



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 29th April 2022

Learning Tip

Satchel

Satchel is the main way in which you can access information about your child's timetable, homework, and behaviour. This short [video](#) explains how to use Satchel

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 2nd May:

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3rd May:

Year 7 trip - Move More - Every Child Active

Wednesday 4th May:

Skillzone - 7CW

DofE Presentation Evening

Thursday 5th May:

Year 12 RSC Theatre Trip - War of the Roses

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations

Friday 6th May:

GCSE Oral Exams

IET Faraday Challenge

PATCH Quiz & Curry Night

Saturday 7th May:

DofE Bronze First Aid Training

Connect with us on Social Media:



Welcome back to the summer term.

As you will see in the packed bulletin this week we have returned with a bang! Although the shortest term there is a lot going on.

We are really proud of the effort being put in by staff and students in preparing for the Summer exams. This is a really important time for revision and fine tuning to ensure they are exam ready and we are really pleased to have been able to have our Y11 students work with Elevate Education this week to help them with the skills and strategies to make the most of the coming weeks.

On Wednesday evening next week, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the amazing achievements of those students who have completed their Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

On Friday evening (next week), PATCH will be running a curry and quiz night in the Main School Hall to raise funds for school projects. I hope you can support this by entering a team, more details later in the bulletin.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Updated Term Dates

The term dates for 2022/23 have been updated and available to view on the website.

[2022/23 Term Dates](#)

Year 7 SEND Transition Survey

We are seeking to understand further the experiences of our year 7 parents regarding transition for their child with additional needs.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey using the following link:

[Year 7 SEND Transition Survey](#)

The survey will be available until Friday 6th May.

Many thanks

Kate Stoneman - Inclusion Manager

Young Carers

Did you know Chosen Hill School can provide extra support for Young Carers? We would like to offer advice, help and support to ensure that school is a positive place where all students can thrive.

As many as one in 12 students at Chosen Hill School could be a Young Carer, and many worry about their family member when they are away from them. Young Carers may be tired, find it difficult to concentrate and have limited time for friendships and activities after school. As a school we know how important their role is at home and that this might sometimes prevent them from taking part in extracurricular activities, seeing their friends, completing homework, etc.

We can ensure staff know about students caring role at home,. We can be supportive and flexible if they are struggling to get to school on time or if they need to be in contact with home during the school day. We can also provide advice and guidance on Young Carer issues, benefits, local support groups, as well as someone to talk to and much more.

Mrs Hannis (Pupil Premium Manager) and Mr Clark (Assistant Year Lead of Key Stage 4) will be running a Young Carer group every Thursday lunchtime in H4. We will have food, snacks, drinks, etc, and a chance to meet other Young Carers, discuss any issues or things students need help with both in school and at home. We hope this will be a chance for them to feel supported and have fun!

If you would like to know more, or you think your child might be a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Hannis.

ahn@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



1 IN 5
SECONDARY SCHOOL
CHILDREN MAY BE A
YOUNG CARER

The Late Bus

If your child catches the 4.30 John Dix bus, the drop off points are as below. The bus will not be able to stop at other drop offs on request. Please can you make sure your child is aware of the drop off points if they are using the bus.

- Stop 1: Greyhound Gardens (Stop ID: glodgwmj)
- Stop 2: Elmbridge Road (Stop ID: glodgmdm)
- Stop 3: Wotton Hall Club (glodgtpd)
- Stop 4: Coney Hill Road (glodgtgd)
- Stop 5: Brome Road (glogpjmjw)
- Stop 6: Lobley Estate (glogpjda)
- Stop 7: Ermin Park (glodmagj)
- Stop 8: Shurdington



Behaviour on Buses and Outside of School

We have had some complaints from members of the public recently about some behaviour of our students outside of school and on the buses in particular. We will be meeting with the bus operators to develop a code of conduct and a strategy for those that are unable to behave appropriately in the coming weeks. A reminder that whilst students are travelling to and from school, and are wearing school uniform, our school behaviour policy applies.

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.



The school will be following up shortly by sending out the Cycle to School policy.

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.

Summer Term Uniform

Students now have the option of wearing of a badged school polo shirt which must be worn with a blazer. Otherwise a normal shirt (short sleeves is fine) which must be worn with the school tie and blazer.

Important Communications from our Schoolwear Supplier

As we approach the springtime, we begin to prepare for Back to School and our uniform supplier, Monkhouse is making preparations too.

As a response to your feedback, Monkhouse understand the importance of being able to communicate with you directly, so that they can keep you updated and in-the-loop as Back to School approaches.

In order to keep you informed, we ask that you sign up to their email communications via the [Monkhouse homepage](#) or [create an account form](#) to allow updates from Monkhouse to reach your inbox.



School Uniform

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 Catalog](#)

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

To be held in the Main School Hall at

Chosen Hill School

on
Friday 6th May 2022

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start

Teams will be a maximum of 8 and there will be prizes for the winners and losers!

Tickets priced at £10 per person to include your choice of Chicken or Vegetable Biryani with Rice and Poppadum

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.

SAVE THE DATE - Quiz and curry night – 6th May



The last couple of years have proven difficult to hold events to raise money, but we are pleased to announce that we are back with a Quiz and Curry night on 6th May, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, finish by 10pm. Teams will be a maximum of 8 people and there will be prizes for the winners and losers! Tickets are available on the School Gateway at a reasonably priced £10 a head and includes your choice of chicken or vegetable curry with rice and poppadum.

We will be holding a raffle on the night and we would be very grateful for any donations for raffle prizes. Please send them in to the school reception, marked for the PATCH raffle.

If you would like to come and help on the night, but don't want to take part in the quiz, we would love to hear from you. Please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

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.

The Christmas raffle we held this year, raised over £1,000 and was used to buy soldering kits for DT and theatre supplies for the Drama department. Last year's Christmas raffle bought benches for the playground area.

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 supporting Hucclecote Football Club with parking for their tournament on the 25th and 26th June and would welcome anybody who could give up a couple of hours to help us manage the car parking at school. We will need volunteers from 7.30-1pm and 1pm-5.45pm on both days. Any time you could spare would be appreciated. Hucclecote are making a donation to PATCH for this event.



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.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Alice Merrell and Fin Tait who are competing in the Varsity Summit 2022 Cheer competition in Florida, USA. Alice and Fin are in the GCA Cobalt teach, which is part of the international Co-ed level 4 team. Fin has also done amazingly well. He is on Team England Juniors and they won GOLD last week at the event.



Congratulations to Jack Lisowski, a former student, doing exceptionally well on the Snooker circuit.

In Jack's first ever Crucible World Championship quarter final he very nearly beat one of the game's all-time greats, John Higgins.

The superb game finished 13-12.

Looking forward to more great snooker from Jack in the coming years!



Mental Health Talks - Cally Rhodes

We were excited to have Cally Rhodes in school on Tuesday 26th April, who performed her music and spoke to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students throughout the day. Cally is a Welsh singer/songwriter who writes catchy, melodic and honest dance-pop music. Her original music has been streamed over 20 million times online and her singles have appeared in Spotify Top 50 Charts all over the world. Cally was named 'Best Introducing Artist of the Year 2019' by BBC Introducing, as well as having her songs played on BBC's "Strictly Come Dancing".

In between song performances Cally discussed the importance of working hard at school, why education is so important, how it impacts life after school and the options students have after school as well as discussing her own personal stories and achievements. She has also had her own experiences and issues with mental health and body image. She shared this and openly discussed mental health, the causes of mental health problems (stress at school, relationships, what has happened during the pandemic, etc), who to ask for help and how to do it, and the importance of speaking up and discussing how to talk about emotions accurately and sensitively. She also raised issues surrounding social media, and the effect of this on a person's mental health and self-esteem.

It was a truly inspirational talk, and we hope that students will take lots of key messages from it, including the main ones about believing in yourself and your abilities and the importance of hard work. If you would like to know more about Cally or listen to her music, please click on the link below. If you or your child would like help with any of the issues Cally discussed, please also see the links below.

callyrhodes.com

www.ticplus.org.uk/



Gold DofE Practice Expedition 2022

Dartmoor Delight!

Five intrepid Gold DofE Award participants - Jude Carlile, Jamiee Clarke, Matthew Gore, Phoebe Hatton and Ryan Nash - undertook their practice Gold DofE Award expedition on Dartmoor from 19th to 22nd April 2022. They had to complete a 48 km route without outside assistance over the 4 days.

After the first day, which was used to do Dartmoor orientation and a final skills assessment, they were only remotely supervised by Mr. Bird and Mrs. Harpham. Consequently, they had to work hard on their micro-navigation skills, battling against quite a strong wind, to ensure they stayed on track and didn't get lost.

Starting on the Tuesday afternoon, immediately after the Easter bank holiday, the team climbed over Higher Tor, visited Neolithic settlements, an ancient stone circle and forded two rivers before reaching the location of their first wild camp on White Moor.



The next day, they journeyed on to Steeperton's Gorge via a circular route to the South-West, visiting Hangingstone Hill, Black Hill, Black Ridge and Okement Hill - some 16 kms with heavy packs and lots of bog hopping!!! Along this route no habitation could be seen at all, so it really gave the participants a sense of isolation and being at one with nature.

Having camped overnight, in the gorge, they cooked a hearty breakfast, before setting off again, Thursday morning, on an 12 km route; which saw them reach the highest point of the moor, Yes Tor (719 Meters above sea level), before heading down to set up camp and cook their evening meal at Henry's Ford.



On the way they stopped to explore the disused railway that was once used to provide moving targets for the Royal Army to practice aiming their artillery.



Heading out from Henry's Ford on Day 4, the teams disappeared into the mist/light rain as they headed uphill to the summit of Belstone Tor. From there, they headed down the Irishman's wall and up and over Higher Halstock Common before meeting the road, which they followed to the army camp and the finish.



The team pose for a photo at the finish. From left to right: Matthew Gore, Phoebe Hatton, Ryan Nash, Jamiee Clarke and Jude Carlile.

Throughout, the participants showed great determination, coping with the difficult terrain, cutting their own latrines and purifying water. Pulling together as a team they helped and supported each other to surpass previously conceived limits. They were a credit to themselves and the school. With fortitude and laughter – and some doggy jokes - they persevered and successfully passed their practice expedition. A massive well done to them all. Thanks, also to their parents for supporting their DofE journey and Mrs. Harpham for supporting me with the supervision throughout this challenging practice expedition.

The team are currently preparing for their practice expedition presentation before starting the planning for their actual assessed expedition, which is scheduled for the second week in July. We wish them every success.

I Bird
DofE Manager
Chosen Hill School

Year 11 Revision Support

Elevate Education were in school this week to help prepare our Year 11 students for their upcoming exams. An excellent morning and further opportunities for revision at 4pm club after school from now until end of exams



NEW!

ROCK & POP SESSIONS

At Brookfield Music Centre

Special
introductory
offer for
Summer
Term
£30

**Weekly sessions for students to play in a band with their peers
and explore some of the most epic rock and pop songs.**

**Guitarists / drummers / singers - come and join us...
but also this is open to any instrumentalist - string / brass / percussion
players all have a fantastic role to play!**

**Prepare for live performances and take to the stage in great venues
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Open to anyone aged 18 or under.

Main Reception at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0LF

Saturdays 11am-12:30pm @ Brookfield Music Centre
Sessions start 30th April 2022

To sign up, visit

<https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/online-payments/group-membership-payments>
or call us on **01452 427242**



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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



Cricket and Athletic Summer Fixtures 2002

Date

Thursday 5th May	U15 Cricket v Tewkesbury (H)
Tuesday 10th May	U13 Cricket v Pates (H)
Tuesday 24th May	U15 Cricket v Balcarras (H)
Thursday 26th May	U13 Cricket v St Edwards (A)

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Wednesday 8th June	U14 Athletics District Championships
Thursday 9th June	U15 Cricket v Winchcombe (H) U14 Cricket v Tewkesbury (A)
Tuesday 14th June	U12 Cricket v Tewkesbury (H)
Thursday 16th June	U15 Cricket v St Edwards (A) U13 Cricket v Bournside (H)
Wednesday 22nd June	U12 & U13 Boys Athletics Championships
Thursday 23rd June	U13 Cricket v Pittville (A)
Thursday 30th June	U13 Cricket v Cotswold (A)



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