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## Message from the Headteacher

It has been another very successful term at Gosford Hill. Thank you to all the parents who have continued to send their congratulations to the school in regard to our 'good' Ofsted judgement. Look out for our banners celebrating this success which will go up next term.

We now move into 'the business end' of the academic year – where our students begin to focus on their final examinations and the all important grades. There are a number of revision classes being delivered over Easter and extra classes will continue after school and during lunch times when we return on Monday 16th April.



I would like to wish you all a very relaxing Easter/spring holiday.

**Dr S Bizley**  
Headteacher

## 'Chicago'

Wow!! What a lot of talent we have here at Gosford-Hill. This week's performance of 'Chicago' was an outstanding spectacle. With only six weeks of rehearsals, 9 dance numbers to learn, scripts to memorise and singing to undertake, this Year 11 class excelled themselves. In order to pass this unit of work for their GCSE's they had to do all three disciplines. Every student had a speaking part and had to sing and dance and I think they did an amazing job. All the girls thoroughly enjoyed the performance and produced their best work to date.

They should all be very proud of themselves because I sure am!!

Well done!!

**Hayley Whitford**  
Team Leader – Drama Faculty



## KIDLINGTON SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL FESTIVALS

We decided this year to run separate Year 5 and 6 girls and boys festivals. They were held on Kidlington Football Club's pitches at Stratfield Brake in glorious sunshine. Officials from the Club marked out the pitches and provided the goals.

The football skills of many of the youngsters were excellent and the games were very exciting often with only one goal separating teams.

Gosford Hill Leaders did a tremendous job in leading a very successful afternoon. Many of them had followed a leader's course in football earlier in the term.

Only three schools took part this year. Edward Field A team won the boys' section and their girls won the girls' section.

St Thomas More, North Kidlington and Edward Field B team were second, third and fourth in the boy's competition and North Kidlington and St Thomas More came second and third respectively in the girls'.

A show of hands revealed that many of the children were already members of a football club but several other hands went up when asked at the end of the festival whether they might like to join a football club.



## YEAR 7 CROSS COUNTRY.

Gosford Hill entered a boys' and a girls' team in the Year 7 Oxfordshire Level 3 School Games last week.

The event was hosted at Chinnor Rugby Club, Thame. It was a long course, 2,200M for girls and 2,750M for boys, but all competitors did their best. Chloe Ridewood came 4<sup>th</sup> and Matthew Walker came 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jeremy Mbararia, Ryan Hambridge, Lloyd Thomas, Isobel Lamb, Chelsea Beahan and Kara Selby were the other members of the team.

**Mrs P Selby**

**School Sports Co-ordinator**



## Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs. Hill (Modern Languages) and welcome Ms. Masson who is a specialist Language teacher, bilingual in French and German.

We wish Mrs Hitchcox (Design & Technology) all the best as she commences her maternity leave and welcome Ms. Neal, who will take over her classes, onto the teaching team.

We also say goodbye to Mr. Harris (English) and thank him for the contributions he has made, not only in English and Art teaching over the past 18 months, but also encouraging our students in developing their musical talents.

I would also like to thank Miss Smith, in the short time she has been with us, for her work in PE. I will give details in Term 5 regarding Mr Harris' and Miss Smith's replacements.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter.

**Dom Ward**

**Deputy Headteacher**

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