



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 1st April 2022



Learning Tip

Learning in Small Steps

Learning is most effective when new material is presented to students in small steps. If your child is completing homework or doing revision help them to break down the task into smaller manageable parts.

Diary Dates for Next Week

All Week:

Year 12 Exams

Ramadan

Thursday 7th April

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 8th April

Last day before the end of term - normal finish time

Saturday 9th April to Wednesday

13th April

DofE Easter Silver Award

Expedition Camp

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22

April

DofE Year 12 Gold Practise -

Dartmoor

This week has once again been a full one. With Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, sporting fixtures, late night theatre trip, a fantastic careers day and an amazing Y11 Prefect celebration dinner last night it has been busy, but one in which I have really appreciated how good it is to be back doing group activities again.

Today we received the results of the student leadership elections (more on this next week). I have to say what an inspirational few weeks I have had watching and listening to the different campaigns and meeting the candidates to hear how they want to make a difference. I am incredibly proud of all the students that put themselves forward and know the successful candidates will represent the school with pride, enthusiasm and a with a desire to make a positive change!

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Updated COVID Guidance

From the 1st April, the Government have updated their guidance around testing and isolation for COVID.

Updated guidance is:

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.



Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

There will, therefore, be no requirement to isolate other than in the circumstances above.

We are also no longer allowed to give out the remainder of the tests we have, so there will be no more test kits available.

Lost Property

Please remember to name all of your child's uniform and equipment so that it can be easily returned if it is misplaced.

We currently have a large amount of lost property which is not named, including water bottles. If your child has misplaced anything please remind them to check with lost property (located in Reprographics).

Car Parking at the Chosen Hill Former Pupils Rugby Club

Please be aware that the Chosen Hill Rugby Club carpark will only be open between 2:30pm and 3:30pm on school days for parking. The Rugby Club car park will be closed at all other times, except when there are matches/clubs running.





Grasping for Gold

Intrepid Gold DofE Award participants from Chosen Hill School braved the windy conditions of the Welsh Black Mountains to put their expedition skills to the test during their Introduction to Wild Country Training Weekend, 19th - 20th March 2022.

All students demonstrated good levels of fitness, competence at navigation through wild country and campcraft. Please join us in congratulating them as they have now completed the formal training element of their Gold Award Assessed Expedition, scheduled for July 2022.

However, they do have one more challenge to complete ahead of July 2022. The team must be able to demonstrate how well they have mastered the expedition skills taught. Hence, they are now busy planning a remotely supervised 4-day practise expedition, to take place on Dartmoor, 19th - 22nd April 2022. Over those 4 days they must effectively use their expedition and teamwork skills to safely conduct a completely self-sufficient walking journey of c. 70Kms. Afterwards, they must also present a practise project using evidence collected whilst journeying, and be able to accurately reflect on their individual performance and experience.

Our very best wishes to them all for a safe and successful practise expedition!

Chosen Hill School to Celebrate more Gold DofE Award Success's with its Students at Buckingham Palace



Congratulations to, Charlotte Davis, Thomas Ennis, Kathryn Mee, Ethan Nash and Ciara Smith.

On the 16th May 2022, five former students of Chosen Hill School's DofE Directly Licenced Centre will attend a presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London, where they will receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards from a celebrity presenter, after sharing their experiences with HRH The Earl of Wessex and HRH The Countess of Wessex.

During the Gold Award Presentation, the group will be presented with their certificates and congratulated on their efforts to complete the award, which took each young person 18 months of hard work and dedication to achieve.

To achieve their Gold Award, they had to volunteer, learn a new skill, get fit, take part in a week long residential and plan and undertake an expedition in wild country. Widely acknowledged as the world's leading achievement award for young people, DofE programmes enable any young person, aged 14-24, to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working.

Mr. Ian. Bird, DofE Manager, said, "I'm delighted to see, after such a long delay caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, these amazing young people have finally got the opportunity to gain the recognition they deserve through their invitation to attend a formal presentation of their Gold Award Certificates in the presence of members of the Royal Family. I would also like to pass on my personal congratulations to Ethan, Ciara, Charlotte, Thomas and Kathryn. I'm incredibly proud of them all; each one has demonstrated considerable resilience and determination to succeed. It was also a privilege to witness their individual journeys of personal development over the 18 months it took them to complete the Award. It was lovely to see them grow in confidence, take on new challenges and actively support their local community. Like those that have gone before them, they join an ever-growing list of young people that are true ambassadors for both the School and the DofE Award Scheme. I hope they thoroughly enjoy their time at Buckingham Palace".

Speaking about her Gold DofE experience, Charlotte Davis, who will be attending the presentation on 16th May 2022, said, "Gold DofE has taught me that my mental will power to keep going is stronger than I thought... it has also helped me overcome my shyness so that I am now able to communicate effectively with my peers. Skills I can use in the future".

The DofE Award was re-introduced into Chosen Hill School 9 years ago. In that time, over 400 students have participated in the Scheme. Participants currently volunteer for over 40 local organisations and international links continue with Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa, through ongoing efforts to raise the funds needed to complete the build of two additional classrooms.

Currently, students have the option to enroll on the Bronze Award in Year 9, the Silver Award in Year 10 and the Gold Award in Year 12; and we are always looking out for adult volunteers to join our growing team and to help us deliver the Award Scheme, so, if you are interested or would like to find out more information, please email Mr. I. Bird using ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Year 11 Prefect Dinner

The Year 11 Prefect Dinner was held at Jury's Inn on Thursday 31st March, with students and staff enjoying the evening. The evening started with speeches by Mr Pauling and Mr Pettifer, leading into a 3 course meal, followed by dancing well into the night!

A small selection of photographs shown below.



RAMADAN

Did you know the month of Ramadan is starting soon?

Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims every year, this year it falls in the month of April (from Saturday 2nd April until 1st May 2022). In this month, millions of Muslims around the world will fast during daylight hours. That means no eating or drinking between sunrise and sunset (including NO water).

Here at Chosen Hill, we anticipate that members of the Muslim community will shortly be following the religious observance of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and lasts between 29-30 days. It is a period of prayer, self-control, charity-giving and goodwill to others. Part of Ramadan is fasting which is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam.

Whilst the period of fasting provides benefits such as feeling closer to God and following Sawm (one of the Five Pillars), those fasting may also experience the following: tiredness, low energy, dehydration, reduced focus, memory and concentration issues.

All members of the Chosen Hill community will need to be mindful of their children, friends and families at this sacred time. On the next page is an infographic with some practical ways to help and offer support to those fasting this year.

“May this Ramadan be as bright as ever”.



Happy And Prosperous
◆◆◆ Ramadan ◆◆◆
To All



Accommodating Muslim Students During Ramadan

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR EDUCATORS



By Aya Khalil
Illustrated by Huda Fahmy

IF THEY DO FAST, PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR THEM TO BE DURING LUNCH.



Happy Ramadan!

ACKNOWLEDGE THE MONTH OF RAMADAN IS COMING UP.

(IT'S MAKE SURE THE STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASS ARE ACTUALLY MUSLIM DO NOT ASSUME THEY ARE S/C THEY'RE ARAB OR BROWN)



LIBRARY



OFFICE



IF STUDENTS ARE YOUNG, REACH OUT TO PARENTS TO WISH THEM A HAPPY RAMADAN & SEE IF THEIR KIDS ARE PLANNING TO FAST.



CLASSROOM



HALLWAY



GYM CLASS WILL BE CHALLENGING. DON'T REQUIRE THEM TO RUN THE MILE IF THEY'RE FASTING.



DON'T

SAY THINGS LIKE

"WOW! THAT'S A LOT!"

"THAT MUST BE HARD."

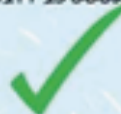
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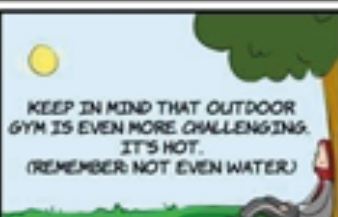
"I'M SURE YOU'RE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE RAMADAN!"

"WHAT ARE YOU EATING FOR IFTAR?"

LOW IMPACT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS GOOD.



KEEP IN MIND THAT OUTDOOR GYM IS EVEN MORE CHALLENGING. IT'S HOT. (REMEMBER NOT EVEN WATER.)



STANDARDIZED TESTING AND TESTING IN GENERAL CAN BE CHALLENGING DURING RAMADAN.



TALK TO THE STUDENT AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE WITH.

YOU CAN TALK TO ME NOW OR SPEAK TO ME IN PRIVATE.

WE'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT TOGETHER.



TRY TO ACCOMMODATE IF POSSIBLE. MAKE IT EARLY DURING THE DAY WHEN THEY'RE MORE ALERT/LESS LETHARGIC.



FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SOME MUSLIM STUDENTS WON'T FAST.

KESS! LOOK! SHE'S BEEN FANCY THIS WHOLE TIME!



PLEASE BE UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSIONATE. MANY MUSLIMS PERFORM NIGHTLY PRAYERS (TARAWEEH) & MAY BE SLEEPING LATER THAN USUAL.



DON'T ASK WHY.

THANK YOU TO ALL EDUCATORS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR CLASSROOMS AN INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SPACE.



IT COULD BE DUE TO

HEALTH ISSUES

PERIOD/PREGNANCY

DISABILITY



HAPPY RAMADAN!



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

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.

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 HAP programme (Holidays activity programme- NOT funded by the DfE).

We encourage all HAP 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

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 InvestINs' AmbitionX platform, which includes access to hundreds of hours of live online career experiences.



MY CAREER, MY VISION

INVESTIN

INVESTIN'S NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK COMPETITION

- ★ WIN access to ALL our live online programmes
- ★ CV writing workshop for EVERY student who enters
- ★ We'll make a donation to UNICEF for each entry!

★ Trustpilot  4.9/5 from 1,300+ reviews

The poster features a silhouette of a person wearing a VR headset, with a colorful, abstract digital background. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main title and brand name at the top, followed by the competition name and a list of benefits. A Trustpilot logo and rating are included at the bottom right.

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





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 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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Sporting News

Some great netball v Pates this week.

Well done girls!



A great game to end the Basketball season U14s v Pittville



Fixtures Next Week



Monday 4th April

Year 11 Netball Tournament at Cleeve

Tuesday 5th April

U12 District Football Tournament at Tewkesbury
Year 7 Netball, A & B v Pates (A)

Latest News

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

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