



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 24th June 2022



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Learning Tip

Cognitive Scientists think that a digital detox can help you to learn, For tips on how to 'Turn off your phone, and Turn on your mind' visit the [Learning Scientists](#).

Diary Dates for Next Week

Year 10 mocks all week

Tuesday 28th June:

Prelim Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June:

Year 9 Camp Parents Meeting, 6pm

Thursday 30th June:

#Pride Day

Krakow trip departs

Friday 1st July:

Year 9 DTP Vaccinations

Reminder:

Tuesday 19th July:

End of the school year -
students will finish at 13:15

Connect with us on Social Media:



In a week of travel chaos, the summer solstice, and the rebirth of Glastonbury, the vast majority of our Y11 and Y13 students completed their examinations. We are very proud of their application over this extended exam season and wish them all the best for the long summer ahead. We look forward to celebrating with them on results days in August.

Thank you to the work of PATCH over the last few months a small but committed group of parents and school staff have reignited their programme of important fundraising to supplement the resources and opportunities of students at our school. If you have any capacity to help out at events, or to join the PATCH team, please see the information contained in the bulletin and on the school website.

Over the coming weeks we are hoping to launch our updated website. We have spent a lot of time working with the developers and evaluating feedback from staff, students and parents to make the website more engaging as well as easy to navigate to find the information you need.

Thank you again for your support.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Parking Reminder

Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children by car. We have had numerous issues with parents/carers parking on pavements causing pedestrians to walk into the road, risking an accident, as well as parking across driveways preventing our neighbours from leaving their properties.

The issue has been exacerbated since the Brookfield Road closure, with the volume of traffic increasing dramatically due to cars turning around to go back the way they came.

Mindful parking not only decreases the volume of traffic, ensuring the safety of the students, but also decreases the inconvenience that is often caused to our neighbours.

Please do not park or turn in the areas in front of the school gates. There are signs in place as reminders, as well as yellow zig zags painted on the ground. Using the deltas as parking/turning areas causes congestion and risk of accidents, especially during busy periods.



Helmet wearing for students riding bikes to school

Just a reminder for students that ride bikes to school about the importance of wearing a helmet; many students have been seen hanging their helmet on their handlebars or putting them loosely on their heads without securing it.

According to CYCLESUK, a major study of cycle helmet use around the world taken from more than 64,000 cyclists, has found cycle helmets reduce the risk of serious injury as follows:

- Head injury, reduced by 51%
- Serious head injury, reduced by 69%
- Face injury, reduced by 33%
- Fatal head injury by 65%

The cycle helmet shown in the image was damaged in a road traffic accident, just imagine if the cyclist wasn't wearing a helmet! Wearing the helmet undoubtedly saved the cyclist from a serious, possibly fatal head injury.



Donations of Second Hand Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations from year 11 students (now that they have finished their exams), or from any students who have outgrown some of their uniform. Please pass any clean donations to Reception. Many thanks.

Help for Hardship

“Citizens Advice and the Trussell Trust have come together to develop a free helpline for people struggling to afford the basics. Operating in England and Wales, the helpline offers personalised advice and support to help address the underlying causes of the hardship, as well as a quick and seamless referral to a food bank for people if required.”

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-work/advice-partnerships/help-through-hardship/>

We are aware that not all referral agency colleagues can offer support for people over the summer months. You are very welcome to contact us on our Help for Hardship contact number if you think may struggle during this time.

People who call 0808 2082 138 will be able to speak confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice advisor (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday), who can issue a foodbank voucher and provide other information as needed.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy	Link to Advert	Closing Date
HR Officer	Eteach	Sunday 3rd July 2022
Sports Hall Assistant, Evening and Weekends	Eteach	Monday 4th July 2022
IT/AV Technician	Eteach	Sunday 10th July 2022
Teacher of Design and Technology	Eteach	Wednesday 3rd August 2022

P.A.T.C.H Update

Welcome to PATCH, the parent and teacher group that supports Chosen Hill School by funding the ‘extras’ that help make a difference to all the students at Chosen Hill School. If you have great fundraising ideas, a little spare time and would like to get involved with our fundraising, please get in touch by emailing either dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk or P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

P.A.T.C.H. Event - HELP REQUIRED



We are supporting Hucclecote Football Club with parking for their tournament this weekend and would welcome anybody who could give up a couple of hours to help us man the car parking at Chosen Hill School. We will need volunteers from 07:30am to 1pm and 1pm to 5:45pm on both days. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated. Hucclecote are making a donation to P.A.T.C.H. for this event.

This event is this weekend, if you can come and help during any of the time slots it would be greatly appreciated. Please email P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk if possible, alternatively please report to a member of the team on the day.

Confiscated items

We have accumulated many confiscated items which we are holding at reception. Parents have been contacted to collect the items as students will not be permitted to do so. If you have been contacted, and have not collected these items yet, please could you make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. We will be disposing of the items during the summer holidays if they are not collected by the end of term.

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. Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of during the summer holidays.

Hayfever

If your child suffers with hayfever please could you remind them to take their medication/sprays/eye drops in the morning before they leave for school. If there are any issues during the school day, then there are a couple of things they can do to help lessen the effects.

Use Vaseline just under the nose as this helps stop pollen/spores entering the nasal passage.



Bathe eyes with a cloth or toilet roll that has been soaked in cold water as this helps to remove any pollen/spores around the eye area.

Please remind your child, unless the symptoms are so bad that they are too ill to continue with the school day, not to go to First Aid for hayfever treatment as we are not permitted to dispense antihistamines and therefore do not store them.

Chosen Hill School Dress Code Policy 2022-2023

As many parents/ carers will be aware, a new law was passed in Parliament which required schools to follow new statutory guidance set out by the Department of Education concerning school uniform.

The school has now implemented a new dress code for the academic year 2022-23. The new dress code is moving towards being gender neutral with compulsory and optional uniform items.

The purpose of the new dress code is for our students to feel comfortable and able to fully participate in school life. The school understands that there is no constructive or sensible reason why the student population should wear different clothes. Research shows that gender stereotypes can restrict the access to learning and physical activity of some students.

Chosen Hill is an inclusive school that treats students as equals. This means the school actively challenges all gender stereotypes and fixed ideas about what students can do/achieve/enjoy/express. The school reflects society and has a LGBTQ+ community. It is important that students can wear clothes that make them comfortable. The main goal is for every child to feel a sense of security and belonging at school.

The school is also helping to keep the cost of uniform down, by reducing some of the branded items as compulsory uniform. This means that although many of our parents will use the school's uniform supplier, other high street options such as supermarkets are available.

Details of the new policy can be found on the [website](#).

Your official uniform supplier



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information you need for Back to School:**

www.monkhouse.com

Don't leave it late - shop early!

What information is available on **monkhouse.com**?



Prices of your compulsory & optional uniform



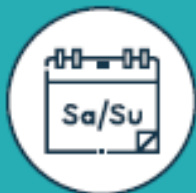
Offers and deals to help you with the cost of school uniform



How to book a personalised 1:1 store appointment with our expert staff



One-stop-shopping, everything you need for Back to School



Weekend shopping times



Brand new size guide videos



Quick and easy web ordering instructions



Parent newsletter sign-up



Extended free returns



Click and Collect options



It saves to shop early...

Shop in June and July to avoid the queues and get everything you need for Back to School. Sign up to our newsletter to unlock your school information and access your exclusive offers.
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Our advice this year is to **shop in June and July**.
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Year 9 Bronze DofE Training Weekend 21-22 May 2022

29 Students attended the training weekend. At the start of the day a full kit check took place, then teams were trained in using a map and compass and how to use pacing and timings to assist their navigation.

In the afternoon they tested their skills as they navigated around the local area between the school, Staverton and Down Hatherley.

On their return their tents were erected on the school field and evening meals were cooked on Trangias after being instructed on stove safety.

Before retiring to bed at 10pm, students had time to relax with many playing ball games.

Sunday morning was an early rise for some students who decided another ball game was in order. By 7:30 am all teams started to organise themselves in packing their personal equipment, taking down tents and preparing their breakfast. This was quite a slow process. Eventually, by 10am they were ready for their unaccompanied expedition around Witcombe Roman Villa, the church and the Cotswold Way, only being met at various check points. All teams had finished by 4pm and transported back to school to clean and hand in group equipment before departing for home at 5pm.

Bronze DofE qualifying expedition 11/12 June 2022

The Saturday started with a kit check, gathering and packing group equipment. Then meeting with their assessor to talk about their aims for the weekend.

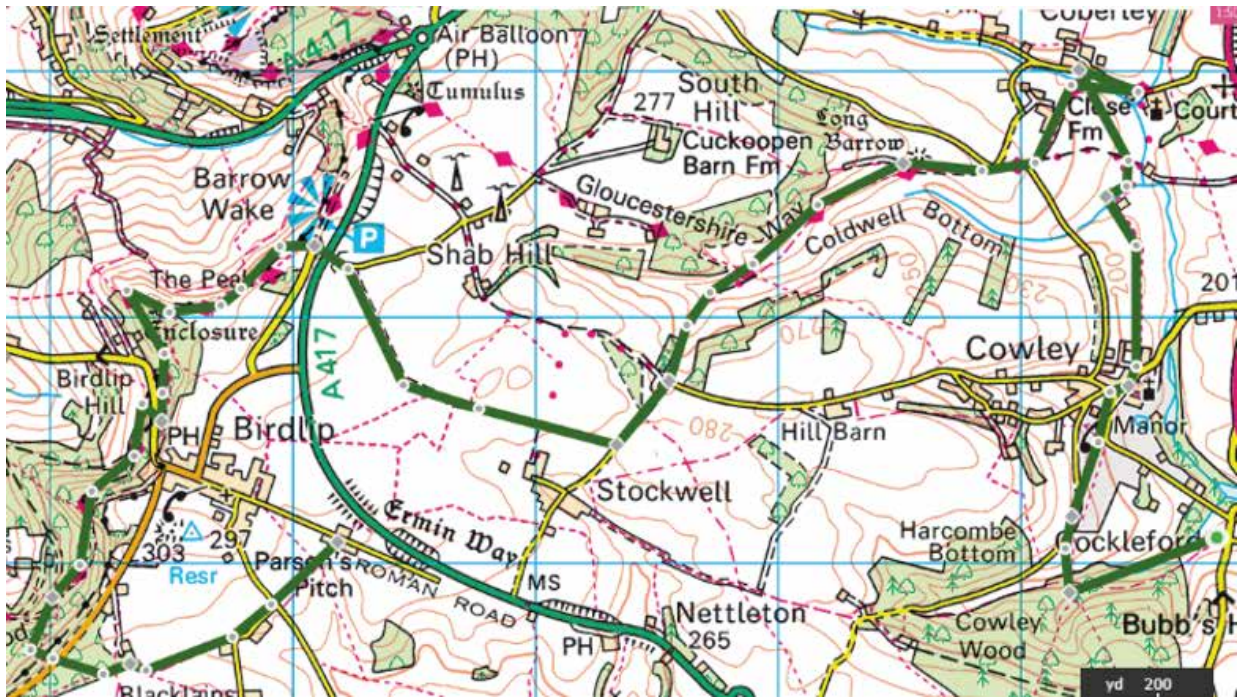
Teams were then transported by the school minibuses to Birdlip to walk their routes to Bubbs Hill, Cowley, where they camped overnight. The weather was fine and mostly sunny but quite windy.



After a few navigation errors, the teams got into their stride travelling through the countryside meeting their assessors and helpers at various checkpoints.

By 5pm, all arrived at Bubbs Hill where tents were erected and meals cooked on their camping stoves. Students then enjoyed some free time by rolling and running down a grass slope watched anxiously by the leaders.

On the Sunday morning we woke at 7am to sunshine. Organising themselves to pack and make breakfast, they were ready for the return trek to Birdlip following opposite routes. With only a few navigation mishaps, all finished around 4pm; except one team who took an extra detour along the Cotswold Way to Cranham Sawmills. They were rescued by Mr Differ in the mini-bus. Once all had returned to school, tents were aired, cooking equipment cleaned, all other equipment handed in and, after a final chat with the assessors, students were free to ring parents to go home for a well-earned rest ready for school the following day.



Well done to the 25 students who gained their expedition section over this weekend. Thanks also to all the volunteer staff that helped with making both weekends successful.

Mrs Cathy Harpham
Bronze DofE Leader

Reminder:

Parents' Information Evening, Friday 24th June 2022 at 6pm in Upper School Hall.

If your child is considering joining the DofE Award scheme for the first time, either Bronze, Silver or Gold level, or if they are continuing their award journey to the next level and you have some questions before signing them up, please come along to this evenings' meeting.

Attendance at this event does not commit your child to joining the Award.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Looking towards next year, we need help with the delivery of the DofE Awards. Expeditions, such as the ones above can only go ahead if we have volunteers to lead them. If there is anybody interested in becoming a Qualified Countryside Coastal Leader or a Moorland Leader and to go on to become a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Leader, please email ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



Looking for work experience this summer?

How can I apply with Speakers for Schools?

1. You can view all our local work experience opportunities below and on our website by clicking [here](#) or go to speakersforschools.org/experience-2/work-experience.
2. You can create your account in two simple steps. On the sign-up page ([click here](#)) you need to select your school's name and click proceed. Ensure you find the correct school or college and have consent from your parent or guardian.
3. When you have applied for an opportunity, your teacher will need to approve your application before it is sent to the employer.

How can work experience help?

Meeting employers through work experience helps you to improve your understanding of the different careers available and the different pathways into various professions.

It also develops your knowledge, skills and confidence and could lead to future employment opportunities.

What young people have said about our experiences:

“
They explained more about this career sector which is very interesting and they opened my mind about another jobs.
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“
Gave me more insight in the careers I am interested in. Furthermore, the other options related to my interest.
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30th June

Technology in construction

Technology has made construction safer and workers more efficient. Learn from our Digital Engineer about how some of the technologies we use and why it is important.



4th July

Nursing and midwifery

Join NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly for this Virtual Insight Day and let us show you what different careers in midwifery or nursing (from Mental Health to Paediatrics) can look like!



7th July

Alternative NHS careers

Do you like the idea of working in healthcare but don't necessarily see yourself as a typical doctor or nurse? Then come along and engage with a range of different NHS specialisms.



5th July

Community healthcare

This 3-day placement will involve a range of sessions when you can meet staff working across different fields of nursing/community healthcare and in different roles.



13th July

Dental services

This session will focus on dental health and the services and provision we offer in the community. You'll hear directly from staff, some of whom are still in training or newly qualified



19th July

Construction for everyone

Construction is a very exciting career with lots of opportunities to discover. There is a role in construction for every subject delivered in school. - come and discover what jobs are out there!



HOUSE COLOURS

With the relaunch of the house system at Chosen Hill and the first full sports day in 3 years we want this year to be the biggest and brightest. The 6th Form are already collecting names of competitors. Please encourage your child to take part, as events like this help to foster the togetherness and community that we are striving for in school.

This year's sports day is in the afternoon of the 5th July (with prelims on the 28th June). All students (both competitors and spectators) should bring clothes in their house colours to change into at lunchtime. Face paint and house banners are also encouraged. The 6th Form House Captains will be organising decorations during the early lunch before the event.

It is often difficult to source clothes of the right colour so the house team have organised the sale of house coloured T-shirts. These are 100% cotton. Please see the size guide below to allow your child to ask for the correct size, once the T-shirt has been purchased, it cannot be refunded or exchanged. There is limited stock so they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Thank you for helping us to make this the best and brightest sports day ever.

Chosen Hill House team

T-Shirt FAQ

How much are the T-shirts? - we have organised the discounted price of £4 each. This should be paid in CASH as there are too many options for size and colour to use the School Gateway.

Where do they buy them? - The student finance hatch by the year 9 canopy. It is open at break and lunch time.

Which house is my child in?

Learning Mentor Group
House
Colour

CC. HC Carne Yellow	CM. HM Masefield Red	CS. HS Scott Blue	CW. HW Whittle Green
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Which size does my child need? *These are the type of t-shirts that can be worn oversized.*

Size:	XS	S	M	L	XL
Chest Size (inches):	35 / 36	36 / 38	38 / 40	41 / 42	43 / 44

LEAVE YOUR MARK ON CHOSEN HILL



Logos may be digitally made or hand drawn.

Winning logo will be used in assembly presentations, newsletters, notice boards etc.

Additional details can be found on Satchel One

Entries close 8th July 2022

Calling all artists!

Leave your mark on Chosen Hill - we are looking for 4 new logos for our relaunched house system. Design the logo sets that will be with Chosen Hill School for years to come. The competition will run until 8th July.

There will be house points awarded for all entries and the winning set will be used on the new website, in school presentations, assemblies and official documentation.

The art, tech and IT departments are happy to support ideas and designs and the full information can be found on Satchel one.

Any questions email the house team on houseleaders@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Sporting News

Race4Life Returns to Chosen Hill School

On Friday 15th July, Chosen Hill School will be hosting our own Race4Life where students and staff will walk, jog or run the cross-country course to raise money for Cancer Research. Donations can be made in three different ways:

Set up an individual Just Giving page for friends and family donations - students should keep learning mentors updated.

Donate on the School Gateway to go towards school donation.

Bring cash to donate on the day itself.

Students will be encouraged to dress up for the event with further details being given to students in assemblies in the build up to Enrichment Week.

There will be training sessions on Friday 24th June and Friday 8th July for students and staff to develop their fitness or have a sense of community to prepare for the 5k challenge. Students should meet outside PE changing rooms on the above dates and can be picked up from 16:15 (4:15pm).



A good afternoon of cricket this week for the U13s against Pittville School. Really good performance bowling and in the field and some good shots with the bat.



Some super performances from the Year 7 and 8 boys at District Athletics yesterday. Particular mention to Jayden (LJ/100m), Jack (HJ/Hurdles), Geoffrey (LJ), Jake (Hurdles), Tyler (TJ), Ruben (Javelin), Harrison (TJ)



Cricket and Athletic Summer Fixtures 2022

Date

Thursday 30th June

U13 Cricket v Cotswold (A)

Latest News

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

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