

Newsletter of Gosford Hill School  
Mathematics & Computing College  
"Proud to be part of the Kidlington Partnership"

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## Best EVER GCSE and A Level Results

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An amazing 75% of students in our year 11 achieved 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C and nearly 60% of students achieved 5 A\*-C Grades, including both English and Maths (The figure now stands at 59%). The A\*-C success rate was 70% for Maths and 66% for English.

Almost 20% of students achieved at least 5 A or A\* grades.

Special congratulations to our top achievers who were:

- Martha Grabowska 12 A\* 1 A
- Tom Cross 10 A\* 2 A
- Sarah Cameron 10 A\* 1 A 1 B
- Susanna House 9 A\* 3 A
- Sophie Hedges, Jessica Lam, Katherine Lambert, Imogen O'Malley At least 10 A\* / A



**These results exceed the target set for the school by the Local Authority (which is based on potential). This is a great achievement for the students, the staff and the whole school community.**



Congratulations to all of our students on their A level results. The overall pass rate was 99% achieving at least one pass. 52% of students achieved at least one A\* – B grade and 77% of students achieved at least one A\* - C grade.

James Richings achieved the highest results with 3 A\* grades and 1 A grade.

Stephanie Bott, Sam Cook, Jenny Devine, Louise House, Melissa Hawtin and Felicity White each achieved 3 grades at A or A\*.

Students achieving 4 A levels included Gavin Lai and Sam Trangmar-Keates, each with 2 As and 2Bs.

**Look out for our special edition celebration newsletter coming soon!**

Dr Stephen Bizley

## Welcome to your new Weekly Newsletter

The Gosford Times will now be published every week. Parents have said that they would like regular communication and with the Headteacher Blog we hope this will help families be better informed.

Do let us know what you think of our new newsletter!

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**Early School Closure**  
Wednesday 21 September, 1.20pm

**Open Evening**  
Wednesday 21 September, 6.00-8.00pm

**Open Morning**  
Tuesday 22 September, 9.15-10.45am

## GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL COMMUNITY FAIR



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Main Hall, Gosford Hill  
School



Photography, Flowers, Fruit & Veg. and Crafts

**Join in .... Get involved in our community.....**

<i>Programme:</i>	
<i>11:40 pm – 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Set up exhibition</i>
<i>2:20 pm – 3:05 pm</i>	<i>Students visit exhibition</i>
<i>3:05 pm – 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Closed for Judging</i>
<i>4:00 pm – 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Exhibition open to everyone</i>
<i>5:00 pm – 5:20 pm</i>	<i>Prize giving</i>

If you have a talent for photography, gardening or crafts, why not download an entry form from the school website and enter?

Go to "Latest News" – "Gosford Hill Community Fair 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011".

*Non-food entries should be with us by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.*

## Adult Learning News

### Parents/carers - do you need to BRUSH UP YOUR MATHS?

Starting in September: Kidlington Adult Learning will be offering FREE daytime classes on Monday mornings to help you improve your Maths skills. The classes are small and friendly and taught by specialist adult education tutors. All learners work towards nationally recognised City and Guilds qualifications and can lead on to a GCSE Maths course in the future.

If you would like to know more, please telephone Kidlington Adult Learning on 01865 372165 or email [janet.leach@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:janet.leach@oxfordshire.gov.uk) for more information.

For more details about other adult learning courses please visit our website at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/adultlearning) or telephone 0845 351 0646.

## CALENDAR & OTHER INFORMATION

14 September	9.00-11.00am School Photos Years 7,10 & 12	14 September	7.00pm Sixth Form Ice Breaker
14 September	7.30pm GHSA Meeting in Learning Centre (Library)		

<b>TERM DATES 2011-2012</b>
<b>Term 1</b>
Wednesday 7 September – Friday 21 October
<b>Term 2</b>
Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December
<b>Term 3</b>
Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February
<b>Term 4</b>
Monday 20 February – Friday 30 March
<b>Term 5</b>
Monday 16 April – Friday 1 June (Monday 7 May – Bank Holiday)
<b>Term 6</b>
Monday 11 June – Friday 20 July
<b>OTHER DATES 2012</b>
Friday 14 October – INSET Day
Friday 25 November – INSET Day
Tuesday 3 January 2012 – INSET Day

### CONTACTING YOUR SCHOOL

Your views are very important to us, whether they're about your child, school activities or wider community issues. For all contact details telephone School Reception.

**If you have a concern about your child contact:**

- **The Subject Teacher** - if it concerns learning in a particular subject. Contact Reception to leave a message or alternatively, if you have internet access, you can ask for their email address.
- **The Head of Faculty** - if you wish to discuss any matter in greater detail.
- **Their Form Tutor** - if it is a more general issue about your child's well being.

Staff will endeavour to phone you back as soon as possible. All information is treated in the strictest of confidence. If you want to raise an issue or query about a more general area of school activity or a community matter contact a Parent Governor. (Telephone numbers available from School Reception)

**SCHOOL RECEPTION: Telephone: 01865 374971**

**SCHOOL EMAIL: [office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)**

or

email – [absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.