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THEATRE VISIT

On bank holiday Monday, the three A2 Drama Studies students, Miss Evans and Miss Woodrow travelled to the Royal Shakespeare Company's Courtyard Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon. We were there to see their current production of the Tempest directed by David Farr, as part of their exam preparation.

For their exam the students are asked to compare a modern production of a play with the original performance conditions. We were treated to an expressive and thoughtful playing of Prospero by Jonathan Slinger who used the language of the play brilliantly. The physical comedy of the fish beast was fantastic and had the audience in stitches.

Our three students took pages of notes during the performance, documenting the design elements; lighting, set, projections, sound etc., together with the acting style and interpretive decisions that the director had made. Overall it was a great evening not spoiled by the truly awful weather - torrential rain, hail and a tornado, and our students represented the school wonderfully.

Miss E Woodrow – Head of Faculty



ACADEMY UPDATE

Thank you to all the Parent and Carers who have attended our open meetings. It has been really interesting listening to the debate and hearing your questions. Your support has been invaluable.

Dr S Bizley
Headteacher

GCSE AND A LEVEL ART WORK

If you completed your GCSE, AS or A2 in 2011 your work is now ready for collection. Due to lack of space it is not possible to store the work.

Please contact Miss Drewett to arrange a time to collect your work.

Miss C Drewett – Team Leader



YEAR 3/4 TENNIS FESTIVAL

Two of our schools, Edward Field and St. Thomas More, entered the Year 3/4 Tennis Festival held at North Oxford Tennis Club on Tuesday May 15th. For some of the Edward Feild players it was the first time they had participated in a competition and they were very pleased to have been selected.

Edward Feild A team won the competition and will go forward to the Partnership Final on Tuesday May 29th.

The afternoon was run by Rachel and Aaron, coaches at North Oxford, and leaders from Gosford Hill School who warmed the children up, led some skill practices and officiated.



Mrs P Selby - School Sports Co-ordinator

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)

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