodgtpd)
- Stop 4: Coney Hill Road (Stop ID: glodgtgd)
- Stop 5: Brome Road (Stop ID: glogpjmjw)
- Stop 6: Lobley Estate (Stop ID: glogpjda)
- Stop 7: Ermin Park (Stop ID: glodmagj)
- Stop 8: Shurdington



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The Top 10 Equipment

- Blue or Black Pen
- Rubber
- Your Reading Book
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Green Pen
- Glue Stick
- Board Pen
- Sharpener
- SHARP Calculator

Year 7 Learning Mentor Reading Programme

Twice weekly all Year 7 students participate in our Learning Mentor Reading Programme. Learning Mentors share a book with their class and model reading fluency. The books selected cover a range of themes and text types so that students develop confidence with reading. They also expose students to a wealth of words and phrases that they may well not come across daily.

Why not ask your child which book they are reading in Learning Mentor time and ask them to tell you something about the main characters?

The Year 8 Learning Mentor Reading Programme will begin after half-term.



Grease SAFETY is the word!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Chosen Hill School Theatre. If you have not already purchased a ticket to watch Grease these are available via the School Gateway, but don't delay as they are going fast, especially if you are making a group booking. We believe you are in for a real treat!

A 10 day countdown will begin via our social media on Sunday 6th February with a picture or short video of the rehearsals each day.

We need to ensure our audience and our company are as safe as they can be. Therefore we are asking for your assistance. Even at a time when the government is relaxing restrictions, we want to ensure everyone enjoys our show safely.

We require all guests to:

- take a lateral flow test on the day you are visiting the school to watch the performance,
- wear a mask whilst on site (unless exempt, or eating or drinking),
- bring some extra layers with you as windows and doors will be opened to increase ventilation.

Thank you for your co-operation - and we hope you love the show!

Chosen Hill School Performing Arts Department Presents....

We are delighted to announce that the Chosen Hill School musical this year, is the smash hit musical, Grease. It is probably best known from the 1978 film adaptation starring John Travolta as Danny and Olivia Newton John as Sandy. The musical is named after the 1950s United States working-class youth subculture known as greasers. Set in 1959 at the fictional Rydell High School, it follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure, personal core values and love, and explores social issues such as teenage pregnancy, peer pressure and rebellion.

The score borrows heavily from the sounds of early rock and roll, with memorable songs such as 'Summer Nights', 'You're The One That I Want' and 'Greased Lightning!' It is a feast for the senses with riotous dance, toe tapping songs and a unique blend of comedy and pathos. Our students have been furiously learning lines, choreography and song lyrics – overcoming the added challenges presented by the global pandemic. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work – all they need now is an audience!



***Well-a, well-a, well-a, UH!
Tell me more, tell me more!***



**Tickets available from
Monday 24th January 2022
via the School Gateway.**

Performances are on:

**Tuesday 15th February 2022
7:30pm**

**Wednesday 16th February 2022
7:30pm**

**Thursday 17th February 2022
7:30pm**

Ticket Prices:

**£10.00
(Concession £8.00)**

Get your tickets now for an unforgettable journey back to the summer of 1959!



Tickets are selling out FAST! Get yours now via the School Gateway



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

GCHQ Event for Years 9, 11 and 6th Form Linguists

Last Friday we welcomed two linguists from GCHQ, who came to talk to us about how important languages are to analysis work at GCHQ. They also highlighted that languages go really well with maths, IT and science subjects. Our students were then 'recruited' as spies, using their language skills to decipher a code to be able to provide details of a threat to security. Finally, students had the opportunity to learn some greetings and numbers in Arabic. They were very good at this! Well done to everyone who took part.



“ It was really interesting to hear about the variety of career paths you can go down using languages
Ben, Year 12 ”

“ It was good to see the Year 9 students participating too
Gabi, Year 12 ”

“ We really enjoyed learning Arabic because it was different ”
Caleb & Joe, Year 9 ”



German activity worksheet:

“ I enjoyed unscrambling the German words ”
Alex, Year 9 ”

GCHQ has been given authorisation to monitor a suspected terrorist cell who are believed to be planning a large scale attack in London. Today's date is 21 October 2021. The leader of the cell is code-named CLOUDY RIVER (CR) and he is particularly security conscious and enciphers key words and disguises his activities by using celebration words to refer to attacks, for example birthday cake for a bomb and candles for detonators. You are new to GCHQ and need to translate a message from CR in order to find key intelligence to pass to the police to stop the attack.



BATTLE OF THE BALLS

Charity Match

Sunday 30th January 2022 saw the Battle of the Balls charity match played at New Meadow Park between Gloucester City Legends, captained by our own Mr Webb, and Rugby for Heroes, captained by Mike Tindall.

<https://twitter.com/GCAFCofficial>



The first half gave us flicks, slips, shots and a penalty shoot in the first ten minutes and then came the goals (Will Morford, Lee Smith and Lyndon Thompkins). So close! Jody Bevan tried to round the keeper, but was denied by a good save by the keeper!

In the second half Gloucester Legends continued as they'd begun, with goals from Alex Sykes, Jody Bevan and Will Morford, a near miss by the Rugby Heroes, hitting the crossbar and bouncing back. No lack of effort from the boys in blue! Thompkins brings down a Rugby for Heroes striker resulting in a penalty and a well deserved goal by Delon Armitage!



All in all a thrilling match on a cold Sunday afternoon.

Well played, both teams!

Man of the Match went to our own Mr Webb (Gloucester Legends) and Dilon Armitage (Rugby Heroes), presented by Zesta's Rob Ellis.



Clubs and Fixtures Gallery

The year 8 boys had their first taste of cricket this week with an indoor tournament against Barnwood and Newent. Going into the fixture with over half the team participating in their first cricket match ever, all the students did brilliantly. We unfortunately lost our first game against barnwood by 1 run from the penultimate ball, the game coming down to Chosen Hill bowling too many wides. However, George Ball batted fantastically scoring 13. In our second game the boys batted brilliantly again setting a very good Newent team 58 to win, Harry McCahill and James Abernethy both retiring with scores of over 15. With Newent's stronger batting line-up, we knew we needed to bowl less wides and restrict their run rate. Harry, George, Mervin, Jack, Sam, James and Oscar all bowled fantastically with Sam and James taking the wickets to restrict Newent. Unfortunately, Newent's last batsman scored 1 off the ball to win Newent the game. Although the boys lost both games, they scored the most runs and took the most wickets of all 3 teams which puts us in a fantastic position for the outdoor season when the sunshine finally arrives.



Well played U12 Rugby v Balcarras. An inspired second half yielding 8 tries, after an indifferent first half. Well done boys!



The U16 Football team played Cleeve this week.



The U14 Rugby team played Marling the in the EDF cup this week.



Clubs and Fixtures Next Week

Girls

Monday (lunchtime)	Year 9 Hockey
Tuesday (after school)	Year 7 Netball Year 8 and 9 Football
Wednesday (after school)	Year 8 and 9 Netball Year 7 Football Year 7 and 8 Cheerleading
Thursday (lunchtime)	Year 7 Hockey

Boys

Tuesday (lunchtime)	Year 9 Basketball
Tuesday (after school)	Year 8, 9 and 10 Football Training U13 Football Match v Winchcombe(H) U14 Basketball Match v Pates (A)
Wednesday (lunchtime)	Year 11 Basketball
Wednesday (after school)	Year 7 Football Training 1st XI Football Match v Sir Thomas Rich's (H)
Thursday (after school)	U13 Football Match v Balcarras (A) U15 Football Match v Pittville (H)

Social Media

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with the latest Chosen Hill School sports news.

Instagram: chosenhillpe

Twitter: @ChosenHillPE

Celebrating Success!

Charlie Davidson, 9CC, represented Chosen Hill School on Sunday 30th January 2021 in the Under 16 Gloucestershire Schools Table Tennis event, the winner going onto represent Gloucestershire in the National Finals on 2nd April.

Charlie successfully got through the group stages, quarters, semi and won the final without dropping a set.

As did his younger brother Jake (aged 11) in the under 13 category.

Charlie has represented the county on several previous occasions in both the under 13 and under 11 category, with great success.

Well done boys!



Sharing Brilliance

We have many amazing, brilliant students and staff at Chosen Hill School, both current and former, and would love to hear of their achievements either academically or general successes. For example:

- Graduation
- External exams, for example, music, languages, etc.
- Sporting achievements

If you would like to share any achievement news with us, please email, along with any photographs that you would like adding, to:

publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk