



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 27th May 2022



Learning Tip

Did you know that lack of blood flow is a common reason for lack of concentration? Year 11 and Year 13 students revising over half-term should build in time to move around for a minute or two between revision sessions. It gets blood flowing and sharpens both concentration and recall abilities.

Diary Dates for Next Term

GCSE/A Level Exams all week

Monday 6th June:
Term begins

Tuesday 7th June:
Year 7 Science Festival

Wednesday 8th June:
Year 8 Science Festival

Thursday 9th June:
Krakow Parents' Meeting

Friday 10th June:
Years 9 & 10 Science Festival
Strawberry Day

Connect with us on Social Media:



What a busy term this has been!

As well as the exams season kicking off in earnest, this is the time of year when our Duke of Edinburgh Award students are out and about on their expeditions, supported by our amazing team of staff and volunteers.

This week we have been running a programme of House activities and competitions.

It was great to meet with the Year 8 Rugby League team to present them with their medals for winning the 1908 cup.

I was incredibly proud to have received more positive feedback about the conduct of our students in the community this week, with several members of the public contacting the school to praise their kindness and manners.

To all our fantastic staff and students, I hope you have an enjoyable time next week, whether celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, spending time away or working at home. I look forward to welcoming you back for a fun filled, and busy term 6, on Monday 6th June.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Year 11 - 2022 Exam and Study Programme for Week Beginning 6th June 2022

	Monday 6 June	Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 8 June	Thursday 9 June	Friday 10 June
1	Break fast			History Revision over Breakfast	English Revision @ 8am
	09:00	Maths Calc Paper 2 (10:30 finish)	English Literature Paper 2 (10:20 finish)	History Paper 3 (10:20 finish)	English Lang Paper 2 (11:05 finish)
1	Chosen: English Hill: PE	Option 1 (Geog Revision)	Option 3	Chosen: Science (Physics Revision) Hill: English (Revision)	Extended Break
2	Chosen: Science Hill: Maths (Revision)	Option 3 – 113 Geog & 114 Geog have 45min Revision. 111 & 112 Geog have second round of 45min Revision in SC14 & D6	Option 3	Option 2	
3	Chosen: Maths (Revision) Hill: English	Chosen: PE Hill: Maths EARLY LUNCH FOR Geography students	Chosen & Hill: Science	Option 4 (114 Physics Revision)	Option 2 PE Revision in U4 & U9
4	Option 4 EARLY LUNCH FOR Arabic student	Chosen: PE Hill: Maths EARLY LUNCH FOR Geography students	Chosen: English (Revision) Hill: Science (Physics Revision)	Chosen: English (Revision) Hill: Science (Physics Revision)	Chosen: English Hill: Science EARLY LUNCH FOR PE students
13:30	Arabic Writing (14:55 finish)	Geography (14:30 finish)		Physics Triple (15:15 finish) Physics Combined (14:45 finish)	PE Paper 2 (14:45 finish)
5	Chosen: PE Hill: Science	Chosen: Science Hill: PE	Chosen: English Hill: Maths	Option 1	Chosen: Maths (Revision) Hill: English (Maths revision in English classrooms)
After school			History Revision		

Exam
 Revision in lesson
 Out of normal lesson Revision
 Early Lunch
 No Lessons
 Online Revision

Sixth Form Exams for Week Beginning 6th June 2022

Date	Start	Length	Board	Subject	Component Title
Mon 06 Jun	09:00	02:30	WJEC/GCE	Film Studies	Film Studies COMP2 Global Filmmaking
Tue 07 Jun	09:00	02:30	AQA	Spanish	Spanish ADV Pap 1 List, Read & Writ
Tue 07 Jun	13:30	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Pure Mathematics 1
Tue 07 Jun	13:30	02:00	AQA	Sociology	Sociology ADV Paper 2
Wed 08 Jun	09:00	02:00	AQA	Psychology	Psychology ADV Paper 2
Wed 08 Jun	13:30	01:30	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Core Pure Maths.2
Wed 08 Jun	13:30	01:30	OCR	Geography	Geography: Human Interactions Wrtn
Thu 09 Jun	09:00	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	Business	Activs, Decision & Strats.
Thu 09 Jun	13:30	02:00	AQA	Biology	Biology ADV Paper 1
Thu 09 Jun	13:30	02:30	WJEC/GCE	Drama	Drama Comp 3 Text in Performance
Fri 10 Jun	09:00	01:30	EDEXL/GCE	History	China & Gdr
Fri 10 Jun	09:00	01:00	OCR	PE	PE: Psychlgcl Fctr Afct Perf Wtn
Fri 10 Jun	13:30	02:40	EDEXL/GCE	Turkish	Translation Into Turkish
Fri 10 Jun	13:30	02:15	OCR	Physics	Physics A: Exploring Physics Wtn

Teaching and Learning Council



At recent meetings our School Council has discussed ways in which the student body can work more closely with teachers and support staff to review teaching and learning. Over the next few weeks students will be invited to apply for positions on TLC – our new Teaching and Learning Council.

Two students from each year group will be chosen to participate in the TLC. There will be 14 ambassadors.

All students will be invited to apply, and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed for the role by SLT and school council representatives.

Miss Hanwell will chair the TLC termly and report back to the School Council and SLT.

Students should:

Be prepared to make a positive contribution to the school and have good relationships with teaching and support staff.

Be able to communicate well in a group and be prepared to discuss ideas and give feedback about learning.

Have an interest in improving the learning spaces and learning habits of students.

Be prepared to take part in student panels for teacher and support staff recruitment.

To apply, students need to complete the online form on Satchel by 10th June 2022.

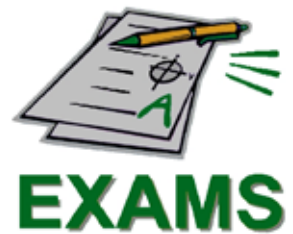
1. Explain why you want to be a member of the Teaching and Learning Council?
2. Explain what makes you a suitable candidate for the role of Teaching and Learning Council Ambassador?

Please encourage your child to put themselves forward for these roles as it is a superb opportunity to gain leadership experience and make a difference.

“Education is the most powerful weapon,
which you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela

Student Conduct during the Exam Period

Please could you remind students that they need to be mindful of noise when moving around the school site, in particular around the Main School Hall and gym areas during lesson changeover and social times. Students should not congregate in Reception unless specifically asked to. Thank you for your cooperation.



Year 7 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 15th June 2022

60% of our parents/carers have now booked their appointments for the Year 7 Parents' Evening, which will be held via video link through Schoolcloud. If you have not already booked your appointments, please do so as soon as possible as availability for some staff is now limited. When attempting to log on please be aware that the system syncs the students' PREFERRED NAME, not their legal name. If you are having problems logging onto the system, please contact Mrs Jovicic on sj@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

The number of appointments bookable is currently 5 per student. This is to allow all parents/carers the opportunity to book a slot with staff. On Wednesday 8th June, further appointments will be made available, although some teachers will be fully booked by then.

To make your appointments, please go to <https://chosenhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

[Click here for a user guide for parents/carers.](#)

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.

Donations of Second Hand Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations from year 11 students (when they finish exams at the end of June or if any is available now), or from any students who have outgrown some of their uniform. Please pass any clean donations to Reprographics. Many thanks.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Looking towards next year, we need help with the delivery of the DofE Awards. If there is anybody interested in becoming a Qualified Countryside Coastal Leader or a Moorland Leader and go on to become a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Leader please email ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.



Garden Tools Required

We will be putting some raised beds at the back of the Hub. These beds will be used for vegetables, salads, herbs and a wildflower area. If anyone has any old gardening tools that they don't need any more, and you are able to donate them to us, could you please bring them to Mrs Staite in the Hub.

Mental Health Awareness Week



How can we improve our connections to others?

This year, the Mental Health Awareness Week in the month of May had the theme of 'loneliness'.

In recent times, many have found it difficult to make connections to those around them. Our workplaces and social lives have changed, more people work from home and habits of isolation have become permanent for many. Feelings of isolation have increased and there is a significant link between mental health and loneliness.

What have we been doing in Ethical and Personal Studies this week?



Today, in our study of Sanatana Dharma (Hindu Dharma – Hinduism), year 8 students have had the opportunity to explore the benefits of group worship, with a special focus on what meaning religion and faith brings to the lives of those who have a faith. Our students discussed how having a faith can bring comfort in times of hardship or illness and can be a great source of comfort. We experienced the fascinating and vibrant religion of Hindu Dharma by visiting our very own shrine in L10! This engaged all of the senses from the traditional music playing, to the fragrance of the incense. Worshipping at the Mandir (Hindu temple) offers a place to

worship but also a way of finding comfort in having a shared belief and catching up with friends and family. Our students reflected on places where they feel special and valued and what they can do to improve feelings of loneliness and isolation.

[Click here](#) to access practical tips for improving feelings of loneliness for both adults and children.



The Butterfly Project

The Butterfly Project is a self-harm coping mechanism currently being broadcast on social media platforms as a form of self-help. Unfortunately, in school we have seen a small number of students drawing butterflies on their person and then scratching the butterfly off their skin, causing more harm to themselves.

Clearly, we discourage this form of practice as much as possible and encourage parents to talk with their children openly about this current issue and be vigilant around the topic.

The idea is simple. The self-harmer simply draws a butterfly on their place(s) of self-harm and if the butterfly fades without them self-harming, it means it has lived and flown away, giving them a sense of achievement. Whereas if they do self-harm with the butterfly there, they will have to wash it off. If that does happen, they can start again by drawing a new one on. Another person may draw a butterfly on you, take extra care of these ones they are special. Even if you do not cut, draw a butterfly anyway to show your support.

If you require any further information or support in relation to this matter, please contact the safeguarding team in the first instance.

Youth Forum

We are writing to you to inform you of a fantastic opportunity for your child. We are setting up an online forum for neurodiverse young people living in Gloucestershire. The group is for young people between the ages of 14 and 19. The forum will be a space where youth are free to be themselves and can meet with other autistic or neurodiverse young people across the county.



We hope that the forum will help students to gain self-advocacy skills, and to have their voices heard on how to make Gloucestershire better for young people. This forum will be a place where young people can talk about how services can be improved and developed.

The forum will take place monthly, on Zoom, and will be hosted by autistic adults.

The staff facilitating the groups have had Safeguarding children training and will ensure that the forum sessions are safe spaces for young people. There will be no pressure for young people to have their video on, or to share their own experiences.

The Zoom link will be shared with you when you have given consent for your young person to participate in the sessions.

You can complete an online consent form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/dJyP7vCeLk>

Many thanks,

Emily Luckham
Health and Wellbeing Projects Manager
07590 809353
emilyl@inclusion-glos.org

Holiday free school meal voucher scheme – May/June half term

We would like to make you aware of the free school meal voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families of Gloucestershire.

This half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding they have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.



Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, they are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but to ensure GCC get all who are eligible, they are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please contact GCC so they can update the amount, as this is not an automatic process.

Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by 26th May please contact GCC by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk with the following details:

- Your full name
- If you have received any vouchers for the holiday and if so, how much.
- When you originally signed up for the scheme
- The email that you signed up to the scheme with
- Your eligible child(ren)'s
 - o Name
 - o School year they are in
 - o School they attend.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on our [website](#).

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

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.

This year we are raising funds to replace the laser printer in DART, which every student will use during their time at Chosen Hill School. The cost is around £7,000 and we will be holding various events through the year with the aim of funding this piece of equipment.

Raffle Prizes

We are, once again, collecting donations which can be used as raffle prizes for the various events that we are planning for this year. If you have any new items that you can spare, any unwanted gifts etc. we would be grateful for any donations

Future events

We are currently putting together a calendar of fundraising events for the remainder of this academic year, and looking ahead to the next academic year. If you have any suggestions of events that you would like to see on the programme please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

If you would like to get involved with P.A.T.C.H. please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



Just a reminder to use the Giving Machine when you are making online purchases. Every time you use the Giving Machine to go to a shopping website and make a purchase, the school will get a contribution. So far we have raised £83.86, with no additional cost to supporters. Shops include Amazon, Argos, ebay, John Lewis,

Clarks, M&S, Boots and loads more. It doesn't cost you a penny extra and you get all the same discounts and offers, you just need to go to your chosen site via the Giving Machine page. The link to the page is here for you to sign up if you haven't already.

<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/chosen-hill-school/>

WANTED!

RAFFLE PRIZES

AUCTION ITEMS

TOMBOLA PRIZES

ITEMS FOR SELLING



Please bring any donations that you have to Reception.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

PROM Outfits

Please don't panic if you haven't yet purchased a prom outfit for your son or daughter.

A large selection of beautiful dresses, one suit and some shoes have been donated to the school, we are delighted to loan these out to anyone who may need one!

Please encourage your child to visit Mrs Hannis in H4 to have a look and a try on.



PRE-LOVED PROM OUTFITS AND ACCESSORIES

We are collecting pre-loved prom outfits and accessories that are in excellent condition. This includes dresses, suits, shoes, jewellery, etc. that can be lent to other students who are not in a position to purchase their prom outfits.

If you have anything suitable, or would like more information about this scheme, please email Mrs Hannis at ah@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you



DofE Silver Expedition

Easter saw a number of firsts for Silver DofE. The first practice and expedition which allowed the participants to camp after several years of not being able to do so due to covid; the first use of bikes as a means of transport; and the first (and the last) back to back practise and qualifying.

The students arrived back at school on the evening of 8th April where the walking group spent the evening refining their routes and the cyclists learnt how to fit pannier racks to their bikes, then how to load panniers on the racks. What they didn't know was that in the morning they were going to have to learn how to ride their bikes all over again! Once all the routes were sorted, kit was checked and stowed ready for the morning, we had a late chip supper and settled down for the night.



Morning brought a whole new set of challenges, including figuring out how to cook crumpets on a Trangia, not an easy task, but one that was refined over the next few days. The students set out from school with high expectations of a swift and successful day of walking and cycling. The weather was good and the roads and paths were quiet. However it wasn't long before the walkers found themselves to be somewhat locationally challenged, but they managed to figure out where they were and got themselves back on track. The cyclists however were making great progress until Callum managed to snap his chain. Eventually the chain was fixed and they were able to proceed on their way, but not before they had taken the opportunity to make sure

that they had properly refuelled. The two groups finally met up again at Cranham scout centre, where the next lesson learnt was "don't pitch your tent on the steepest part of a slope!". As night drew in, the temperature dropped and everyone retired for an early night.

The temperature continued to drop and we woke to a hard frost that had even turned the inside of the tents white! Breakfast was eaten, camp was broken and everyone set off to return journey to Chosen Hill. Day 2 was pretty much a repeat of day 1 with the walkers finding themselves locationally challenged in Cranham woods, recognising the same features several times, before finally escaping on the correct path. The cyclists once again headed off with great gusto and had almost returned to school when Callum's chain broke again. This time it was not so easily fixed. A replacement bike was hurriedly found and the equipment transferred across to his new steed ready for the qualifying expedition the following day.



Monday morning started with almost everyone in the wrong place, as I got the car parks mixed up, but very quickly a large convoy arrived (as they had watched me drive past them in the school bus and then followed me up the hill). All seemed to be going as planned until we found that, in his haste to change bikes, Callum had forgotten the tent and his helmet. Fortunately spares were available, and the missing items delivered to the campsite by his mum later that day (thank you Mrs Smith). Having proved to be faster than we expected in the practise, the cyclists were overjoyed to find that we had extended their routes by 10k, just to make sure that they had

plenty to keep them occupied. They also soon discovered that there are a lot more hills around Winchcombe than they expected. Which is definitely a problem when you head up the wrong one. One more reason to check your navigation is spot on. Which brings us back to the walking group, who were once again adrift of where they should have been. Although they were off course, and ended up taking a longer route than they had planned, they were able to correct their error and did arrive safely at camp, about 3 hours later than expected.

Tuesday saw a very wet start to the day and everyone was pretty much soaked before they had even left camp. The walkers, instead of being downhearted by the turn of events on Monday, were determined to complete the day with no mistakes and return to camp before the cyclist did. And guess what happened? They did it, sailed round with spot on navigation and hit all their checkpoints bang on time. The cyclists however were starting to feel the effects of the extra distance and were not quite as fast as previous days. This opened a window of opportunity for the walkers and this meant that they arrived just behind the walkers, who were delighted at the outcome. After a relaxing evening at a now dry campsite, everyone settled down for an early night ready for their final day of adventure.



On Wednesday morning we were joined by Mr Bird who came along to see how the groups were getting on and offer his support and encouragement. Both groups were in high spirits and everyone headed out for the final push. The cyclists, who were now very aware of their legs, paid the price for the lack of concentration that comes with tiredness and complacency and managed to go up quite a big wrong hill, after coming back down, resetting themselves, they managed once again to go up a different wrong hill. So third time lucky, as the saying goes. Still after a break and some food, they were back in good spirits and heading off on the last leg to the finish. The walkers had been slowly moving forward throughout the day, and they too were feeling the effects of 5 days of walking, but they

continued, buoyed on by the comic musing of Faryar, whose motivational skills were fondly spoken of. Soon both groups met up a couple of miles outside Cleve Hill golf club, and decided to travel together for the last section and catch up on the events of the day.

Last Wednesday both groups gave their presentation to myself and Mr Bird. This covered the different churches that they visited over the three days and what they found out about them. They also reflected on their experiences both good and bad, and what they had learned about themselves. This concluded the expedition section for the participants, which has now been signed off and all that remains for them to do now is to submit the evidence collected for the physical, volunteering and skills sections to fully complete their silver award.



Well done to all of you.



Food

& Fun

Gloucestershire

YST.
Youth Support Team

The YST presents....
a range of fun activities & lunch
during the school holidays



Lunch provided

Who: For young people aged 11+

Where: Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Rd, Cheltenham GL52 5QW

When: 11am - 3pm, Tuesday 31st May

Cost: **FREE * FREE * FREE**

Places are limited - please book in advance

For more info or to book:

E: mark.stapleton@prospects.co.uk

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- Who:** For young people aged 11+
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- When:** 11am - 3pm, Wednesday 1st June
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Sporting News

U13 Cricketers were in action this week. A good win against St Edwards



A good evening of U15 Cricket v Balcarras - chasing 67 to win for the loss of 1 wicket



Cricket and Athletic Summer Fixtures 2022

Date

Wednesday 8th June

Thursday 9th June

Tuesday 14th June

Thursday 16th June

Wednesday 22nd June

Thursday 23rd June

Thursday 30th June

U14 Athletics District Championships

U15 Cricket v Winchcombe (H)

U14 Cricket v Tewkesbury (A)

U12 Cricket v Tewkesbury (H)

U15 Cricket v St Edwards (A)

U13 Cricket v Bournside (H)

U12 & U13 Boys Athletics Championships

U13 Cricket v Pittville (A)

U13 Cricket v Cotswold (A)

Latest News

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