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Year 11 End of Year Assembly

There was a fantastic turnout by parents, students and families to mark the end of the Year 11 examinations. The speeches by House Leaders and Dr Bizley, the Headteacher, all confirmed the same message that this Year 11 have been an amazing group of students to work with. Miss Wallis, Head of Sixth Form, also spoke at the assembly to remind students of the arrangements for the Sixth Form induction.

Thank you to all the parents/carers of Year 11 for their support over the last 5 years.

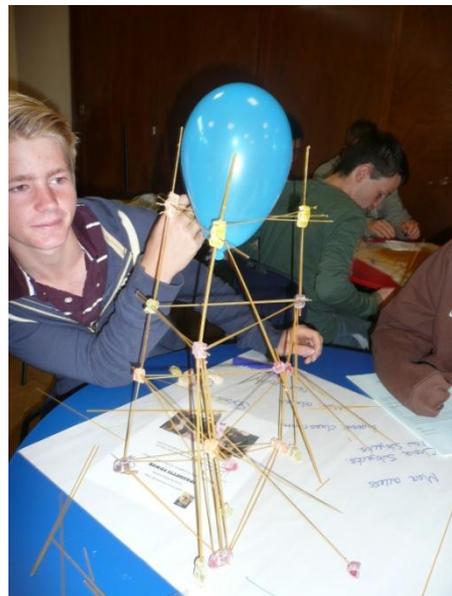
Mr R Belmont – Assistant Headteacher

Sixth Form Introduction Day

85 prospective Year 11 students from Gosford Hill School and elsewhere attended the annual 6th Form Introduction day on Monday 2nd July. The students met their form tutors for the first time and attended taster sessions in all their chosen AS subjects (including a rat dissection in Biology!) as well as attending a presentation from Head of Sixth Form Miss Wallis and engaging in a team building exercise. The team building exercise consisted of constructing the highest tower made from spaghetti and jelly babies which would support a balloon. The highest tower was constructed by Tom Dale, Isaac Sarbatta, Charlie Nutt and Ollie Kinch with an impressive height of 1.10m!

The students also left with an appointment for ILP day in September with their tutors. If there are any students who could not attend the Introduction day then please contact Hazel Gardner at Gosford Hill School to confirm that you are still coming to Gosford Hill Sixth form and arrange an ILP appointment.

Miss Wallis/Mr Catling/Mrs Naylor



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Congratulations

I have recently received a letter from the Department of Chemistry, University College London informing me that one of our former students, Andrew Tranter, has just graduated with a 1st Class F323 – MSci Chemical Physics degree. The University stated that they would be delighted to admit students of a similar quality and potential from Gosford Hill School in the future.

Well done to Andrew on such a fabulous achievement.

Dr S. Bizley - Headteacher

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A Thank You Note

Last week I received a message that a kind benefactor local to Kidlington would like to donate four guitars to the music department. Well, as you can imagine, I returned the phone call straight away and we now have two new electric guitars and two bass guitars to add to our collection. The very next day, I was given another electric guitar for the music department by another kind person! The students have already been enjoying these new additions to the music department and they used them in the Summer Concert on Wednesday Evening. The students and I would like to thank Mr Pearson, Kidlington and Mr James Doughty for their very kind gifts.

Rhian Frankcom - Team Leader of Music

Summer Concert

On Wednesday evening, the music department staged their Summer Concert in the main hall. It was an extravaganza of music from our students in Years 7-10. The instruments played included piano, electric guitar, folk fiddle, tuba and much more and these students performed to a full hall. It was also an opportunity to use the new lights the faculty have purchased to good effect with lots of haze by our technicians from Year 11 Ben Steventon and Jordan Rouse. The comments and feedback after the concert were full of praise. All of our students performed brilliantly, some for the very first time in front of an audience. I would like to thank all the performers who took part in the Summer Concert and to the families and friends that supported the evening. A great night!

Rhian Frankcom - Team Leader of Music



Students who performed in the concert included:

<i>Billal Chadry</i>	<i>Lauren Marlow</i>
<i>Connor Baker</i>	<i>Lauren Underwood</i>
<i>Connor Hiles</i>	<i>Lucy Dix</i>
<i>Emily Young</i>	<i>Matthew Williams</i>
<i>Francesca Ferguson</i>	<i>Nathan Fletcher</i>
<i>Helen Phipps</i>	<i>Rita Hayatleh</i>
<i>Isobel Lamb</i>	<i>Sajina Asokakumar</i>
<i>Jeremy Mbarara</i>	<i>Thomas Madden</i>
<i>Jordan Tucker</i>	<i>Toby Griffin Sparkes</i>
<i>Katie Smith</i>	<i>Wilfred Howe</i>
<i>Kearan McCloskey</i>	<i>Yemi Akingemi</i>

The Climbing Talk Article

In Geography all Year 7 students had a talk about climbing by Tim Porter, from Millets. This talk was engaging because I knew nothing about climbing. One of the things I learnt was that there is a type of climbing called bouldering. This is where you climb smaller cliffs or something similar. You climb without a harness; this sounds dangerous, but there is safety equipment, e.g. crash mats and people standing at the bottom. You also have a carabiner to secure yourself if you fall. This could happen at any time during climbing, also some climbers use talcum powder to secure their grip on the wall when climbing. When people say climbing they instantly think danger and injuries. Tim told us, "don't forget your nuts", this sounds funny but, this is a true piece of equipment that is very essential as it helps provide for your safety.

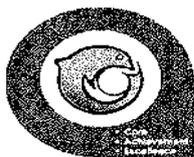
Two of the students tried on two types of harnesses to get a feeling of what it's like to wear a climbing harness. I learned a lot from this talk, i.e. the types of equipment, shoes, harnesses required for safe climbing. It helped me to learn geographical facts and there was a snippet of information about caving to end this interesting talk.

In summary, I learnt a lot of interesting and useful facts and would like to thank Tim for his time.

Chloe Ridewood – Year 7 Student



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28th June 2012

Dear Parents and carers,

We have just been informed that we are one of 6 schools shortlisted for the **Oxford Mail/Leadbitter SOS build** which **COULD** see us have our "Indoor Outdoor Museum" built during the summer.

In short, we now need to collect vouchers which are published in the Oxford Mail from Monday July 2nd which will be counted by the Oxford Mail. The winning school will be the school with the most vouchers **PER CHILD!!!!!!!!!!** The school with the highest ratio wins the prize. Larger schools like us are really going to have to "go some" to land this prize.

Please could I ask you to use all your cunning, guile, organisational and persuasive skills to muster as many vouchers as we can?

Thank you
Eugene Symonds

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

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SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

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