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Olympic Torch: Early School Closure Advanced Warning 9th July 2012

As you may know the Olympic Torch Relay is coming through Kidlington and past Gosford Hill School. We hope many of you will want to join us in celebrating this event by supporting the runners as they come past.

The event means a number of surrounding roads will be closed and it is difficult to know the impact this will have on staff and parents/carers with childcare arrangements. Therefore, the school will close at 1.30pm on Monday 9th July. Periods 1 – 4 will be as usual with registration at 1.20pm. Coach companies have been contacted.

We hope many families will be able to witness this event and you are welcome to join us at the end of the school drive from 3.30pm onwards. It should be a great occasion.

Some staff will remain in school and will be available to help supervise students if parents or carers feel they would prefer students to stay on site. Please contact your child's House Leader to arrange this.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this event. Let's hope the weather improves.

Dr. S. Bizley Headteacher





Please support the Gosford Hill School Book Fair with Scholastic from 19-26th June in the Learning Centre. Students are welcome to browse a range of modern titles for young people, all available at HALF PRICE! Books will be available to buy at Break and Lunch, with an 'after school session' for students and parents to be confirmed. Our last fair with Scholastic was nearly four years ago and it's great we can do this again. Plus the Learning Centre gets commission on books sold which will helps us buy new books.

Mr. Stocks
Learning Centre and Extended Schools Manager















GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL FILM CLUB

Thursdays 3.20pm in the Learning Centre. **It's FREE!** Drop-in or become a member and influence the choice of films. Find out more at www.filmclub.org and use Club code: CCZ508A5.

COMING SOON!

Thursday 21st June – **BACK TO THE FUTURE** (PG). Time travelling adventure comedy starring Michael J. Fox – an 80's classic! 1hr 50mins, finishing around 5:15pm. Please note: venue to be confirmed, listen out for Daily Bulletin announcements.

Thursday 28th June – **13 GOING ON 30** (12). A fantasy romantic comedy starring Jennifer Garner. 1hr 30mins, finishing around 5pm.

FILM CLUB is open to all year groups. For more information, or if you'd like there to be a 15 certificate club for Years 10-13, please come and see me.

Mr. Stocks - Learning Centre and Extended Schools Manager







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YEAR 13: FINAL FAREWELL

It is with great sadness that the time has finally come to say goodbye to our Year 13 as they begin their study leave and final preparations for this year's summer exams. They have been an exceptional year group and it has been my absolute pleasure to get to know and support these fantastic young people through their A' level courses. In conjunction with staff, parents and the students, I'm really looking forward to another year of Gosford Hill Schools results being the 'best ever' and seeing the students receive the credit they deserve for their hard work and dedication over the past two years.

Year 13 are a multi-talented year group and it has been amazing to witness their accomplishments. Along with their academic achievements so far they have received, special commendations at the Jacobsthal Public Speaking Debate at Oxford University, national and international musical recognition, praise from other schools on sporting conduct and ability, not to mention the extended work the students have completed within the Kidlington community.

After a severe defeat by the staff at the Sixth Form Charity Basketball match, it felt right to have a leavers' Rounders Tournament, to relieve a little stress in the build-up to exams, say goodbye to peers and to give the staff one last chance to redeem themselves. Once again the students showed their resilience, as they played through thunder, lighting and hail, and more importantly compassion as, they decided to mix the staff and students teams, so everyone left feeling uplifted and exercised, if not a little soggy.





Good luck with your final exams, keep up the hard work for a little longer and then enjoy the well-earned rest, before the real hard work of life begins.

Mrs L Wallis Head of Sixth Form

FAREWELL TO YEAR 11

Dear Year 11

I have really enjoyed being your Head of House this Year and I couldn't have asked for a better group of Year 11s. I wish you all the best in your exams.

Have a relaxing summer break and I hope to see you in the autumn!

Best wishes

Mr James - House Leader: Windrush





Dear Year 11

It was fantastic to be part of your last official day at Gosford. You carried yourselves with class and were truly a credit to the school. You all looked wonderful at the ball and made it a night to remember.

I wish you all the best for your remaining exams, you will no doubt get fantastic results this summer. It has been a pleasure to work with you throughout your time at Gosford, as a Tutor to 7Y3, WTME and as House Leader. Thames Year 11 of 2012 have certainly been a group of students who never cease to amaze, entertain and challenge me!

However this is not the time for goodbyes, I am saving those for your leavers assembly...

Once again thank you and good luck.

Mr Manthorpe

House Leader: Thames

Dear Year 11

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching and getting to know you. You have given me so many great memories in particular the ski trip to Pila, Italy. I have to say it was one of my best ski trips and I don't think I've laughed so much in one week and lost so many games of table tennis.

It was fantastic to see how wonderful you all looked at your Prom and to share with you in a very memorable and fun evening.

I will miss the banter in the corridors and classroom, the never ending games of dodgeball, basketball and football (through every weather condition possible).

I want to wish you all the best for the future and I hope you all get the results you need to fulfil your dreams and ambitions.

Thank you for being an amazing year group.

Mr Goldring

House Leader: Cherwell

Dear Year 11

It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey.

Live your dreams.....bee happy......bee kind.....bee the best you can bee......and the world will be yours.

Miss Clinch

House Leader: Evenlode



