



# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 18th March 2022

### Learning Tip

#### Listen to your child read

It is important to listen to child read, even at secondary school. Not only can you help your child learn and understand new vocabulary, but you can help them speak with expression and volume. Some children find it helpful to record themselves and play it back.

### Diary Dates for Next Week

#### Tuesday 22nd March

Year 13 Psychology trip to Bristol Zoo  
9CM First Aid Course

#### Wednesday 23rd March

Year 7 Spring Fair  
Year 11 Parents' Information Evening



### Staff v Students Five-a-Side

This week across the school there has been a theme of 'giving'. Thank you for your generous donations of provisions and equipment for the Ukraine appeal. On Tuesday we were able to send a literal truck load to a local hub centre which is currently on route to Ukraine.

It was great to see the Head students campaigning start in earnest this week and to hear their vision(s) for making Chosen Hill even more supportive and representative. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have been involved in encouraging, supporting and enabling them to have the confidence and appetite to put themselves forward and 'give back' to the school through their leadership and vision. Updates on the outcome of the elections will follow in coming weeks. Good luck to all involved and thank you!

Throughout the week there were a number of activities and challenges running in support of Comic Relief culminating in a static bike race between staff and sixth form students to cycle the distance between Churchdown and Ukraine. It was brilliant to see the whole school community come together to support the events and raise money for Comic Relief.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school directly.

Thank you for your support

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

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Neurodiversity Celebration Week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who are autistic and people with learning differences.

Sadly, these students are often teased and bullied for their difference.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is one way of reminding everyone of the importance of being kind, tolerant and accepting of everyone, especially classmates who are autistic or have ADHD.

### What is Neurodiversity?

Everyone has a differently-wired brain and their own unique way of thinking, interacting and experiencing the world.

Neurodiversity is based on the concept that neurological variances should be recognised and respected just like any other human variation, such as gender, race or sexual orientation.

### Why does Neurodiversity Matter?

The concept of neurodiversity is the acceptance that all humans are different, with unique minds, needs and abilities.

This approach moves beyond labels such as autism, dyslexia or ADHD and recognises that difference in ability are natural in the human genome and can contain unique gifts and contributions.

The human brain has a wide spectrum of functions and any differences should be acknowledged as just another way of being or doing things.

### Recognizing Determination

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is also about recognizing hard work, resilience and determination.

The school environment is not the ideal place for students with special educational needs (SEN) to use and showcase their unique strengths and talents.

Schools mostly focus on skills SEN students find difficult and may not naturally excel at, such as reading, writing and spelling.

Doing badly in school can be very frustrating and discouraging, because SEN students often work extremely hard to compensate for their challenges.



Neurodiversity Celebration Week serves as a reminder that no matter what our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own strengths and talents.

Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome and struggled in school, are now very successful.

Many attribute their success to their unique way of thinking and perceiving the world around them.

## 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.

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'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!

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# UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. A special thanks to our Year 10 Futures group this morning who volunteered to help, leaving us blown away with how helpful, organised & compassionate they were.



The following students all showed amazing team working skills, communicating what they needed to do, who was going to do it and they have absolutely helped to organise everything.

- Michael Page (his organisation of the shed was amazing)
- Charlie Coltman
- Korsten Lewis
- Daisy Martin
- Ruby Summers
- David Juszczuk
- Harvey Anderson

Thank you to our amazing sixth form for helping to load the van.



## Keeping Student Safe Online

In the current social climate where most adults and children are now using some form of Social Media it is important that we safeguard our children. In addition to the usual online safety precautions ensuring that your child has the correct settings will prevent unwanted visitors to their online profile.

# Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



## Instagram



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers  
**(recommended: on)**

**COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY:** allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



## TikTok



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers  
**(recommended: on)**

**SAFETY:** TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts  
**(recommended: friends)**

**COMMENT FILTERS:** you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in  
**(recommended: on)**

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



## WhatsApp



**PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS:** You can change who can see a profile photo and status  
**(recommended: my contacts)**

**GROUPS:** allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups  
**(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)**

**BLOCKED:** can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/ number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



## Snapchat



**CONTACT:** decide who can message you and send you snaps  
**(recommended: my friends)**

**VIEW MY STORY:** restrict who can see your story  
**(recommended: my friends)**

**GHOST MODE:** if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map  
**(recommended: on)**

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more



## 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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Please be aware that our school uniform providers are offering a 20% early bird discount on all our school badged trousers. Please shop early if you can and take advantage of the discount.

To find your local stockist or make your purchase go to:

[Monkhouse Uniform Supplies](http://Monkhouse Uniform Supplies)



## Red Nose Day 2022



This week we wanted to create a great atmosphere around raising the profile of comic relief and thinking about all those suffering in Ukraine by putting on some sporting activities at lunchtimes that would raise money for charity. This has proved tricky due to going cashless as a school but hopefully we can, with your help raise more than we did last year.

With help for our 6th form house leads we have led activities each day!

Monday: Students from Carne/ Masefield/ Scott/ Whittle competed in a round the world badminton rally where they had to keep the shuttle cock on the air for as long as they could. With much practise across lunchtime Masefield won this with a huge effort of 4.30 mins.

Tuesday: House basketball across all years with all teams having representation from Year 7 - Year 13. It was great to see all of our house teams compete with such fair play and spirit - the crowds in the sports hall certainly enjoyed this.

Wednesday - 6th form v staff netball saw staff playing exceptionally well to defeat the 6th form quite comfortably although there was an injury to our star player Miss Fishlock who had a brief visit to A & E.

Thursday - staff v all years 5 a side football. The staff team played for the whole of lunch time against any 5 a side team that the students had put together. We were all thoroughly exhausted by the end of an enjoyable lunchtime. So who was our Man of the Match? Well, Mr Care must take credit for scoring the most goals.

Friday - Staff v 6th Form race to Ukraine will start at 6.30am on the spin bikes in the MSH. Each team will have 5 bikes available and will try to clock up as many km's as possible with the first to reach 1000km being the target. With the distance from Churchdown to Lyiv n Ukraine being around 2000km we hope as a team we can reach this distance across the school day. Staff and 6th Form will be tracked across Europe throughout the day and students will be able to get an idea on who is winning.

At the time of sending this bulletin they were still going.....

Watch out for our Comic Relief Newsletter next week to find out who won the Race to Ukraine, how much we managed to raise and see some great photos.

Last year we raised £1329.41, please help us to beat that total by donating via the School Gateway.

We have a [Comic Relief website](#) which we will be updating throughout next week.

Congratulations to Evie, Maya and Amy for winning Cam, the limited edition red nose.



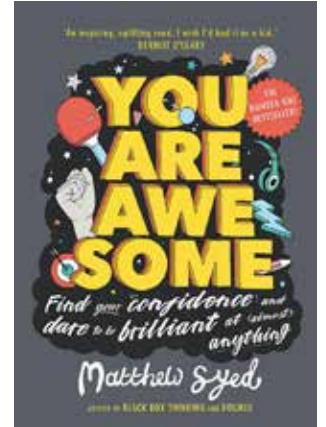
## Year 7 YOU ARE AWESOME Spring Fair

Year 7 are holding a Spring Fair on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 and will be organising and running the stalls for this event.



They will be using their new growth mindset skills and the skills they have learnt from Matthew Syed's 'You are Awesome' book to raise money for the [Superhero Foundation](#), which helps sick children in Gloucestershire.

This event is open to Years 7 and 8 only and is a cash only event. We hope that you will encourage your children to support us in raising funds for this great cause.



## Sporting News

A super week of fixtures, well done to all involved.



Some of our Year 7 and Year 11 students have been helping out research into hamstring strength and fatigue.



Our U15 football team have had a busy week. They played both St Edwards and Balcarras this week.





2 amazing games for the girls this week!

Year 8 lost out to a strong Balcarras team by 1 but they fought the whole way! POM: Maisie

Year 7 played some of their best netball to date. Great passing, footwork and shooting from all! POM: Grace, who didn't miss a shot on goal!

A great performance on a very wet afternoon for the 1st XI.

4-2 County Cup win v Churchdown.



## Latest News

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

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