



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin Friday 6th May 2022



Learning Tip

Be Curious to motivate students to learn. It is valuable to explore new places, visit museums and go on field trips. Oxford's [Pitt Rivers Museum](#) is full of ethnographic treasures and will spark curiosity (and is free!).

Diary Dates for Next Week

Thursday 12th May:
Year 12 Parents' Evening

Friday 13th May:
Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Although it has been a short week with the Bank Holiday Monday, it has been another busy one. Summer fixtures are up and running along with a full programme of 4pm club support for Y11 students. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the achievements of our students at the Duke of Edinburgh award evening this week. The science team ran an engineering challenge workshop today (more news about this next week). This evening, PATCH are running their Curry and Quiz fundraiser. We are very grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of the group and the additional resource they bring in to the School.

The exam period is very nearly upon us. I just wanted to recognise and give praise to the Y11 and Y13 students that have been working so hard. Keep working hard and using the support available - the time invested now will make a difference to your final grade.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Year 10 Work experience 11th - 15th July 2022

This is a reminder for year 10 students that their work experience on 11th - 15th July is fast approaching and we still have students who have not found, or have not handed in, their work experience form. This form is vital because it is used to complete a health and safety check on the employer.

If you have completed the form with your child, can you please remind them to bring it back into school ASAP. However, if there is an issue regarding your child finding a placement, can you please make the school aware so that we can support. Many thanks.

Update on the late bus

Please be aware that the late bus will no longer be operating from the week commencing 9th May. The numbers of students using the bus are not sufficient to make it viable at the moment.

Year 11 and 13 Money Balances

Please could you remind your child if they are in years 11 and 13 to use up their dinner money balances and try to bring them down to a zero balance before they leave. Many thanks.

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 13th May – Lesson 5

The year 11 Leavers' Assembly will be during lesson 5 on Friday 13th May. This will be an opportunity to celebrate their time at Chosen Hill School before starting exams.

Students will be signing shirts at 1.15pm followed by an assembly in the Main School Hall from 2pm. Students will be expected to attend normal lessons between periods 1 to 4. Students will then leave school at 3.05pm with the rest of the school.

Just a reminder that you can also find a link to the Exam and Revision timetable here:

[2022 Exam and Revision timetable](#)

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 7th July

Food choices were sent to students earlier in the week. Please can you make sure that your child has selected their choice as soon as possible on the link that was sent to them via email by Mr Pettifer on 4th May.

Mr Pettifer has also sent a link to the students today to ask them to look at their prom tables and email him as soon as possible if any changes need to be made.

Timings for the prom will be 7pm arrival for a 7:30pm photo on the pitch at Kingsholm. Pick up will be at 11:30.



YOUR SAY MATTERS

The Youth Forum is about having your say about how things can be better for autistic young people in Gloucestershire

FOR EVERYONE EVERYWHERE

It is a monthly Zoom event hosted by Inclusion Gloucestershire. You can join from wherever you live in Gloucestershire.



MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE

It is a chance to meet with other autistic and neurodiverse young people and support each other.



INCLUSION GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The youth forum meets once a month on a Tuesday from 5.30pm-6.30pm
BIGGER DREAMS ► BETTER LIVES ► BRIGHTER FUTURES
You can be sent the Zoom link by email.



If you want to join the forum and have your say about things that are important to you, please ask your parent/guardian to fill in a consent form.

For more information, email emilyl@inclusion-glos.org

**INCLUSION
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

Online forum for autistic and neurodiverse young people - 17th May

FROM INCLUSION GLOUCESTERSHIRE:

We are writing to you to inform you of a fantastic opportunity for your child. We are setting up an online forum for neurodiverse young people living in Gloucestershire. The group is for young people between the ages of 14 and 19. The forum will be a space where youth are free to be themselves and can meet with other autistic or neurodiverse young people across the county.

We hope that the forum will help students to gain self-advocacy skills, and to have their voices heard on how to make Gloucestershire better for young people. This forum will be a place where young people can talk about how services can be improved and developed.

The forum will take place monthly, on Zoom, and will be hosted by autistic adults.

Our first forum will take place on Tuesday 17th May at 5.30pm.

The staff facilitating the groups have had safeguarding children training and will ensure that the forum sessions are safe spaces for young people. There will be no pressure for young people to have their video on, or to share their own experiences.

The Zoom link will be shared with you when you have given consent for your young person to participate in the sessions.

You can complete an online consent form here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dJyP7vCeLk>

Donations of Secondhand Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations from year 11 students (when they finish exams at the end of June, or if any is available now), or from any students who have outgrown some of their uniform.

Please pass any clean donations to Reprographics. Many thanks.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation Evening



On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the presentation of Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to all our student achievers.

It was especially pleasing to be able to hold a physical face-to-face event given the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 2 years and the many frustrations, and challenges, which COVID had brought for us all. One that has brought out the very best qualities in our young people;

resilience, determination and adaptability to mention just a few. The DofE Award itself has faced new challenges too, having to adapt each section to be 'COVID flexible' and to the sad passing of its founder and patron, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, after over 60 years at the helm.

As well as presenting the amazing achievements of our students, it was also a great opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank our volunteer helpers. We have been lucky to have a number of people, each providing a vital contribution to the delivery of the Award. Over the last 10 years there have been many people willing to assist.

Volunteers Wanted

- Do you have two or three free weekends a year?
- Do you love the outdoors?
- Do you have outdoor education qualifications or are you interested in gaining some?
- Can you give up just an hour a week to mentor a participant in a particular skill or sport?

If the answer to these questions is YES, please email Ian Bird – ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

There is also a DofE Award Parents' Information Evening coming up too. It is provisionally scheduled to take place in the Upper School Hall, 6pm on 24th June 2022.

If you were present at the Award evening, if you have any photos that you would like to share with us, please email publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



The Platinum Jubilee

DESIGN A BOOKMARK COMPETITION

- House Points for every entry
- Prize for best book mark design
- Hand into Mrs. Gardner or Mrs. Knight in the Library
- Make sure name and tutor group are on the back of the entry
- Suggested size= 17cm x 5cm
- Competition closes on:
16th May 2022



Bookmark competition



Clubs – Summer Term

	Before School (08:00 – 08:25)	Lunchtime (13:30 – 14:00)	After school (15:10 – 16:10)
Tuesday		Girls tennis (all years) Boys Cricket (year 7)	Boys cricket (year 8) Mixed softball (years 7 & 8)
Wednesday	Girls Strength & Conditioning (years 7 – 11)	Girls Tennis (all years)	Mixed athletics (all years)
Thursday		Girls tennis (all years) Boys cricket (years 9 & 10)	Girls rounders (years 7, 8, 9 & 10)
Friday		Girls basketball (years 7 – 8)	

Fixtures next week

Friday 13th May District Athletics Trials Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 @ Pates



Latest News

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