



# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 25th March 2022



### Learning Tip

#### Review Learning

#### Effective learners

systematically review their learning. Asking your child what they have learnt at school is a useful way to encourage them to re-cap their key learning for the day. Rather than ask your child 'What did you do today?' ask them 'Did you find anything you learnt surprising today?'

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### Diary Dates for Next Week

All Week: Year 11 Option Mocks

#### Tuesday 29th March

Year 13 Theatre Trip: Curious Incident of the Dog!

#### Thursday 31st March

Year 11 Prefect Dinner

#### Friday 1st April

Year 9 to 11 Careers Fair

In the week the sun has finally returned to mark the start of Spring, it has been great to see the hard work and focus in lessons and in the contributions to the wider school life.

Congratulations to our sporting teams for your excellent and enthusiastic performances. A huge thank you to the team from Grease who performed brilliantly as part of a very successful G15 Celebration of Success event last night at Gloucester Cathedral. Students from Y7 worked really hard to raise funds to support their chosen charities with their tabletop fair - thank you to all who contributed to running stalls.

Good luck to Y11 for your final round of Mock exams next week. I am looking forward to celebrating the fantastic contribution made to school by our prefects at their dinner on Thursday.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

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## Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy

As a part of your child's educational experience at Chosen Hill School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Ethical and Personal Studies (EPS) that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationship, sex and health education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy and respectful relationships, including intimate ones and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

The changes mean that we have been reviewing our RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst we are sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would appreciate your views on our draft policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE).

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content, as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained within the policy.

The draft RSHE policy with all the linked appendices, which outline schemes of learning, can all be found using the link below.

### [RSE Policy Documents](#)

If you would like to comment on the draft policy, please complete the survey via the link below.

### [Draft Policy Consultation](#)

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback, the finalised Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum.

I hope this letter and information on the school website goes some way to answer any questions you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## G15 Celebration of Success

Last night, Chosen Hill students went to Gloucester Cathedral to perform in the annual G15 Celebration of Success. It was a wonderful evening of musical performances from 15 schools across Gloucester, culminating with all students joining together to sing an original song entitled 'Coming Back Stronger'. The event highlighted the enthusiasm and resilience of the students throughout the pandemic, and their drive to return to live music. Chosen Hill students performed the 'Grease Megamix' to resounding applause from the audience! It was a thoroughly enjoyable event for all and a pleasure to perform in such a magnificent venue. Mr Aston and Mrs Poole would like to congratulate all students who took part and thank them for giving up their time to do so.



## No Child Left Behind Awards at Cheltenham Town Hall

On Wednesday 9th March, Jack Crumpton and Sofia DiProfo were invited by Cheltenham Festivals to represent Fame Lab Academy at the No Child Left Behind awards ceremony at Cheltenham Town Hall. The NCLB awards aims to support and publicise organisations and schools that support young people in and around the Cheltenham area. The evening was packed with performances from surrounding schools and a multitude of awards for amazing projects that are going on in the area to support young people. Fame Lab Academy was nominated in two categories: Inspiring Careers and Achieving boys. It was an honour to be there acting as ambassadors for Cheltenham Festivals Fame Lab Academy and show-case the great contribution that Chosen Hill has made to this regional competition.

<https://twitter.com/nclbchelt>



## Fame Lab Academy final

Huge congratulations go to Will Huntley in year 9 who was runner-up in the Fame Lab Academy Gloucestershire final, run by Cheltenham Festivals.

Over the past few months students in year 9 having been researching and preparing 3-minute talks on any STEM topic. Class winners were then assessed by a panel of judges in school on "Content, Clarity and Charisma". Will was the winner of our school final and then attended a masterclass at the University of Gloucestershire in science communication by Jules Howard, a UK-based zoology correspondent, author and broadcaster.

The Gloucestershire final took place at the Bacon Theatre at Dean Close School and compered by Dr Jamie Gallagher. The talks from all the competing schools were captivating, ranging from neuro-chemicals, positive effects of video games, how a CD works, the wonders of human emotion and the science behind the butterflies in our stomach. Will presented a hugely engaging talk on gravity, displaying the destructive and constructive nature of this force in the universe.

Thanks go to all students that contributed to the Fame Lab Academy programme, the teachers who helped students develop their Science communication skills, and to the students that came to support Will who were outstanding ambassadors for the school.

If you would like to hear Will talking about his Fame Lab Academy experience to Jo Durrant on Radio



Gloucestershire, listen this Saturday for a highlights show and next Monday evening listen to the Josh Smith show after 8pm for the full interviews with the winners and runners-up.



# The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this Spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

**Save the date:**

**Spring HAF**

**11th-14th April**

**What to expect?**

- » Enriching face-to-face activities
- » Delicious meals and food hampers
- » Fun activity booklets and packs
- » Tickets to local events...
- » ...and more!



**To stay up to date on all HAF news...**

Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website: [Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF](http://Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF)

**Subscribe** to our weekly newsletter that will be back from the 11th March.

You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.



## The Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education, will be returning this Spring break between 11-14th April for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The poster on the previous page lets families know of the key dates of Spring HAF as well as signposting them to the channels they can follow to stay up to date. Please could you share this with the relevant families by sending it to them through the relevant channels e.g. a free school meal emailing list of eligible parents in your school.

### Holidays Activity Programme

There has also been some additional funding secured recently so that this offer can once again be extended to all families as part of the HAF programme (Holidays activity programme- NOT funded by the DfE).

We encourage all HAF and HAF families to get in contact with their local offer to see what is available to them. To find out where to get more information about your local offer, you can [click here](#).

If you have any further queries, please get in touch by emailing us at [hafparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hafparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



## Year 7 YOU ARE AWESOME Spring Fair

### Year 7 Truly Are Awesome

The You Are Awesome Spring Fair was held on the 23rd March, and it was a massive success and was attended by staff, Year 8 and sixth form students. Year 7 students used their newly learnt growth mindset skills to produce and put on a superb fair. They managed to raise a total of £689.20 for the Superhero Foundation, a local charity

which supports sick children. Students did themselves proud and worked hard to plan, set up and manage a wide variety of stalls including competitions, raffles, sweet and popcorn stalls, cake stalls, games, including lucky dip and a coconut shy, health and beauty stalls, and even a Rubik's cube competition. Many of the stalls were beautifully laid out to attract customers. Mrs Selwyn, our careers advisor, and Mrs Critchley were our guest judges, and prizes were awarded as follows –

- Learning Mentor Group which raised the most money – 7HC - a whopping £165.30
- The enterprise award – 7CM bath bomb stall Amelia, Amelia M, Lilly and Abi
- The best display and promotional material on your stall: 7CW Easter Stall Group1
- The most original idea for your stall: 7HS Group 1
- The best customer experience on your stall: 7HC Cake sale

Thank you for all your support.





Well done to all involved!

This is a small selection of photos to share with you. We hope to add a gallery to the website shortly.



## Year 11 Prefect Dinner

The Year 11 Prefect Dinner is on Thursday 31st March at Jury's Inn, Cheltenham. Students should arrive for 7pm with dinner being served at 7:45pm. Last song at 11:30pm.

Address for parents/carers dropping off and collecting: Jury's Inn Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL51 0TS



## Careers Fair, Friday 1st April 2022

On Friday 1st April 2022, we are holding a careers fair in the Upper School Hall. The event will run from 1:30pm to 4:45pm and students are invited at the following times:

1:30pm to 2pm	Sixth Form
2:05pm to 2:35pm	Year 11 Chosen
2:35pm to 3:05pm	Year 11 Hill
3:30pm to 4:45pm	Years 9 and 10 (parents and carers are also invited) Sixth Form can also return after school

### Who will be there?

We will have representative from a number of industries including engineering, healthcare, construction and cyber security. The Royal Air Force, Army and Navy will be joining us, as well as higher education providers including Hartpury, Gloucestershire College and Cirencester College. A representative from our own Sixth Form will also attend to share the opportunities available at Chosen Hill School.

Our CAREERS webpage is now live. We are constantly updating, so please check back frequently for important information.

## Student Competition: My Career, My Vision

Students, aged 12 to 18, are invited to submit an image depicting their dream career with an accompanying caption. The image can take any form - a photograph, drawing, graphic design, or anything else - as long as it has been created by the student and clearly depicts the career of their dreams. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The deadline is Friday 8th April 2022.

[ENTER THE COMPETITION!](#)

The school with the most entries will receive a careers presentation led by an inspirational speaker.

For each submission, InvestIN will make a donation to UNICEF

Every student who enters will be invited to a live online CV writing masterclass.

The winner will be given 12 months' membership of InvestIN's AmbitionX platform, which includes access to hundreds of hours of live online career experiences.

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- ★ We'll make a donation to UNICEF for each entry!

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## The Languages Local to You

A photography competition for Secondary School Students, ages 11-16.



The University of Exeter are celebrating the UK's cultural diversity by inviting secondary students, ages 11-16, to participate in an exciting photo competition. And - YES - there are prizes up for grabs.

Students from Years 7-11 are asked to take a photo showing languages other than English in their local area, this could be shop signs, bilingual street signs, film poster, advertisements, and so on. Let your imagination flow! Here are the guidelines:

Provide a brief caption, describing why and how the language is used in your chosen paragraph (up to 100 words)

Submit your photo alongside your caption in Word or PDF format to [lpk@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lpk@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) by Wednesday 6th April 2022.

We will then select up to three entries and send them to the University.

Good Luck!



### Chosen Hill School

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[Monkhouse Catalogue](#)

## Celebrating Success

***Congratulations to former student, Noushien Rad, who has opened her own cake business in Churchdown.***

We spoke to Noushien today and asked her how the idea of opening The Village Cakery came about...



“I opened my own business called The Village Cakery during the pandemic lockdown. My previous career was in the event, travel and charity sector, however due to the pandemic I was made redundant, so I launched my own business.

I have always loved baking and have made cakes since I was a child, so I used my skills to make cakes for the community. I have lived in Churchdown for the majority of my life, attended the local school (Chosen Hill) and worked in a lot of the establishments in Churchdown. I loved the thought of opening a community café and cake shop as Churchdown is about community and supporting local produce, business and people. I have definitely felt the love from Churchdown, its residents and the surrounding areas with the great response, repeat customers and smiles that come to the cake shop!

Our takeaway shop offers cakes, coffee, milkshakes, fresh bread and ice cream! We use local, family run suppliers for our ice cream and fresh bread. The Ice cream comes from a local dairy called Hillsbrooks and our bread is from a local bakery called North’s Bakery. In addition, we also offer bakes for pre-orders such as bespoke birthday cakes,





# The Village Cakery



**CAKE SHOP OPEN**  
**WED / THUR / FRI 11 - 4**  
**SAT & SUN 9.30 - 4**

## Brownies | Blondies

**Cakes | Cookie Pies | Cookies | Rocky Roads |  
 Cheesecakes | Assorted Cupcakes | Coffee |  
 Hot Drinks | Milkshakes | Ice Cream | Bespoke  
 Birthday Cakes | Weddings | Corporate |  
 Dessert Tables | All Occasions | Afternoon Tea  
 and so much more!**



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wedding cakes, brownies boxes, biscuit boxes, cupcakes, corporate event, dessert table, all other occasions, afternoon tea and so much more!

"I'm really proud of what we've achieved in such a short space of time, I've always baked but never to this level and with such support from the community. We currently hire local people to work at the Cakery. With a fabulous team, amazing family and supportive friends this business is the great success that it is, I honestly couldn't have done it without all the support we have received".

Following a tasting session in the IT Services office we can conclude that the cakes and milkshakes are amazing and would, without a shadow of a doubt, recommend them to everyone!

We wish Noushien every success in her sweet venture.

If you own a local business and would like to link with us, please get in touch by [email](#).



## Sporting News

A busy week for our sports teams, well done to all involved.



A beautiful sunny day for the last rugby game of the year for our U12 rugby team. A tough afternoon against Pates but they kept at it throughout!

The U15 footballers brought their season to a close in a close game against Bournside.



A busy week for our U14 footballers this week. Two games in two days!

A 4-2 win against Tewkesbury saw the team into the semi finals! Goals from Theo (2), Sam and Harley.

Followed by a semi final defeat to Cleeve - two games in as many days took its toll.

A very good season boys, well done!

The Year 9 & 11 Netballers enjoyed playing in the sunshine v Balcarras this week.





A great afternoon for the U12 footballers at Henley Bank. Lots of goals across two teams playing their first football games for the school.

U14 footballers miss out of a final place after losing in the semi finals to All Saints Academy.

Lots of chances created but on two goals from Ruben to show for it, which wasn't quite enough.

Great season though, well done!



### Fixtures Next Week

#### Tuesday 29th March

Year 8 Netball, A & B v Pates (A)

Year 7 Netball, A & B v Pates (H)

U14 Basketball v Pittville (H)



#### Wednesday 30th March

Year 11 Netball v Pates (H)

Sixth Form Netball v Pates (H)

#### Thursday 31 March

Year 7 Netball, A & B v Pates (H)

### Latest News

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

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Instagram, chosenhillpe