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Dear Parents

Gosford Hill School is setting up a general fund that will be used to support and reward students. If you shop online we would encourage you to help.

Dr S Bizley
Headteacher

Here are some helpful tips from Shirley, one of our parent testers:

Easy Fundraising is very easy to set up and it raises funds for the school with very little effort. It only takes a few minutes to register and nominate Gosford Hill School. I have added the Easy Fundraising web site to my favourites so that when I want to buy something online or do a price comparison, I can access the site quickly. Then the sites I use most frequently – Tesco for my weekly shop, ebay, Amazon, QVC are all set up in my favourites list on the Easy Fundraising site. One click gets me straight in ready to shop! I can't believe it's so easy to raise money for the school. *Shirley Steventon.*



MONEY FOR NOTHING

Shop online and reward the students at the same time!

Good behaviour Making progress New equipment



SIGN UP AT

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gosfordhillschool



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Do you shop online?

Raise money for Gosford Hill School at the same time

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How does it work and what do you need to do?

1. Go to the URL
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gosfordhillschool>
2. Sign yourself up as a supporter of Gosford Hill School for free by entering your email address and creating a password for yourself
3. Then, simply use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to your desired retailer and shop with them as you normally would (e.g. Sainsburys, Tescos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S, ebay, etc.
4. Gosford Hill School will then receive a percentage of whatever you spend from the retailer, at no extra cost to yourself.

How much can you raise?

The percentage donated by each retailer varies, but in our recent trial with just 5 supporters, [we've raised over £300 in 3 months.](#)

Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gosfordhillschool> and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

If you get stuck or need any help please contact Kay on 01865 374971 or email finance@gosford-hill.ocnmail.net



Parent Forum/Academy Open Meeting 4

The next Parent Forum, with the main focus on Academy Status, will be held on **Wednesday 23rd May 2012, 6.30pm-7.30pm**

At the request of parents I am delighted that Nigel Willis, Headteacher of Wallingford School will be present to answer questions. His school converted last September

We look forward to seeing you
Dr. S. Bizley - Headteacher

The **Design&Technology** department have got a **LASER CUTTER!** This whizz piece of kit has changed what is possible in our workshops. We can now engrave glasses, make snazzy personalised keyrings, cut accurate nets for graphics work and so much more. Design and technology lessons have entered a whole new realm of interesting and exciting!

We would not have been able to do this without the support of the **Friends of Gosford Hill School** and a local company called 'Eurocopter UK'. These two organisations donated sums of money to help us fund the laser cutter.

Year 10 resistant materials students were given the brief to design and make a thank you gift for Eurocopter UK using the laser cutter. We had a wide range of inventive ideas and narrowed it down to a shortlist of just three. Dr Bizley and Mrs Twomey judged the entries to find a winner.

Well done to everyone involved! The results are as follows:

Mrs J. Cox – Team Leader, D&T Faculty



2nd: Connor Underwood



1st: Jake Gonella



3rd: Josh Robinson

WOODEATON WEEK

Seven of our Year 9 students set out last week armed with their wellies, tents and sleeping bags to join other Year 9 students from four other local schools, Lord Williams, Wheatley Park, Woodeaton and John Watson for a week of camping.

It was a very wet week but it didn't dampen spirits. Students took part in a range of activities including archery, rifle shooting, swimming, ice skating and creative metal work. All students made a visit to a local business to talk to employees about the work they do, gaining an understanding of the world of work. The highlight of the week for the majority of the students and staff was a day trip to France where they went to a restaurant for lunch, walked on the beach and made a visit to a shopping centre.

The week finished with a presentation by the students to parents and other school staff about the week's activities. All students gained greatly from this week: they made new friends, learnt to work in teams with students they had not met before and developed new skills.

Mrs E. Hounsell – Careers and Work Experience Manager



Royal Engineers visit to Gosford Hill School

Recently Year 10 Engineering students spent a day working with representatives from REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers).

During the morning students took part in a variety of team building activities including 'the tyre stack' where the team had to move and restack numbered tyres under timed conditions. This activity was not as easy as it first appeared and the teams had to combine their problem solving skills to achieve a good result.

The photograph shows the building of trucks with a giant construction kit - another team building challenge. The students were given other engineering related tasks to complete in small teams. The culmination of the day was the building, from specialised kits, of a small scale version of a working internal combustion engine.

**Mrs E. Hounsell
Careers and Work Experience Manager**

