



Chosen Hill School

Learning tip

Be Brave

You don't improve if you are worried about looking foolish. Encourage your child to be brave and have a go. This could be answering questions in class or joining a sports club.

Weekly Bulletin: Friday 18th February 2022

Well, we nearly made it...again! Storm Eunice just cut our term short. I hope you are keeping safe and not been disrupted too much. Last term also saw some incredible successes as school slowly (and carefully) opened up to invite in external speakers, assemblies and events that have brought a positive energy and inspiration to our community. The fitting finale to this celebration of the wider curriculum at CHS was the amazing production of Grease this week. More on this to follow later in the newsletter (yes we will tell you more...) but a huge thank you to all the staff and students that have invested so much energy, time and dedication in creating such a fantastic show. Next term sees building work starting on the professional development suite (D13), which we hope to be ready for Easter, as well as the construction of scaffolding around the gyms for scheduled roofing work.

As mentioned in previous bulletins we have noticed a number of students not wearing correct uniform towards the end of this term and will be using the start of next term to remind students of the importance of keeping high standards of uniform as well as behaviour and attitude to learning.

Thank you for your support over what has been at times a challenging term, balancing a high level of staff and student absence. Please enjoy the next week with friends and family. I am already looking forward to an exciting term 4. Have a great week!

Thanks

Matt Pauling
Headteacher

Advance Notice

Careers Fair - Friday 1st April

Parent's of Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth form

On Friday 1st April 2022, we are holding a Careers Fair at school. The event will run from lunchtime and throughout the afternoon until 5pm. Year 11 will attend during Period 5 and Parents will be able to join with students in Years 9 and 10 at 3.30pm. The event is open to all 6th form students as well. We will have representatives from a number of industries including Engineering, Healthcare, Construction and Cyber Security. In addition to this, the RAF, Army and Navy will join us and Higher Education providers including Hartpury, Gloucestershire College and Cirencester College. A representative from our own 6th Form will also attend to share the opportunities available at Chosen Hill.

We will be back in touch in early March with specific timings and information – Save the date!



World Book Day — Thursday 3rd March

Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in World Book Day with our own form of a 'readathon'; we will be reading a book across the day.

Year 7 will be reading 'Race to the Frozen North' (The Matthew Henson Story) by Catherine Johnson and Year 8 reading 'Run Wild' by Gill Lewis.

Teachers from different lessons will read to the students - covering about two chapters in each lesson.

World Book Day tokens will be with learning leaders to give out to students in KS3.

We are looking forward to a fun day of reading!

Extra-curricular clubs after half term

We are pleased that we are able to start running more clubs after half term as the school is opening up more and more.

[Extra-curricular Clubs](#)



Maths challenge success

Two of our sixth form mathematics students, George Lait and Furkan Cam, have achieved the top grade in the Senior Maths Challenge achieving a Gold award in the November entry. The Challenge is organised by the University of Leeds Maths department and is an international competition focussing on interesting and challenging questions and problems aimed at the top performers in Maths in the country. There are 25 multi-choice questions and out of the entrants approximately 10 % achieve gold.

They both went on to the next round (called the Kangaroo) in which they were around 6000 students taking part. At this stage, they both achieved a very creditable Merit.

They are the Maths stars for the future.



Daniel Hutchins – Our local candidate for UK Youth Member of Parliament



From Wednesday March 8 to Friday 10 March, Chosen Hill students will be voting for the candidates standing in the Gloucester and Forest Area. There are 11 young people standing for election. Daniel Hutchins in year 9 is standing for Chosen Hill School. It would be great if you could encourage your child to vote for their own school candidate.

Daniel is already a member of our Year 9 Student Council and Whole School Student Council, so he has practical experience of identifying and working on student concerns and engaging in school wide issues. If elected he wants to represent the whole of the community by working alongside Council and police officers to deal with young people's concerns and improve the local facilities that they value most. He also has a strong commitment to supporting student mental health and wellbeing – wanting to provide students across the whole area, with self-help strategies, but also ensuring greater availability of coaches and mentors willing to work directly with young people.

Students will have a link to see all the candidates at :-

<https://youthsupportteam.co.uk/election>

It would be great if you could encourage your child to vote online using the link.

Cheltenham Science Festivals Fame Lab Academy

The Cheltenham Science festival season has started with "Fame Lab Academy". This prestigious competition runs each year and aims to promote science communication in schools with year 9 students. Students have to write a three-minute presentation on a topic of their choosing and perform it with no notes, no PowerPoint and only a prop they can hold in their hands. Their talk needs to be full of amazing scientific facts, be communicated clearly and have plenty of charisma to capture the attention of the audience. With the help of STEM ambassador Emma Yhnell from Cardiff University, students competed in their classes to make it through to the School Final.

The 10 finalists performed their presentations in front of Mr Pauling and other senior staff and did an amazing job. The year 7 audience were treated to talks ranging from "Is the moon landing fake?" to "Chemicals found in face cream". After careful consideration the judges awarded William Huntley first place and a chance to perform his talk "How light travels" at the Gloucestershire final on 24th March. William will also attend a masterclass at the University of Gloucestershire to prepare for the final. All finalists will attend the Gloucestershire final at the Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School to support William.

The whole Science department wishes William the best of luck and congratulates all the finalists on their amazing achievements.

Finalists:

Max Gill
Isabelle Marshall
Jack Wisdom
Zuzanna Rybska
Fin Griffiths
Isobel Hobson
Olivia Hammett
Charlie Davidson
Jacob Wiggins – Runner up
William Huntley – Winner



Dates for diary

- ◇ **Year 8 parents evening**
Tuesday 8 March
- ◇ **Year 7 Fair**
Wednesday 23 March
- ◇ **Year 11 Parents information evening**
Wednesday 23 March
- ◇ **Year 11 Prefect Dinner**
Thursday 31 March
- ◇ **Careers Fair—Years 9—13**
Friday 1 April
- ◇ **Year 11 Parents information evening**
Wednesday 23 March
- ◇ **Easter break**
11—22 April (return 25 April)
- ◇ **Year 9 HPV Vaccinations**
Thursday 5 May
- ◇ **Year 7 Parents evening**
Wednesday 15 June

Year 11 Mocks

- ◇ **English**
2 - 3 March
- ◇ **Core mocks**
14 - 17 March
- ◇ **Options mocks**
28 March - 1 April



MFL Food Tasting Event – Year 9



Last week, Year 9 students took part in a food-tasting event which was a great success. Over the last four weeks, students have been learning about different foods and drinks in their French, German and Spanish lessons and information about the cultural differences between the UK and the country that they are studying. Students participated in a variety of activities, consolidating their learning.

In order to taste the various delicious treats on offer, students had to order their food in the foreign language. They were served their food by our A Level students who led activities in the restaurant and encouraged further conversation. Students also received praise on their café loyalty cards for speaking the foreign language with a prize going to the student that spoke the most authentic French, Spanish and German.

We are delighted to announce that the prize winners in each class are:

French: 9H Ayman Zitoni, 9C1 Ilythia Watson, 9C2 Will Sanderson

German: 9H Jack Wisdom, 9C Finley Rennebuch

Spanish: 9H1 William Huntley, 9H2 William West, 9C Kahlan Constantine

We are extremely impressed by the Year group as a whole and the mature approach and enthusiasm they demonstrated during the event. Their engagement in the task was extremely impressive and we look forward to teaching them as they continue their MFL learning journey throughout this academic year.

Well Done Year 9 and our A Level Students!

Quotes

"What's the recipe for the Spanish omelette?" - Akira

"I'm definitely going to do GCSE German now! Danke! - Sam

"La comida es muy rica!" - Kahlan



Sports News

The U13 Girl's football team were in action this week vs Pittville—winning a brilliant 7—2!



A windy 3-1 victory away to Wyedean for the 1st XI. Goals from Marsden Green Jnr, Gore and a fine free kick to end from Dingwall.



Our U14s team have made it through to the County finals! 2nd out of 9 teams and losing out on the top spot by goal difference!



U14 footballers braved the mud and the wind in a 3-3 draw with Pittville.



Huge well done to Erin in Year 9 who played for Aston Villa against England U15s this week.



We are developing strength and conditioning in our curriculum. Some rugby players in year 8 are taking part in a speed and power project

Well done to Ben in year 11 who took part in the Cotswold Marathon last weekend—walking overnight the full 30 mile gold route in 14 hours.



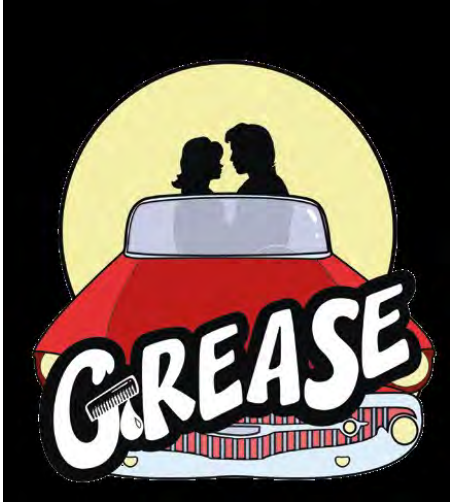
The girls are still working hard in and enjoying Cheerleading sessions



Strong week for the girls at Chosen this week ... 5/5 wins against Churchdown for our U12, U13 and U14 squads!



Grease is the word!

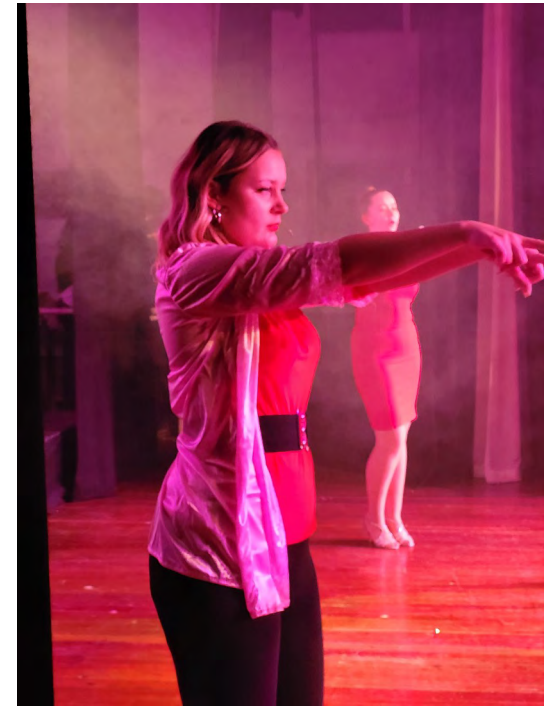


What an outstanding week it has been for the performing arts at CHS, for all the people involved in realising our production of Grease, in the face of so many obstacles. We would like to thank everyone that made the show possible, including all the people who attended to watch the production and the staff and students who ran refreshments and sold tickets, with funds going towards the World Challenge trip.

Special thanks to members of staff for painting and building our amazing sets, awe-inspiring projections, the stunning costumes and make up, the band who were exceptional, teaching the students the music numbers, choreography and directors and their leadership. To the backstage team, with support from Mr day—without whom the show would simply not have been possible – we look forward to our younger students taking up the mantle from our Sixth Form student technicians who depart CHS this year after years of hard work and dedication to the arts. A special thanks to Mr Aston, for his incredible enthusiasm and leadership too.



But all of this would have been for nothing, if our performing students hadn't risen to the challenge (having invested roughly 150 hours of their time, giving up lunches, after school and weekend time in rehearsals for this project). Thank you to the ensemble and cheerleaders who performed and assisted in the realisation of the vision of the production, with patience and professional focus. The principal actors in sixth form, playing an eclectic selection of incredible character roles (many of whom leave us this year and will be sorely missed)! The elegant Ronettes, offering excellent vocals and striking silhouettes. Finally to the Pink Ladies and T-Birds - the majority of whom have never been in a production before – let alone a full musical. The Y11 students Will, Sam, Taylor, Craig, Izzy and Maddie who sang, danced and acted with such quality and energy. The Y12 girls, Ella, Leoni and Grace who found their confidence and realised their incredible potential. But we end with an important and heartfelt thank you to William I, who performed in his final show this week as our lead Danny Zuko - his commitment and dedication to Music and Drama at CHS throughout his time here, has enriched not only our productions but also enhanced the experience of younger students who are taking their first steps on the stage. He has been an ideal role model and mentor to them. We wish you all the very best in your future academic and performance endeavours.



STREATERIES

Aspens

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET	All American Cheeseburger Burger Sauce Wedges	Chicken Shawarma Pickled Red Cabbage	Gammon & Parsnip Yorkshire Pudding Wrap Gravy	Jamaican Jerk Chicken Wings Rice and Peas	Hand Battered Fish
VEGGIE	Chicken Style Strips Jambalaya Cornbread	Egyptian Koshari - Macaroni, Rice, Tomato sauce, Crispy Onions	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole Gravy	Cheesy Macaroni Pie	Veggie Mince and Pea Slice
SIDES	BBQ Beans	Pomegranate Couscous Mezze Salad	Smokey Roasties Roasted Roots	Spinach & Coconut Slaw	Chips Peas

7 MAR, 28 MAR, 18 APR, 9 MAY,
30 MAY, 20 JUN, 11 JUL

WEEK 1

STREATERIES

Aspens

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET	Spicy Andhra Chicken Curry	Sweet Potato & BBQ Pulled Jackfruit Burger	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Bap Gravynaise	Mongolian Lion's Head Beef Meatballs	Hand Battered Fish
VEGGIE	Keralan Egg Molee Curry	Veg Chilli Nachos Homemade Salsa	Quorn Roast & Stuffing Bap Gravynaise	Korean Spicy Rice Bowl with Fried Egg	Homemade Fishless Cake Lemon Yoghurt
SIDES	Turmeric Rice Masala Roasted Cauliflower	Garlic & Herb Wedges Rainbow Slaw	Fennel Seed Roasties Roasted Carrots	Beggar's Noodles Sweet Chilli Broccoli	Chips Peas

21 FEB, 14 MAR, 4 APR, 25 APR,
16 MAY, 6 JUN, 27 JUN, 18 JUL

WEEK 2

STREATERIES

Three Week "Streateries"
 menus starting after half
 term

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Aspens

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET	Bengali Pork Shoulder	American Mustard & Crispy Onion Hot Dog	Beef & Onion Stew	Breaded Chicken Katsu	Hand Battered Fish
VEGGIE	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Rogan josh	Deep South Tomato Pie	Butter Bean & Roots Stew	Veggie Thai Green Curry	Sweet Chilli Jackfruit "Crabless" Cake
SIDES	Whole Grain Rice Coconut Green Beans	Paprika Wedges Red Slaw	Mash Buttered Cabbage	Lime & Coriander Rice Asian Cucumber Salad	Chips Peas

28 FEB, 21 MAR, 11 APR, 2 MAY,
23 MAY, 13 JUN, 4 JUL, 25 JUL

WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET	Peach Cobbler	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Brownie	Cornflake Tart	Sticky Toffee Pudding
VEGGIE	Marble Cake	Carrot Cake	Apple & Cinnamon Strudel	Rice Pudding & Jam	Golden Syrup & Apple Sponge
SIDES	Pineapple Upside Down		Banana Loaf		Apple Crumble

HOT DESSERT SELECTOR