



# Chosen Hill School

## Learning tip

### Reward Effort not Results

Psychologist Carol Dweck found that the key to instilling a growth mindset in children is by teaching them that their brains are like muscles that can be strengthened through hard work and persistence.

When you reward this hard work, more hard work will follow, but when you only reward an achievement, the hard work often stops when the task is done, or when the task is too hard. Finally, rewarding effort invites your child to adopt a sense of purpose, and to see their work as something other than a means to an end.

## Weekly Bulletin: Friday 7th January 2022



**Happy New Year!**

It has been great to have students back in school and although there has been some disruption from the Brookfield Road closure, students have made an excellent start back.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility with the return to school.

As well as LFD testing students on their return to school this week, we have been rolling out flu vaccines for all year groups which will be completed early next week.

Please can I encourage you to continue to LFD test regularly (twice weekly) as highlighted in the communication sent home earlier this week, so we can minimise any potential disruption over the coming term. All students have been given LFD tests for use at home.

Over the coming weeks we will be supporting our Year 13 with their mock exams and look forward to working closely with our Year 11 cohort as further details regarding their summer examinations are released.

The Performing Arts team have been working hard

(and safely) with their preparations for Grease later this term and, although a slimmed down cast due to the current Covid context, it is shaping up to be an amazing production – more details to follow.

Thank you again for your feedback and support. It is much appreciated

**Matt Pauling**  
**Headteacher**

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## Dates for diary

- ◇ **Year 9 parents evening**  
Thursday 20th January 2022
- ◇ **Year 9 options evening**  
Wednesday 2nd February 2022
- ◇ **Year 8 parents evening**  
Tuesday 8th March 2022

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## Wearing layers to school

Please can you ensure your child/ren are wearing layers to school as much as possible as the weather is turning colder and we are still keeping rooms as ventilated as possible. It is fine to wear a white t-shirt/vest under a shirt and students can also wear a grey v-neck jumper under blazers.



## Brookfield Road Closure

Many thanks for all your patience and support this week as the works started on Brookfield Road. With regards to the safe pick up and drop off there is inevitably some congestion around the roads near Chosen Hill School. We are grateful that the majority of students have been able to get to school on time.

We appreciate the challenges involved in balancing the logistics of getting near the school to park and pick up your child. We would be grateful for your co-operation that, if you do park near to the school, you ensure:

- there is enough room for emergency vehicles to pass through on the road,
- you are considerate to the residents in the area, i.e. not to park in front of driveways,
- not to park on the pavements so that pedestrians, particularly with prams and wheelchairs can pass safely, and
- turn off your engines when parked.

With regards to the Cheltenham bus, and the time for students who catch this bus to get to Station Road in time, we have contacted Stagecoach to see if there is any flexibility in the time the bus leaves the bus stop. In the meantime, teachers have been informed to let students leave promptly if they catch the Cheltenham bus.

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## Year 11 – 4pm Club

4pm Club is restarting from Tuesday 11th January to support students' revision following the recent mock exams. Those students who attended regularly in 2021 benefited from the additional support and saw their current grades improve.



4pm Club has been condensed to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will run from 15:10 until 16:00. If you would like your son/daughter to use the late bus, please can you respond to the survey that was communicated earlier this week with the new proposed route due to the bridge closure.

The timetable of different subjects is available on this [Padlet link](#).

## Covid testing

As communicated earlier this week, it was apparent whilst carrying out the tests that some students were not testing at home. There were also a significant proportion of students, particularly in year 7 for whom we do not have consent to test. Please can we ask therefore that all year 7 parents/carers complete the online consent form which can be found [here](#) on the website in the Covid 19 section and testing.

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## Covid Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

Vaccinations in schools will commence again from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January for age groups. We do not have a date yet for vaccinations to be carried out at Chosen Hill School but in the meantime, if you wish to get your child vaccinated, you can book a vaccination through the [NHS booking system](#). There must be 12 weeks between first and second doses. We will send out more information as soon as we have it about a date for vaccinations in school. Again, this will be run by the NHS, not the school - we will purely be a venue. All consents will be done directly between the NHS and parents.

## School sports fixtures next week

| Day                  | Time         | Year          | Fixture   |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| Monday 10 January    | Lunchtime    | Year 9        | Girls' hockey   |
|                      | After school | Year 8        | Boys' B Team football tournament at Tewkesbury School (15:45-17:30) |
| Tuesday 11 January   | Lunchtime    | Year 9        | Boys' basketball  |
|                      | After school | Year 7        | Girls' netball  |
|                      |              | Years 8 and 9 | Girls' football   |
|                      |              | U16           | Girls' football tournament at Balcarras                             |
|                      |              | Year 9        | Boys' B Team football tournament at Tewkesbury School (15:45-17:30) |
| Wednesday 12 January | Lunchtime    | Year 11       | Boys' basketball  |
|                      | After school | Years 8 and 9 | Girls' netball  |
|                      |              | Year 7        | Girls' football   |
|                      |              | Year 10       | Boys' B Team football tournament at Tewkesbury School (15:45-17:30) |
| Thursday 13 January  | Lunchtime    | Year 7        | Girls' hockey   |
|                      | After school | Year 11       | Boys' B team football tournament at Tewkesbury School (15:45-17:30) |
|                      |              | Year 9 (U14)  | Boys' EDF rugby at Wydean school (14:30 KO)                         |

Football training will start the following week due to fixtures, meetings and staff training events.

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

SchoolCloud, the online Parents' Evening booker, will be live on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 16:00 for Year 9.

Please log on to the Parent's evening portal (<https://chosenhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>) and make your bookings so that you are able to speak to your child's teachers.



## Year 9 Options Evening



This will be taking place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 ..... more information to follow.

## A guide for parents – talking to your child about online sexual harassment

Sexual harassment has been a common topic of discussion in the media in recent months, and is a very real issue facing our young people in today's current society. It is covered in school during students EPS lessons and within the assembly program. It is, however, a topic that can also be discussed and reinforced at home with parents and carers.

We are pleased to be able to share a link with you for the latest guide for parents from the Children's Commissioner on how to talk to children about online sexual harassment.

The guide includes tips from young people about how parents can open up earlier conversations about sexual harassment, nudes, sexualised bullying, photo editing, body image and peer pressure. Conversation starters are provided along with lists of organisations for further help and support.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>



## Job Vacancies

### Midday Supervisors

We have vacancies for Midday Supervisors and would welcome applications from any parent(s) who might be looking for a part-time role. The hours are 13:10 until 14:10 and we can be flexible in terms of the number of days. The rate of pay is £9.62 per hour. You will be subject to our normal recruitment checks, which includes a criminal record check through the Disclosure and Barring Service and references. If you would like more information or to apply, please contact our HR administrator by email at:-

[aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

### School Cleaners

Our Cleaning company, Purgo, are looking to recruit cleaners for the school. Hours are negotiable from 2-4 per evening, between the hours of 15:30 and 19:30. The rate of pay is £9 per hour rising to £9.50 in April. Please contact the Business Manager for more information:-

[dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

### Learning Assistants

We also have a vacancy for a Learning Assistant. The role is 25 hours per week (but can be flexible), term-time only and a salary between £12,067 and £12,806 per year. To find out more information, please contact our HR administrator by email at:-

[aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).