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Celebrating Success

As we enter the examination season it is a privilege to share with families and friends of the school recent success at Gosford Hill.

The recent Sixth Form Alderman Wise award evening was a fitting tribute to our senior students as they take their final exams. They have been a credit to their community. Our Head Boy David Bockett and Head Girl Louise House have been positive role models for our younger students. Congratulations to both of them.



One of the roles of The Local Authority is to closely monitor all schools in the county. In a recent visit from school advisers Gosford Hill was praised for the progress it has made during the year. The advisers said that the school has carried out **positive work in evaluating how learning needs of individuals are being met**. In a report to the school, the advisers went on to say that **the number of lessons judged to be good has improved** and there has been a continuous improvement in **SEN and more effective intervention support**. Moderation shows more **accurate assessment**.

Our tracking of our exam groups indicate that we are heading for further success. This of course depends on the exams and we would encourage all our students to continue to attend lessons right up until the exam is taken. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring students arrive on time and ready for the examinations. See my Headteacher blog on our website for further details.

We wish all our students every success in the remaining exams.

Dr Stephen Bizley



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Curriculum News

Final Revision for GCSE Exams

Years 10 and 11 have made an impressive start to the exam season. They have been well organised in their preparation and over 80% of year 11 attended Easter Revision. Attendance at revision sessions this term has also been high. Please continue to see the school website for past papers and key revision sessions. It is important that students bring their own calculator to exams where calculators are allowed in order that they have a calculator they are familiar with on the day. Suitable scientific calculators can be bought from the Learning Centre during break times for £3.50.

Flexible Learning Wednesday 20th June – Friday 1st July

Students will be involved in a variety of activities and learning experiences for three days from Wednesday 29th June to Friday 1st July. Students follow their normal week B timetable on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June. The following week is also week B, as currently scheduled.

Trips have been organised to give students a good quality experience which is cost effective. Paperwork for individual trips will be sent out separately. Your support in returning paper work promptly is much appreciated. The outline of the programme is as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	6 th form	
Wednesday 29 June	Camp	Workshop rotation	Workshop rotation	History Controlled Assessment - Oxford Castle	'Create your own future day' visit to Northampton University for current year 12	
				Italy Trip		Italy Trip
						Vocational learning
						Workshop rotation
Thursday 30 June	Camp	Rotation of activities	Black Country Museum	Geography Controlled assessment - Bourton on the Water	Sixth Form Introduction Day for current year 11 with help from some current year 12	
				Army Live		
			Italy Trip	Italy Trip		
				Creative and Media conference		
Friday 1 July	Camp	Trip to Hampton Court Palace	Army Live	Enterprise Day	University and career preparation day at GHS for current year 12	
			Italy Trip	Italy Trip		

Use of Video and Photographs

From time to time videos are made of parts of lessons for training and development purposes. Photographs are also taken to demonstrate teaching approaches, students' achievements and working practice within our school. Please contact me if you have concerns about this.

Jackie Fairchild – Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 Arrangements for Friday 27th May

Students will follow their normal timetable, including public examinations until Friday 27th May. On this day students will attend and work in lesson 1 and 2 as normal unless they are taking a GCSE Science examination at 9.00am. All students will then be taken to the Sports Hall where there will be an opportunity to sign shirts not needed for final examinations. Please note that no shirt-signing is allowed before students are in the Sports Hall. At 11.20am, they will then leave the school site and start their revision timetable. Students will then only come into school for examinations or timetabled revision classes. Please note that there are GCSE examinations at 2.00pm on Friday 27th May for some students.

Richard Belmont - Assistant Headteacher, Student Support

Health & Safety News



Risk of Measles Nationally and in Continental Europe

Oxfordshire County Council has issued a notice from Thames Valley Health Protection Unit, to make parents and carers aware of information regarding the increases in numbers of cases of measles nationally during 2011, especially among children and young adults. It is also noted that there is a rise among children and young adults in the Thames Valley area.

There have also been reported increases in numbers of measles cases in other countries in continental Europe. Parents and carers need to be aware of the risk especially when traveling to Europe. Further advice on measles can be found on the HPA website at:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/Measles/>

Rebecca Underwood – Health & Safety Officer

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's have been doing Active Kids again, and are offering vouchers for money spent in store. These vouchers are exchanged for a variety of sports equipment and experiences for students at Gosford Hill School. So please carry on collecting and send your vouchers into school reception.

Physical Education Faculty



Mathematics Faculty News

Mathematics GCSE Unit Exams for Year 9 and Year 10 students

Year 9 students will sit the first Unit of their GCSE Mathematics on Monday 13th June. Unit 1 tests statistics and number and is worth 27% of the final GCSE. The exam lasts one hour and a calculator is allowed. Students need to bring their own calculator to every lesson; they can buy these from the Learning Centre any break time for £3.50.

Year 10 students will sit Unit 2 of their GCSE Mathematics on Tuesday 21st June. This Unit tests number and algebra and is worth 33% of the final GCSE. The exam lasts one hour and fifteen minutes and a calculator is not allowed.

Achieving Your Best Grade

Papers and mark schemes are available to download from our school website.

Revision books, workbooks and CDs are available to buy from the Learning Centre at school every break time. The books cost £2.50 each and the CDs are £3.50. Each of these resources covers the entire GCSE course and will be useful until the end of year 11.

Attend extra revision sessions – please see class teacher for details.

Jackie Fairchild – Assistant Headteacher

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Congratulations to all Year 10 and 11 students who took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge in the last couple of months. Gosford Hill was one of over 3000 schools in the country who took part in the 2011 Challenge and we collected 2 Gold, 12 silver and 16 Bronze certificates.



Special congratulations to Robert Pearce-Higgins who achieved the best result in the school and later competed in the European Pink Kangaroo, collecting 105 marks on the paper. The highest mark out of all that took part was 113 so an excellent result – Well done Robert!

Also thanks to four Year 8 and 9 pupils who represented the school in the UKMT Team Challenge at The University of Oxford. Lewis Cole, Jessica Kumar, Natasha Owen and Sophie Woolford worked hard to complete all rounds including a relay race and a cross number, with the amazing place result of 19 out of 42 schools over 3 counties.

Many Thanks for all your hard work

Joanne Hamilton - Mathematics Faculty



Ex-Student Colin Beveridge Describes His Journey from Gosford Hill School to Maths Writing

I didn't know what to make of Gosford Hill School at first. I arrived in 1994 for Sixth Form and suddenly I wasn't the cleverest person in the world any more - I was surrounded by students at least as smart as me and (infuriatingly) much cooler about it. They helped me to adjust though and I am still good friends with one of the cool kids.

These days, I live in Poole, Dorset and work as a maths tutor and author - I am currently finishing work on Basic Maths for Dummies and wrote the Little Algebra Book, a small but perfectly formed guide to the basics of algebra.

In between times, I have been busy. After getting good A Levels from Gosford - three As and a C, I studied Maths with French at St Andrews (and a year at Avignon), and went on to do a PhD studying the Sun's atmosphere. That research led me to the Rocky Mountains and several years working on a NASA project trying to understand solar flares.

But eventually I got bored of the constant paparazzi attention and endless partying that comes with rocket science, and came home. I decided to use my powers for good and using Skype I have helped students from Taiwan to Utah and Germany to Scotland get to grips with maths and sail through their exams.

To buy a copy of the Little Algebra Book, visit www.littlealgebrabook.com - use the code MINESHAFT to get a 20% discount!

Colin Beveridge



Humanities Faculty News

New Faculty for September

From January 2011, Social Sciences and Geography have been working together in a forerunner of the new Faculty for September – Humanities. This is an exciting prospect, allowing us to develop good teaching and learning in all of our complimentary subjects. There will be other slight curriculum changes as well for next year and we will see Wellbeing delivered in a different way than it has been for the past 3 years. At its heart, though, Humanities is about giving every student the opportunity to achieve as well as they can and to encourage all students to take an active interest in the world around them.

Exam Preparation

As ever, it is a busy time of year with revision sessions for our Sixth Form students in the 4 A level subjects we offer, including email contact with members of staff for those last minute questions.

Year 11 are working well. This year a small group will sit short course **Citizenship GCSE** for the first time on **Wednesday 18th May**.

The GCSE history exams are **Tuesday 14th June** for the **American West paper** for all year 11s and **Tuesday 7th June** for the few who are re-sitting the **Medicine Paper**.

Year 10 are also busy preparing for modular exams. As we go to print, they will have sat paper 1 of the **RPE exam, with paper 2 on 14th June**. The **History exam is Tues 7th June** – the Medicine Paper.

Before each GCSE there are “quick tips” sessions and other revision opportunities. Please encourage your child to attend.

Good luck to all our students!

Field Visits

Humanities would not be Humanities without the opportunities to go out and use skills in the world around us. We have several field visits coming up:

Year 10 Geography and History have Controlled Assessment field visits.

Wednesday 29th June, Year 10 Historians are visiting Oxford Castle.

Thursday 30th June, Year 10 Geographers are visiting Bourton-on-the-Water for their field study. Letters will be following soon for these visits and alternative arrangements are being made for those students who will be in Italy.

Thursday 30th June, Year 9 are visiting the Black County Museum.

Friday 1st July, Year 8 are visiting Hampton Court Palace. These visits are part of Enrichment Week and give us a great opportunity to get out and about and see two fantastic resources telling the story of our past. We are looking forward to some really great days out.

Year 8 History Homework Project

June is History homework project month, so your child will be bringing home information about when it is due in and what you can do to support their research. The project is about how people's lives were changed by the Second World War. If you are stuck for things to do in half term, then maybe a day at the Imperial War Museum (free entry) would be a timely thing to do.



Year 8 Religion Philosophy and Ethics

Just before Easter Year 8 completed a homework assessment task. The task was about a multi faith school in Jerusalem and involved them researching how this school was different to other schools and also explaining something of the history of the city of Jerusalem. There were many excellent projects produced by students, some including pictures as well as written explanations about Jerusalem and the school. The top two from each class are listed below. From these the best from each house have been highlighted in bold and will receive a certificate:

Melissa Fry, TRSD, Aisha Lowndes WEDY, Ellishia Chard TMHT, Philippa Smith TRSD, Ewan Cameron CFBD, Jem Toma TSHY, Catherine Burgess EJBL, Joshua Martin WTME, Sam Jones TMHT, Jade Thompson EMLP.

Well done to all who completed their project on time.



This term year 8 are working on spiritual art pieces in their RPE lessons which is their final assessment task. The National Association for Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) are running a competition called "Art in Heaven" This year the themes are: Stories of Truth, Journeys, Festive Visions, Spiritual Words and God When? Where? How? If? Students will be required to choose a theme and produce a piece of art. They will then explain their design and ideas in writing.

After the students have completed their spiritual art assessment in school we will enter the best pieces of work from each class into the national competition. Results of this national competition will not be known until next September 2011. Hopefully it will be a student from Gosford who comes up with a winning entry! Details of the competition and previous entries can be seen at www.natre.org.uk. Good luck to all.

Anne Campbell & Meghann Hewett - RPE

Year 7 History Project

In February, year 7 completed a homework project assessing how and why the power of the monarchs had changed over time. As usual we had some excellent answers. The winners are as follows:

- Lucy Lloyd-Jones Evenlode
- Rosalind Chaston Thames
- Emily Robinson Cherwell
- Beren Wilkinson Windrush.

Well done to all our winners!

Alison Driscoll - Head of Humanities Faculty

Bake a Cake for Geography

On Wednesday 30th March a number of pupils from two year 7 Geography classes took part in a 'bake a cake for Geography' competition, where students could participate in making a cake that showed a natural hazard. They brought the cakes into school to be judged by two sixth form students.

All the cakes that were brought in were brilliant and it was clear that a lot of work had gone into making them.



Winners of the competition:



First Place - Wilfred Howes



Second Place - Emily Nutt



Third Place - Emily Young

Congratulations to all those who won and took part.

Catrin Rees - Geography

Physical Education Faculty News

Year 7 Football Team Season Report

In their first year at Gosford Hill School the year 7 boys have experienced just how tough school football in Oxfordshire can be, playing against some very capable teams and some exceptional individual talents in a fiercely competitive league. With the standards so high and with the team being dealt several blows with key players like Aaron Cooke missing for most of the games, it was always going to be a tall order and considering that some of the players who have represented the team don't actually play football outside of school, their efforts should be dually commended.



The highlight of the league was without doubt the hard fought 2-2 draw away to Magdalen College Brackley, a team that finished very close to the top of the league. This is a significant indication of just what the year 7 team are capable of when they have a fully fit squad. Other highlights of the campaign were James Ward's save against MCB and the brilliant team goal scored by Tyler Andrews against MCB. The league table doesn't really tell the full picture, as on a couple of occasions the boy's performances warranted more points, with a narrow defeat against Warriner and a bitterly late defeat against Chenderit which was undeserved.



Despite a disappointing campaign which brought about just four points, the effort, commitment and enthusiasm of the team has been unrelenting and they are clearly very passionate about their football. These are all qualities that will stand them in good stead in years to come as they continue to represent their school in the future. Well done to all the boys involved in the squad, it has been a pleasure to coach the team even if the results have been extremely frustrating and I am convinced that if they continue to show the same enthusiasm and they are dealt a kinder hand in the future, they will go on to achieve much more prosperous results.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA	Pts
8	1	1	6	11	39	4

Player of the Season: James Ward

Top Goal Scorer: Kieran Kilcoyne

Year 8 Football Team Season Report

After an excellent start to the season the year 8 football team were looking set for a push for a top of the table finish, but sadly, due to some below par performances, the team began to fade in mid season. However, in the last few games the performances picked up to earn the team a well deserved third place in the league.

The season began very brightly with an excellent 1-1 draw against a very strong Cooper side, Jason Sallis sent the boys ahead early in the second half but Cooper soon equalized and GHS held on for a creditable draw. The next game saw the boys come up against BCC looking for their first win, and it came with an excellent 2-1 result. This was Scott Willoughby's first game as captain of the side and there were goals from a neat finish by Jason Sallis and a first ever goal for Danny Forde. The next game saw the boys come up against a weak Brackley side only for the opposition to pull out 2 hours before kick off as they were unable to field a full side. This gave GHS the win and 3 points which saw their tally increase to an excellent 7 points from 3 games.



Next up Gosford faced their biggest challenge of the season so far against a big, physical Chenderit side, The boys slumped to a poor 3-0 defeat giving them their first taste of defeat for the season. However, despite the score line, an excellent effort from Callum Rice up front and but for some heroic saves from the opposition keeper the score would have been much closer. After this result the lads went into the next game against Warriner with their confidence fairly low and they were soon 4-0 down. However, in a stirring second half display they picked themselves up and produced a spirited fight back to narrowly lose 4-2 thanks to goals from Jason Sallis and Bradley Singh.

The lads got back to winning ways with a good 2-1 over North Oxford Academy with Jason Sallis banging in his 4th and 5th of the season, meaning that if the lads won the remainder of their games they could still win the league. The team went into the game against BGN full of confidence but despite this they went 2-0 behind to two very good BGN goals. In another fight back the lads picked up their game with a goal from Jason Sallis and a late equalizer from Ieuan Llewellyn which was contender for 'moment of the season'. The lads finished their campaign with still an outside chance of winning the league as they traveled to an extremely good Banbury school side. But despite Banbury having the majority possession, the outstanding back five of Connor Hiles, Aaron Cripps, Ben Knox, Ieuan Llewellyn and Danny Forde, saw the boys earn a 0-0 draw.

Well done to all the boys in a valiant display from every player I have very much enjoyed my year in charge.

The team finished on:

- 3 wins
- 3 draws
- 2 lost
- 12 points

This resulted in an excellent 3rd place finish to finish the season off.

Teams Results:

- Gosford Hill 1-1 Cooper school
Jason Sallis (**Top Goal Scorer**)
- BCC 1-2 Gosford Hill
Jason Sallis,
Danny Forde
- Brackley P-P Gosford Hill (Gosford given win 3-0)
- Chenderit 3-0 Gosford Hill
- Gosford Hill 2-4 Warriner
Jason Sallis,
Bradley Singh
- Gosford Hill 2-1 North Oxford Academy
Jason Sallis x 2
- Gosford Hill 2-2 BGN
Ieuan Llewellyn
Jason Sallis
- Banbury 0-0 Gosford Hill



Year 9 Football Team Season Report

Congratulations to the Year 9 football team on a good season. Despite getting knocked out in the early stages of both the National and County Cups, we played consistently well in our league games to finish a respectable third in the table.



The team certainly seemed to gather momentum in the closing stages of a league campaign which saw us win four, draw one and lose three. The highlight of the season had to be our heroic comeback away at Chenderit School where, after a good first half hour, we somehow found ourselves 3-0 down. However, Sam Jeffries came on at half-time and his hat-trick (along with a Harry Edgington strike which just made it over the line) secured the victory. The final two games of the campaign saw Captain Robbie Jacques lead the team to a 4-1 demolition of BGN and a colossal 6-1 win away at Banbury School.

The Year 9 team have proved once again that they are one of the best footballing teams in the area and that on their day they can be unbeatable. CJ Grant has been an excellent addition to the side this season; Josh Robinson, Jake Wray and Harry Edgington continue to play eye-catching and creative football in the middle of the park and Toby Smith and Dan Fenn have proved to be an excellent strike force. When this is added to our great strength in depth and our new-look defensive line up (led by Mat Didcock and Joe Birchall), the signs for next season are very encouraging. Well done to all who have played this season and with a little more consistency, we should be challenging for the title next season.

Player of the Season: CJ Grant

Top Goal Scorer: Harry Edgington with 8 goals (Sam Jeffries 6, Toby Smith 5)

League Results:

Lost 3-2 v Cooper (Away)

Won 1-0 v BCC (Home)

Lost 4-1 v MCS Brackley (Away)

Won 4-3 v Chenderit (Away)

Drew 1-1 v Warriner (Away)

Lost 3-2 v North Oxfordshire Academy (Away)

Won 4-1 v Blessed George Napier (Away)

Won 6-1 v Banbury (Away)

Year 10 Football Team Season Report

The Year 10 football team enjoyed a relatively successful season although it was a mixed campaign, often ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. They demonstrated on many occasions that they are a very capable outfit when they want to be and have some excellent players. Superb performances were produced against Cooper and Banbury, battling ones against Chenderit and Magdalen College (despite falling to a 2-1 defeat); with their downfall being disappointing performances against BGN, BCC and Warriner. The team could possibly have finished in a top two position had they managed to field their strongest eleven on a weekly basis and been able to find consistency throughout. But it was not to be and considering the teams underperformance in recent years, they can take great heart from a very competitive league campaign in which they have represented the school in a fantastic manner. Their enthusiasm for the game is very apparent and on the whole their commitment during games has been superb, with every player who has featured playing their part in a solid league campaign.



The highlights of the league have to be the 4th goal against Banbury (a clear example of the sublime), Mr Catling's battle with the mini bus alarm against BCC and Ben Walsh's inexplicable attempt at gift wrapping a goal for Warriner with his throw-in straight down the line towards his own goal and an opposition striker's feet (clearly an example of the ridiculous).

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team and I hope that they can build on their much improved form this year and that in the years to come they enjoy even greater success.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA	Points
8	4	1	3	23	15	13

Mr Smith's Player of the Season: Max Jones

Mr Smith's Most Improved Players of the Season: Ben Walsh and Joe Howes

Top Goal Scorer: Max Jones

Squad: Ryan Haynes, Ben Walsh, Jacob Haynes, Travis Gordon, Joe Knight, Aaron Holmes, Tom Dale, Ed Keppie, Sean Walker, Joe Howes, Ollie Hazel, Olly Kinch, Jack Sims, Max Jones.

Paul Catling - Physical Education Faculty

Careers and Work Experience News

Next Steps

Many of our students have already secured college or apprenticeship places for September. The colleges are interviewing potential students now and students who have not yet applied need to do so urgently. Application forms for local colleges are available in the Careers Library. It is quite acceptable to keep several options open until the examination results arrive.

Our school Connexions Personal Adviser is now Nancy Horan. She is working with students in Years 11, 12 and 13 assisting them with their plans. The Careers Library and 6th Form HE area has details of apprenticeships and job vacancies in the area.

Higher Education

Year 12 students and parents will be invited to a Higher Education Information Evening where students will be encouraged to research courses and make visits to University Open Days to get a flavour of student life before making final choices. The 2012 editions of University prospectuses are now on display in the Careers Library & 6th Form HE Bay.

Year 11 Work Experience

Year 11 Work Experience preparations are well under way. The school has been offered some fantastic opportunities in a range of different organisations; however, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure placements with many businesses citing the current economic climate as a reason for not being able to offer placements. We still want to provide our students with a positive view of the world of work and to ensure they are fully equipped to enter it. As a parent you can support your child with their placements in a variety of ways, particularly encouraging them to respond promptly to our requests for information and to make contact with their placement as soon as they receive the details. Good placements often result in offers of apprenticeships, jobs or part-time work as well as confirming specific career choices.

Part Time Work

Any student in compulsory education i.e. up to the end of Year 11, not just up to age 16, doing part-time paid work must have a permit to work. To work without one is illegal and more importantly could invalidate any insurance held by the employer. Application forms can be obtained from reception. For further information about the type of work and number of hours that can be worked please look at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk search 'employing children'.

Dates for your Diary:

Student Finance for Students Starting University Autumn 2011 - **Deadline Date is 31st May.**

O.C.V.C Open Evening, 2.30pm - 7.00pm Wednesday 25th May, Blackbird Leys Campus.

Apprenticeships in Print Open Evening at Hunts, 3.00pm - 7.00pm Thursday 26th May, further details from Careers Library.

Liz Hounsell - Careers & Work Experience Manager

Careers Office 01865 849299

Year 13 Alderman Wise Award Presentation Evening

Wednesday 11th May 2011

The annual 6th Form Alderman Wise Presentation and Awards Evening took place on Wednesday 11th May. It was a wonderful occasion which formally marked the Year 13 students leaving Gosford Hill School.

Record of Achievement awards were presented to all students by form tutors with the help of School Governors Roger Smith, Doreen Rose, Brenda Williams and Stephanie Leach and afterwards subject awards were presented to students by Chair of the Parish Council David Betts.

Special Recognition Awards went to James Richings and Sam Keates who won the Ron Groves Award for Academic Excellence. The Proprio Motu award for Academic Progress was awarded jointly to Cameron Woods and Lydia Johnson. The Roger Sargent award for Outdoor Education was awarded to Sam Brookes and The Making a Difference Award for Community Service within Gosford Hill School was awarded to David Bockett, Kate Beesley and Ayse Gungor. The School Sports Award went jointly to Luke Townsend and Bryony O'Dowda while the new Phillip Cooper Sports award was presented to Melissa Hawtin.

The evening culminated with the annual presentation of the prestigious Alderman Wise Award. This was made by Gerry Shaw who is a former Head of Sixth Form at Gosford Hill School. In a wide ranging speech about the life of Frank Wise and the importance of the community he eventually presented prizes to joint winners Louise House and Lizzie King and joint runners up James Clack and James Richings.

The evening finished with Head of Sixth Form Paul Catling giving his reflections on the year group and also a humorous finale on the students' memories of Gosford Hill School. This was in the shape of a DVD produced by Alex Price.

Music was provided by the Year 12 band Whitespace (Jake Milburn, Jake Farrow, Will Mason and Olly Farley).

The evening ended with drinks and the social mixing of parents, students, guests and teachers and was a fitting rite of passage for a multi-talented Year group.

2011 Award Winners:

Art	Tahima Rahman	The Proprio Motu Award	Lydia Johnson
Biology	Samantha Cook	The Ron Groves Award	Cameron Woods
	Alice Crook	The Roger Sargent Award	Samuel Keates
Business	Jenny Andrew	The Philip Cooper Sports Award	James Richings
Chemistry	Felicity White	The Making a Difference Award	Samuel Brooks
Drama	Marie Hamilton	The School Sports Award	Melissa Hawtin
English	Samantha Cook	The Performing Arts Award	Kate Beasley
English Literature	Lesley Brown	The Headteacher's Special Award	David Bockett
French	Felicity White	The Alderman Wise Memorial Award	Ayse Gungor
Geography	Jennifer Devine		Bryony O'Dowda
Health & Social Care	Zoe Phillips		Luke Townsend
History	Marie Hamilton		William Mason
Information Technology	Alex Price		David Bockett
Law	Paul Brennan		Louise House
Mathematics	James Richings		Joint Winners:
Media Studies	Samuel Brooks		Louise House
Photography	Stephanie Bott		Elizabeth King
Physical Education	Samuel Soroya		Joint Runners Up:
Physics	Eliot McDonnell		James Clack
Psychology	Lesley Brown		James Richings
Sociology	Emma Starr		

Paul Catling - Head of Sixth Form/Year 13 Learning Co-ordinator

Gosford Hill Students in Charity Show



Congratulations to students from Gosford Hill School who took part in the Stagecoach Theatre Arts School Charity Show (Stagecoach Charity Spectacular) on Sunday 3rd April, at the New Theatre, Oxford. The show was in aid of two charities, the Oxford Children's Hospital and the Stagecoach Charitable Trust, InterAct (for children with special educational, physical or learning needs).

Their aim was to raise £5,000 from the show, but in fact they raised nearly £11,000, which is fantastic. Representatives from the two charities were there on the night and were extremely grateful to all the children and young adults who took part.

Many hours of hard work in rehearsals and behind the scenes paid off as everything ran smoothly and it proved to be an amazing show. All the students who performed were brilliant; very disciplined and professional.

Students who took part:

Daisy Carling-Rose	Year 10
Melissa Fry	Year 8
Amy Gardner	Year 10
Naomi Heffer	Year 10
Izzy Knight	Year 11
Vicky Long	Year 10
Ellis Pearson	Year 10
Chantelle Vircavs	Year 10

Richard Belmont - Assistant Headteacher, Student Support

CALENDAR & OTHER INFORMATION

16 June	Year 12 Higher Education Evening	17 June	Next Newsletter Issued
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TERM DATES 2011
Term 5
Tuesday 26 April – Friday 27 May
Term 6
Monday 6 June – Thursday 21 July
OTHER DATES 2011
Monday 5 September – INSET Day
Tuesday 6 September – ILP Day
Friday 14 October – INSET Day
Friday 25 November – INSET Day

TERM DATES 2011-2012
Term 1
Wednesday 7 September – Friday 21 October
Term 2
Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December
Term 3
Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February
Term 4
Monday 20 February – Friday 30 March
Term 5
Monday 16 April – Friday 1 June (Monday 7 May – Bank Holiday)
Term 6
Monday 11 June – Friday 20 July
OTHER DATES 2012
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

SCHOOL WEBSITE: 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

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