



# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 4th March 2022



### Learning Tip

#### Read Aloud

Reading aloud to your child has lots of benefits, even at secondary school. When your child hears you read, they learn lots of new vocabulary and have the opportunity to listen to a fluent reader. Audiobooks are also a great alternative.



Welcome back! As we look forward to an energetic and very full term ahead full of positivity and hope we have been taking some time over the last week to extend our support and empathy to all those involved in the terrible events in Ukraine currently. There is information in this bulletin about how we might show this support for the families affected.

With the lighter mornings and longer evenings, this term marks the half way point in the year. Looking back to September this school year certainly feels like it has moved very fast - and been pretty eventful!

Thank you for your support earlier this week with the kitchen being out of action for three days.

A full programme of sporting fixtures alongside a growing number of extra-curricular clubs and activities have continued from last term. Please don't forget that we are running a late bus to help as many students as possible so they are able to take part.

I am really proud of Dan Hutchins (Y9) who this week launched his candidacy for the Youth Parliament -well done Dan. Student leadership is an amazing aspect of the school that informs many decisions and events - from sports leadership to student councils, setting up and leading clubs like Prism to mental health ambassadors and delivering the Boost programme. I really value and appreciate the voice, passion and insight that they provide – thank you!

Earlier this week our new Y7 cohort for September were informed of their place at Chosen Hill School – we look forward to welcoming them in the summer term for their Transition Days.

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates for Next Week

#### Tuesday 8th March

Year 8 Parents' Evening

#### Wednesday 9th March

Year 12 Geography A Level  
Field Trip

#### Thursday 10th March

Year 11 Stroud College Visit  
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

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

## Potential Stagecoach Strike

We have been made aware that there may be Stagecoach strike action during March. We are in liaison with Stagecoach who have said that school buses will be prioritised to mitigate any impact to students and travel. We will communicate any further details as we get them.

## Conflict in Ukraine

As with all conflict this is an ever-evolving situation.

We are aware how difficult it must be worrying about friends and family who are caught up in the conflict and would like to signpost you to some support that is available for anyone either directly affected or anxious about the developing situation in Ukraine.



For help supporting children who may be concerned, please visit:

[Talking to Children About the Conflict in Ukraine - Educating Matters](#)

Below are also some links to recognised charities working to help Ukrainians:

[Ukraine Crisis Children's Relief Fund - Save the Children](#)

[UKRAINE CRISIS | International Committee of the Red Cross \(icrc.org\)](#)

[Crisis in Ukraine: Donate Now | International Rescue Committee \(rescue-uk.org\)](#)



## Ukraine Crisis Appeal

Chosen Hill School students and staff are going to be collecting items to be sent over to Ukraine, we are working with Omega Resources in Stonehouse who will be transporting these items for us.

We are collecting all donations in school until Friday 11th March. Can we ask that students bring their donations to the Hub by this date.

Please see the list below for items that we are able to collect – thank you in advance for your support with this.

Any questions, please contact Beth Staite at [bst@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:bst@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

### How you can help?

We are collecting the following items:

- Batteries/flashlights/Candles
- Nappies/Wipes/Nappy cream/Liners (essential baby items)
- Essential toiletries e.g. Sanitary Products/Toothbrushes/Toothpaste/Washing kits
- First Aid Supplies
- Duvets/Blankets/Sleeping Bags/Pillows/Sheets

Thank you for your support.

## National Careers Week: 7th - 12th March 2022



National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

The ethos of this week is to empower students by ensuring they have an insight into future work and learning.

Better informed students result in better decision making.

Please use the weblinks below for more information:

[New NCW Homepage - National Careers Week](#)

[Youth Employment UK](#)

### “Have your say, use your vote”

#### VOTE DANIEL HUTCHINS (Year 9) Our Local Candidate!



I hope you saw the news item in the previous school newsletter before half term about being able to vote for a Youth MP. I hope that will be me! My name is Dan Hutchins and I am a proud member of the Year 9 Student Council and the Whole School Student Council – so I think I have some experience of, and commitment to, politics and the student voice.

If I were elected MYP, I would represent young people in their worries, struggles and issues – whether that be in school, or outside. I think adults need to listen and see our perspectives – that includes mental wellbeing, where I think we should be more open to discussions and have more support and resources, county-wide. I have a ‘can do’ attitude. If elected, I would make sure I use my position to involve local councils and community

services to improve the facilities and support that we all need! Please see more about me and vote <https://youthsupportteam.co.uk/election/article/daniel-hutchins>

To vote visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/xDtkMSdusX>

OR scan the QR code →

**Voting opens: Wednesday 9th March @ 8am**

**Voting closes: Friday 11th March @ 9pm**

**Open to all 11-18 year olds living/at school in Gloucestershire.**



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Youth Support Team

## Extra-curricular Clubs

We are pleased to announce that our extra-curricular clubs are now up and running. Below are the clubs on offer, we hope that you will encourage your child to participate.

### Monday

#### *Lunchtime:*

**Year 7 & 8**, Table Tennis

**Year 9**, Girls' Hockey

#### *After School:*

**All year groups**, Homework Club, Library

**Sixth Form**, Medicine / Biochemistry

Enrichment, 16:15 - 17:15 - Multimedia Room

### Tuesday

#### *Lunchtime:*

**All year groups**, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

**Year 7**, Drama Club, 13:30 - DS2

**Year 9**, Basket Ball, Sports Hall

#### *After School:*

**All year groups**, Homework Club, Library

**Year 7**, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

**Year 8 & 9**, Boys' & Girls' Football

**Year 10**, Boys' Football

### Wednesday

#### *Lunchtime:*

**All year groups**, Repair Shop, P4

**All year groups**, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

**All year groups**, ECO Club, venue to be confirmed

**All year groups**, Philosophy club, 13:30, L10

**Year 8**, Drama Club, 13:30 - DS2

**Year 10**, Volley Ball

**Year 11**, Basketball, Sports Hall

#### *After School:*

**All year groups**, Homework Club, Library

**All year groups**, STEM Club, S23

**All year groups**, Girls' Cheerleading

**Year 7**, Boys' & Girls' Football

**Year 8**, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

**Year 9**, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

**Year 9, 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month**, Bronze - DofE Group, 15:05 - 16:30, Top Floor, G Block

**Year 10**, Boys' Football

**Year 10, 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month**, Silver - DofE Group, 15:05 - 16:30, Top Floor, G Block

### Thursday

#### *Lunchtime:*

**All year groups**, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

**Year 7**, Girls' Hockey, Sports Hall

#### *After School:*

**All year groups**, Homework Club, Library

**All year groups**, Dungeons & Dragons, U7

### Friday

#### *Lunchtime:*

**All year groups**, Italian Club, L20

**All year groups**, PRISM, Library Quiet Room

**Year 7**, Film Club, Multimedia Room

**Year 7 & 8**, International Dimension Club, G20

**Year 7, 8 & 9**, Girls' Basketball

#### *After School:*

**Year 10**, Strength & Conditioning



## PRISM

As part of developing Chosen Hill School's positive LGBTQ+ ethos and in response to requests from students within school, this week we have been excited to launch PRISM.

PRISM is a student lead club, which focuses primarily on helping LGBTQ+ students find their own voice and increase their confidence levels. Students who are allies are also welcome in the club.

PRISM is taking place on a Friday lunchtime from 1.30-2pm in the quiet room in the library. After half term it is open to all year groups.

The club will follow a weekly program of activities including quiet study, time to chat to other members of the group, movie time and relevant talks from outside speakers linking to LGBTQ+ issues. This week members have been set the challenge of developing a display area in the library linking to LGBTQ+ issues, the club and new positive LGBTQ+ related book reviews which the library have recently purchased. We look forward to sharing photos of the display with you soon.



The club is being run by Year 11 student Robyn Fitch and is overseen by staff members Miss Hall and Miss Hanwell. Please contact these members of staff if you would like to find out more.

## Active Photographic



The school photographer was with us all day taking photographs of an active school day. These photographs will be used as publicity materials, which will be used on the website, in the prospectus, newsletters, bulletins and posters around the school.

Please could you confirm whether you are happy for us to use photographs of your child for the following purposes:

- Internal School Displays
- School Newsletters and Bulletins
- School Website
- School Social Media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn)
- School Prospectus
- Local Press

Please indicate if you are NOT happy for us to use photographs of your child.

If we do not hear from you by Friday 11th March we will assume that you are happy for us to use your child's photograph for school publicity.

Please respond to [publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Sporting News

A super week of fixtures, well done to all involved.



U13 Footballers showed amazing determination in overcoming a 2-0 deficit to finish 3-2 with a last minute winner!



1st XI in County Cup Action against Crypt.



Some lovely football from the U13s in a 3-1 victory against Cotswold School. Into the District Semi-Finals.

## Fixtures Next Week

### Tuesday 8th March

U14 v Chipping Campden (H)  
U15 v Chipping Campden (H)

### Wednesday 9th March

U13 Netball Tournament

### Thursday 10 March

U14 Football v ASA (A)

## Latest News

Follow us on Social Media to get the latest sporting news as it happens.

Twitter, @ChosenHillPE  
Instagram, chosenhillpe