



Parent Bulletin

November
2025

Key Dates

3rd November – First Day Back

11th November – Remembrance Parade

19th November – Y10 GCSE Geography Trip

26th November – Y12/13 Natural History Museum Trip

Throughout November– Y11 Mock Exams



Headteacher's Blurb

October Reflections

October was a rewarding month at Chosen Hill, filled with creativity, and community spirit.

The launch of our Borneo Expedition for summer 2025 was met with great enthusiasm. The information evening on Tuesday 10th October gave families a glimpse into the exciting opportunities ahead—jungle trekking, conservation work and cultural exchange. We're proud to offer experiences that build resilience and global awareness.

House Music was a standout event this term, showcasing the talent and teamwork of our students. The highlights show on 21st October was a fantastic celebration of creativity and collaboration, and I'd like to thank all staff and students involved for their dedication and energy.

Our extra-curricular programme continues to thrive, with clubs ranging from chess and dance to STEM and trampolining. It's inspiring to see students exploring new interests and developing skills beyond the classroom.

November Forecast

November is a month of reflection, learning and opportunity at Chosen Hill. Our Remembrance Assemblies for Years 7–13 will offer a moving moment to pause and consider the importance of remembrance, with students engaging thoughtfully with its key messages.

On Tuesday 11th November, we will take part in the Remembrance Parade, laying a wreath at school alongside cadets, scouts, guides, and other student uniformed services. We are honoured to welcome representatives from the local military and the British Legion to join us in this act of respect and remembrance.

On Monday 10th November, we look forward to welcoming students from a Japanese school for a cultural exchange with our Year 7 students. This visit will be a chance to share language, traditions and activities, building global understanding and friendships. Friday 17th November sees our Year 9 students take part in the GCHQ competition—a brilliant opportunity to develop problem-solving and teamwork in a real-world context. On Sunday 19th November, our Year 12 and 13 students will visit the Natural History and Science Museums in London, enriching their studies and sparking curiosity through hands-on learning.

Finally, on Friday 28th November, our Year 11 students will take part in "Meet the Professionals," where local employers will conduct mock interviews. This event is a key part of our careers programme, helping students prepare for the world beyond school with confidence and clarity.

Mr J Bardgett

Important Information

School drop off and pick ups.

If you drop your child at school, please do not drop them in the entrance areas with the gates. These are no dropping or turning areas to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. There have been a number of near misses this term with people pulling in to drop their children off and other people turning to come into the school.

If you are reminded by a member of staff that the areas are not for dropping off or turning, please can you be respectful in your communication with them. Staff are doing their best to keep these areas clear so that it is safer for your children to arrive and leave school.

Please can we remind you that school is open for students from 8am and that students should not be arriving before that time as there is no staff supervision until then.

School Term Dates for 2025/26

Please note the term dates and the INSET days when students will not be in school. It is really important that students are in school every day – absence due to holiday taken during term time is not authorised and may lead to penalty fines being issued.

Please click the link to see the term dates for 2025/2026.

<https://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk/home/parents-and-students/term-dates/>

Duke of Edinburgh Dates

Please make a note of the following dates if your child is taking part in DofE at Chosen Hill this year

Bronze

Session 1– Saturday 27th September 10–12

Session 2– Saturday 29th November 10–12

Session 3– Saturday 31st January 10–12 (First Aid)

Session 4– Saturday 28th February 10–12

Session 5– Saturday 21st March 10–12

Bronze Training Weekend Friday 8th May 6pm–Saturday 9th May

Session 6– Saturday 13th June 10–12

Bronze Assessed Expedition Friday 26th June 8am– Saturday 27th June

Any questions please contact Mr Bird ib@

Silver

Saturday 17th January 9–3.30pm (First Aid training)

Wednesday 11th March 1–5pm Navigation Afternoon

Silver Practise expedition Thursday 16th April 10am– Saturday 18th April

Silver Assessed Expedition Thursday 14th May 8am– Saturday 16th May

Any questions please contact Miss Wheeler ewh@

Gold

Saturday 17th January 9–3.30pm (First Aid training)

Sunday 1st March Initial Training Walk 8am–6pm

Wednesday 11th March 1–5pm Navigation Afternoon (provisional)

Introduction to wild Country Friday 28th March 8am– Saturday 29th March

Gold Practise Expedition Wednesday 22nd April 8am– Saturday 25th April

Gold Assessed Expedition 6th– 10th July (enrichment week)

Any questions please contact Mr Bird ib@

House Music 2025

This October, we had the pleasure of celebrating our annual House Music competition — a true highlight of the Chosen Hill School calendar.

Our Sixth Form leaders worked tirelessly to create spectacular performances for their houses, showcasing creativity, leadership, and an abundance of talent.

Carne kicked off the day with a glamorous journey to the Grammys, delivering a performance full of elegance and prestige. Standout moments included a stunning piano solo by Julia and a beautifully harmonised set from the Carne House Choir.

Next, Masefield pulled us into the depths of the Underworld, presenting a gripping narrative of good versus evil. Matt I and Josh P captivated the audience with their powerful portrayals of angelic and devilish characters.

Scott then took us on a journey through time with their theme Icons Through the Ages. A memorable performance brought John Lennon back to life, thanks to Ethan L, while Ethan G wowed the audience by drumming blindfolded — a true rockstar moment!

And finally, the winners — Whittle — who impressed us all with their theme Best of Britain. Their performance was bursting with charm, charisma, and that unmistakable British humour that had everyone laughing and thoroughly entertained. Their house opening struck the perfect balance between pride and playfulness, sealing their well-earned victory.

This event showcased the incredible talent across Chosen Hill School. Every student who took part should be immensely proud of their creativity, teamwork, and Chosen Hill spirit.

Well done to all — what a show!

Thank you to all those who attended the Highlights concert to help raise money for future events.

House Music 2025



Gloucestershire Business School Challenge

We are delighted to announce that a selection of our enthusiastic Year 13 A-Level Business Students attended the launch of the University of Gloucestershire's Business School Challenge 2025.

This inter-school enterprise competition is, once again, being led the University's Business School from their Oxstalls Campus, and is supported by Amazon and a range of local Business, including Gloucester Rugby Club, Hazzlewoods, Gloucester Brewery and the University's own Business Growth Hub. Representatives from each business will form the judging panel when the teams return to present their exciting business plans on the 10th December 2025.

Working in teams of up to 5, over the next 5 weeks, students will prepare a pitch for what they considered to be a new, sustainable and successful business idea for the school, local community or Gloucestershire. It must be well-researched, based on real-life data and delivered in a creative and engaging manner. To assist them, senior lecturers will conduct frequent a university-style seminars to help them formulate viable ideas, test them and review their provisional plans ahead of the grand final in December.

Please join with us in giving our students the very best wishes for a successful competition, one that they will effectively use to embed their learning of Business and, very importantly, enjoy.



Disney's Dare to Dream Junior 2026

Tickets for our February 2026 show are now on sale! Chosen Hill School are proud to present their 2026 production: Disney's Dare to Dream Junior! This spectacular production features students from across the school, coming together to perform beloved Disney songs and thrilling dance routines. From heart-warming classics to high-energy numbers, this show celebrates courage, friendship and imagination. Bring the whole family and experience the magic of Disney like never before. Don't miss your chance to support our young stars and enjoy a truly enchanting performance!

You can buy the tickets at:

<https://buytickets.at/chosenhillschool/1884716>



Important Information

Dress Code for September 2025

Maintaining high standards in a shared school dress code is a key part of fostering a respectful and focused learning environment. When students arrive at school dressed smartly, it sets the tone for positive behaviour, strong work habits, and pride in their school community.

We are grateful to parents and carers for your continued support in upholding our dress code expectations. Our dress code reflects our shared values and prepares students for the expectations of the wider world. By consistently promoting high standards of appearance, we aim to instil confidence, responsibility, and a sense of belonging in every student.

Many of you will be thinking about making the annual trip to the shops and online to purchase school uniform and shoes. This is particularly pertinent for parents/carers of students joining Year 7 in September 2025. Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists, are reminding parents/carers that it is helpful to visit their website before the end of term, or early in the summer holiday, in order that uniform purchases are in place for the new academic year. www.monkhouse.com

We would like to refer you to the Uniform Acceptability Check in our Dress Code Policy: [Dress Code Policy From September 2025](#) This will help parents avoid purchasing costly uniform items that are not acceptable under the school dress code.

Important Information

To avoid any student having to replace items of clothing in September, can I remind you of a few key details:

- Standard green blazer with Chosen Hill School badge in white on pocket.
- Black formal school trousers

Trouser hems should rest on the top of the shoes and always below the top of the sock.

Reminder: any other trousers are NOT school uniform. This means not jeans, leggings or jeggings, skinny or slim fit i.e. not tight around the ankles.

- Plain white, formal, collared, work-style, long or short sleeved shirt. The shirt must be tucked in.

There should not be a gap between the bottom of the shirt and the trousers.

- Clip-on school tie, with green and silver bands.

From September 2025 – Year 7 students should wear clip-on ties which are available from our uniform supplier Monkhouse Schoolwear.

All other year groups can continue to wear the traditional school tie (Standard tie knot, covering the top shirt button and with 10 or more stripes visible below the knot) but please could we ask that when you are ready to replace this item, you do so with the clip-on version.

- Socks must be plain black.
- All black, formal and professional, flat-heeled, plain shoe with an instep.

These should be of a material that can be polished.

No trainers, plimsolls, suede/canvas shoes or boots to be worn.

Heels may not be higher than 5cm (2in) for safety reasons on stairs in school.

See Uniform Acceptability Check below.

We do not accept trainers as alternative footwear on medical grounds as other wide, supportive shoes are available.

Notices

In addition, in September please can parents and carers ensure that the general rules around piercings, make-up, false nails and eyelashes are adhered to.

The school will be checking uniform regularly during roll call and through the standards card and by students supporting the dress code, this will avoid an unhappy start to the new academic year.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies.

Donations of School Uniform and Equipment

We are looking for donations of school uniform that your child has outgrown and no longer needs. In particular those students who have finished Year 11 and looking to move onto the next phase of their education. All school uniform in good condition would be greatly appreciated, including blazers, tie's, trousers and skirts. Any equipment that your child will no longer need, such as calculators will also be welcome.

Personal Information and Data

With a new school year having started, it is timely to remind you to make sure that we have accurate contact and medical details on record. Please visit the School Gateway and advise us if you have changed contact information, including emails, to ensure that we are able to always reach you.

From September the canteen will not serve students any food item that does not meet their dietary restrictions that we currently have logged on our system. These are things like vegetarian, no pork, no dairy etc. as we have to abide by the regulations set for us to ensure we are compliant.

Therefore we'd be grateful if you could please check your child's details on SchoolComms/ParentPay and let us know if the information needs to be updated.

Dear Parent/Guardian

IFG proudly serves over 400,000 students nutritious meals each day. Our award-winning teams are dedicated to serving vibrant, appetising food, freshly prepared on site using quality ingredients. To enable us to continue to do this, our **meal tariff will be increasing by 2.3% and Free School Meal Allowance to £2.95** from September 2025. The great news is we have frozen all our fruit, yoghurt and salad dish prices for another year. Below we have outlined some of the cost pressures which have driven this increase.

Food Inflation due to NI increases: We buy British and support our local economy where possible and because of Employers National Insurance increasing, this has meant we have received increases of 5%+ from our suppliers. The increase is not only the cost of delivering to our sites but also the products we purchase. We have robustly negotiated and mitigated with our suppliers, ensuring we maintain quality, however the NI increases have meant an underlying increase across all products and ingredients we buy.

Employee Funding & Retention: In April, the Government increased the minimum wage by 6.7%, a positive move which will ease cost pressures for many of our colleagues. Alongside this, to retain and attract a high standard of leadership, we have increased wages for supervisory and managerial roles. Despite positive advancements, the combination of these factors means significant ongoing cost demands across our industry, many of which we have absorbed.

We continue to seek ways of mitigating the costs associated with these challenges, however, we refuse to compromise on ingredients or service standards. We remain proud to serve a home cooked main meal and dessert, as well as other options. We truly believe we offer students innovative dishes which rival the high street whilst providing families with great value for money.

Through partnering with schools, we continue to see more students enjoying our services. Whilst this is great news and tells us our menus are popular with students, we are always looking to encourage more young people to dine with us. If you have any feedback we would love to hear from you.

We hope you understand our position and your family can continue to enjoy our services. We remain open and honest about our challenges and will continue to seek your input. Should you wish to discuss this letter, or anything else relating to your catering service, please get in touch.

Kindest regards



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Tariff September 2025

DRINKS			PRICE	BREAKFAST		PRIC
Water	500ml	Fruit	£1.15	BreakfastRoll	Mini	
Slush	Capri	Sun	£1.45	Breakfast Baguette	3	£1.55
Dalston	Cans	Radnor	£1.30	Piece Breakfast Pot	4	£1.55
200ml	Carton	Milk /	£1.45	Piece Breakfast Pot		£2.20
Flavoured	Carton		£1.15	Toast with Butter or Jam		£2.40
			£1.15	Waffle with Topping		£0.35
Muffins	Small	Cakes		Pastries & Croissants		£1.70
Cookies	Brownie		£1.35	Cereals + Milk (8oz)		£1.70
			£1.05	Porridge for Staff		£1.05
Bagel	Panini	-	£1.35	Porridge for Students		£1.00
Half/Whole	Toastie	-	£1.35	Porridge Toppings		Free
Whole	Korean	Crispy				£0.50
Chicken				COLD GRAB & GO		
			£2.60	Chill Deal Roll		£1.15
			£1.55/£2.75	Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich		£2.30
			£2.30	Wrap		£2.75
			£2.65	Naturally -Premium Salad		£3.00
Tandoori Chicken	Naan		£3.00	Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette		£2.45/£2.75
Wrap/Twister			£2.75	Half Baguette		£1.55
Chicken Wings			£2.35	Cold Pasta Pot 16oz		£2.50
Shawarma			£2.75	Vegetable Bag		£0.75
Pizza Slice (Break Time)			£1.60	Protein Pots		£1.05
Falafel Kebab			£2.75	Salad Pots		£2.00
Hot Bowls			£2.65	Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots		£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot -Med/Lrg			£2.25/£2.50	Whole Fruit		£0.55
Jacket Potato -1 Topping			£2.15			
ALL Power Bites						
Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes			£1.35			

VAT on hot food and beverages will be charged at the current rate for all staff members

Tariff September 2025

BREAKFAST		PRICE	homebakes	PRICE
Breakfast Roll	Mini	£1.55	Muffins Small Cakes	£1.35
Breakfast Baguette	3	£1.55	Cookies Brownie	£1.05
Piece Breakfast Pot	4	£2.20		£1.35
Piece Breakfast Pot		£2.40	Bagel Panini -	£1.35
Toast with Butter or Jam		£0.35	Half/Whole	
Waffle with Topping		£1.70	Toastie -Whole	£2.60
Pastries & Croissants		£1.70	Korean Crispy Chicken	£1.55/£2.75
Cereals + Milk (8oz)		£1.05	Tandoori Chicken Naan	£2.30
Porridge for Staff		£1.00	Wrap/Twister	£2.65
Porridge for Students		Free	Chicken Wings	£3.00
Porridge Toppings		£0.50	Shawarma	£2.75
COLD GRAB & GO			Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£2.35
Chill Deal Roll		£1.15	Fatafel Kebab	£2.75
Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich		£2.30	Hot Bowls	£1.60
Wrap		£2.75		£2.75
Naturally -Premium Salad		£3.00		£2.65
Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette		£2.45/£2.75	Hot Pasta Pot -Med/Lrg	£2.25/£2.50
Half Baguette		£1.55	Jacket Potato -1 Topping	£2.15
Cold Pasta Pot 16oz		£2.50	ALL Power Bites	
Vegetable Bag		£0.75	Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.35
Protein Pots		£1.05	Soup	
Salad Pots		£2.00	FreshSoup Available Daily	£1.85
Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots		£1.00		
Whole Fruit		£0.55		

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STEM CLUB

Day: Wednesday week 1

Time: 3:15 to 4:00

Place: Ss23

Who: All year groups

Come along to enjoy exciting activities that include competition, team work, problem solving and explosions!

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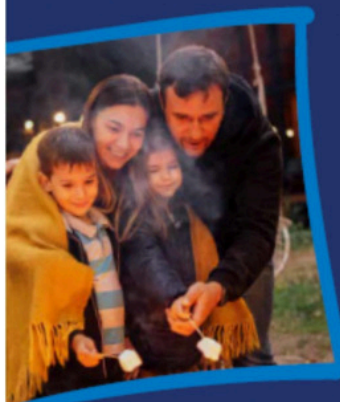
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Please note: Excludes Clubs (Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows).

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