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2011: A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

I am very proud to look back on our achievements during the last calendar year. 2011 saw the best ever results for Gosford Hill School and our Parent Forums have helped us communicate better with our families. I have also appreciated the very positive feedback from parents about the work my staff do. Thank you.

The last weeks have been as busy as always with visits to Ypres in Belgium, Stratford upon Avon, Somerset and sporting events locally to name but a few. In the last week I have attended a festive Carol Service (thank you to the Co-op for the tasty mince pies), judged an Anti Bullying campaign and watched our younger students take part in sporting House events. Throw in the Sixth Form events, Art Exhibition, extra sessions in English and ICT for Year 11 and practice exams and you have a group of students involved in high quality learning.



2012 will be another busy year and we hope to build on our current success. I wish you a restful Christmas holiday and all the very best for the New Year.

Steve Bizley - Headteacher

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

At the end of term we say farewell to Miss Rose who has contributed so much over the years to our students as House Leader, Subject Leader and Teacher of P.E. We wish her well in her promotion. We welcome in January her replacement Ms Smith.

We also say goodbye (or should that be 'bon voyage?') to Mr Llewellyn-Pratt who is heading off to teach in Colombia. We wish him a safe journey and will hope to hear of his adventures in South America. We will be joined in January by Ms Simmons.

Finally we thank Mr Horan who has been with us assisting in English since September. We are pleased to have Mrs Keane returning to us, and joining the English team.

Dom Ward – Deputy Headteacher

GOSFORD HILL CAROL CONCERT

Our annual Carol Service took place on Tuesday 13th December and we would like to extend our thanks to all who attended and helped to make this a successful event which had a lovely Christmas atmosphere. The Choir was made up of all age groups of students and staff. Sam Dodson, Year 10 performed a solo of 'Once in Royal David's City', Ben Davies a Year 11 student performed his own piano composition which he had written especially for the Concert and Connor Baker, Year 8, sang a solo of 'When you Believe'. Over a 100 people were in the congregation and after singing Christmas Carols, we all joined together for mince pies and hot refreshments.

Thanks once again to all involved in making this a lovely evening.

**Rhian Frankcom -
Team Leader, Music Faculty**



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VISITORS FROM CHINA



On Monday afternoon, we welcomed back Jess Black, an ex-student in her role as Course Co-ordinator for The British Study Centres School of English in Oxford. We were visited by a group of English teachers from Hangzhou Zhejiang Province in Eastern China. It proved to be an enriching cultural experience for our visitors who had not travelled outside China before.

Students from Ms Gable's Form group hosted refreshments at the end of the day. They were impressed with our school and will take home ideas and inspiration.

We look forward to welcoming more Chinese Teachers during 2012.

Jane Humphreys – TA Co-ordinator

Friends of Gosford Hill School



**Would you like to support your child's education?
Have you been involved in your child's school PTA before?**

Friends of Gosford Hill School (formerly GHSA) is a social, fund-raising group supporting students' educational experience and the excellent work of our school.

The group is a charity (Reg. no. 1063971), a member of PTA-UK and is made up of volunteers.

Whatever your link to the school you're welcome to join us. Whether you'd like to attend meetings, support fundraising or just help at events, any degree of support is welcome as all contributions make a difference.

Our next meeting is on Wed 11th Jan 2012 at 7pm in the Learning Centre at Gosford Hill School.

Our next event is a Quiz Night on Friday 23rd March 2012.

New members from the school community are always welcome.

For more details, visit the group page on the school website:

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/ghsa.php

or contact Mr Stocks (Learning Centre and Extended Schools Manager) on 01865 374971 ext 167, email psto1410@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

INTER HOUSE SPORTS WEEK RESULTS



7 BOYS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
RUGBY 'A'	1	4	3	2
RUGBY 'B'	2	1	3	4
X COUNTRY	3	4	2	1
RELAY A	2	3	4	1
RELAY B	1	3	4	2
HOUSE POINTS	105	75	70	100

House Men of rugby tournament: **Thames** Harry Whitehead/Ryan Chambers, **Windrush** Matt Comley, **Evenlode** Matthew Walker/Ricardo Dines, **Cherwell** Tom Keppie/Ben Druce/Jeremy Mbararia
Highest x-Country finishers: **Thames** Harry Whitehead (2), Ryan Hughes (4) **Windrush** Ewan Black (13), Lloyd Thomas (17) **Cherwell** Thomas Madden (12), Jeremy Mbararia (15), **Evenlode** Matty Walker (1), Jake Farrow (3)

7 GIRLS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
HOCKEY	1	3	4	2
X COUNTRY	2	3	4	1
RELAY A	2	1	4	3
RELAY B	1	4	3	2
HOUSE POINTS	90	65	45	80

Highest X-Country finishers: **Thames** Chloe James (6), Kandai Ndoro (11) **Windrush** Stephanie Bouliakas (7), Phoebe Littlewood (8) **Cherwell** Jade O'Dowda (2), Chelsae Beahan (4) **Evenlode** Chloe Ridewood (1), Isabelle Lamb (3)

Hockey players of tournament: Jade O'Dowda, Hannah Garcia

8 BOYS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
RUGBY 'A'	3	4	1	2
RUGBY 'B'	3	2	1	4
X COUNTRY	1	3	2	4
RELAY 'A'	1	3	2	4
RELAY 'B'	4	3	1	2
HOUSE POINTS	90	75	115	70

House Men of rugby tournament: **Thames** Ady Pande/Mo Yilah/Jonny Higgs **Windrush** Harry Firkin
Evenlode Rory Hoskin **Cherwell** James Grove

Highest X-Country finishers: **Thames** Simon Hague (3), Will Smy (6) **Windrush** Aaron Buckle (8), Alex Hopkin (13) **Evenlode** (Rory Hoskin (1), Antonio Pedro (5) **Cherwell** James Groves (2), Reuben Tyndall (7)

8 GIRLS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
HOCKEY	1	2	4	3
X COUNTRY	1	3	2	4
RELAY 'A'	1	4	2	3
RELAY 'B'	1	3	2	4
HOUSE POINTS	100	60	70	50

Highest X-Country finishers: Thames Rosalind Chaston (4), Ellie Hutson (8)
Windrush Francesca Ferguson (6), Victoria Bailey (14) **Cherwell** Emily Young (1), Chloe Woodward (2)
Evenlode Rene Gordon (7), Natalie Davies (12)

Hockey players of tournament: Abbey Butler

9 BOYS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
RUGBY 'A'	1	3	4	2
RUGBY 'B'	1=	1=	4	3
X COUNTRY	1	4	3	2
RELAY 'A'	1	3	4	2
RELAY 'B'	1	2	3	4
HOUSE POINTS	125	85	60	85

House Men of rugby tournament: **Thames** Sam Butler, **Windrush** Sam Malton/Alex Brain
Cherwell Ieuan Llewellyn/Danny Foord **Evenlode** Aaron Cripps

Highest X-Country finishers: Thames Jason Sallis (4), Jem Toma (6) **Windrush** Josh Martin (5),
Charlie Akers (13) **Cherwell** Scott Willoughby (2), Gang He (8) **Evenlode** Aaron Cripps (1),
Owen Blackford (3)

9 GIRLS	CHERWELL	WINDRUSH	THAMES	EVENLODE
HOCKEY	1	3	4	2
X COUNTRY	3	2	1	4
RELAY 'A'	4	2	3	1
RELAY 'B'	2	4	3	1
HOUSE POINTS	70	65	65	80

Highest X-Country finishers: Thames Kira Howard (1), Georgina Sollis (10)
Windrush Aisha Lowndes (4) Justina Skalska (8), **Cherwell** Rachel Mahoney (3), Helen Phipps (5)
Evenlode Rebecca Hallam (2), Rebecca Hepworth (6)

Hockey player of tournament: Rebecca Hallam

Well done everybody!!!



Questionnaire for Parents and Carers - Year 8 December 2009

Statement 1 - My child is happy at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
21 35.00%	36 60.00%	2 3.33%	1 1.67%	60 100.00%
% positive		95.00%		

Statement 2 - My child feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
19 32.76%	37 63.79%	1 1.72%	1 1.72%	58 100.00%
% positive		96.55%		

Statement 3 - My child makes good progress at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16 27.59%	38 65.52%	4 6.90%	0 0.00%	58 100.00%
% positive		93.10%		

Statement 4 - My child is well looked after at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
18 30.00%	40 66.67%	2 3.33%	0 0.00%	60 100.00%
% positive		96.67%		

Statement 5 - My child is taught well at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
14 23.33%	43 71.67%	3 5.00%	0 0.00%	60 100.00%
% positive		95.00%		

Statement 6 - My child receives the appropriate homework for their age

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
14 24.14%	34 58.62%	9 15.52%	1 1.72%	58 100.00%
% positive		82.76%		

Statement 7 - This school ensures the students are well behaved

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 18.33%	41 68.33%	7 11.67%	1 1.67%	60 100.00%
% positive		86.67%		

Statement 8 - This school deals effectively with bullying

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 20.00%	38 69.09%	5 9.09%	1 1.82%	55 100.00%
% positive		89.09%		

Statement 9 - This school is well led and managed

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
17 28.81%	41 69.49%	1 1.69%	0 0.00%	59 100.00%
% positive		98.31%		

Statement 10 - This school responds well to any concern I raise

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 19.30%	43 75.44%	1 1.75%	2 3.51%	57 100.00%
% positive		94.74%		

Statement 11 - I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16 26.67%	39 65.00%	5 8.33%	0 0.00%	60 100.00%
% positive		91.67%		

Statement 12 - I would recommend this school to another parent

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
18 30.51%	38 64.41%	2 3.39%	1 1.69%	59 100.00%
% positive		94.92%		

Statement 13 - Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
20 33.90%	36 61.02%	3 5.08%	0 0.00%	59 100.00%
% positive		94.92%		