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## Gosford Hill Community Fayre Update



The count-down to the Community Fayre continues. Over the next week students and staff will get their entry forms and begin planning what they are going to submit with their Form Tutors. We will be recruiting Sixth Form students to help publicise the Fayre and support it on the day.

You will begin to see posters being put up throughout the community. This year sees the introduction of the cakes section. There is a real excitement developing in school about this event. The fayre will be open to the public from 3.30pm and prizes will be awarded from 4.15pm onwards.

**Chris Hall**  
Assistant Headteacher



My favourite exhibit

## Year 7 CAT Tests



Year 7 Students have taken Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT tests). Students do not prepare for these tests in advance.

CAT tests are used by many schools to inform student learning potential and needs. The tests measure verbal, non-verbal and numerical reasoning. We will use both CAT tests and SATs results to work out end of year target levels for students in each subject. You will see these targets on the first progress check.

Students in Year 7 worked extremely well on these tests and their conduct was exemplary throughout.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Jackie Fairchild**  
Assistant Headteacher

## **Student Voice in action - Gosford Hill School Student Conference 2012**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September the four newly elected House Councils met in the Main Hall for the annual Student Conference. After some team building activities to get to know their House Councils, students planned the focus for their Councils for the year and elected the representatives for the Student Leadership Team.

This group is made up of five representatives from Years 7 to 11 from each House and a Senior House Prefect and is chaired by the Head Girl and Head Boy. Their role is to discuss whole school issues and they met in the Learning Resource Centre for the second part of the Conference to identify issues for their termly meetings.

The Conference was busy, productive and fun and students made excellent contributions.

**Mrs R Naylor**

**Student Council Co-ordinator**



**Under 18 ESFA Football Competition  
Round 1  
Wheatley Park 1 Gosford Hill 5**



In a scintillating display Gosford brushed aside Wheatley Park to earn a place in Round 2 against local rivals Marlborough. Playing up a sloping pitch and against the wind Gosford made a dream start after 5 minutes when long throw specialist Ben Wilkins launched a massive throw into the box and after a challenge from Ed Keppie the ball landed invitingly at the feet of Tom Dale who gleefully tucked the ball home. With central defender Ollie Hazell and Joe Knight dominant at the

back, Gosford continued to look dangerous going forward and a wonderful pass from Tom Dale set up Ben Wilkins to make it 2-0 with a delicious lob. Wheatley huffed and puffed and finally created a superb opportunity but a fantastic block by Robbie Jacques denied the home side when their striker got behind Gosford's defence with just the keeper to beat.

After a period of pressure Gosford broke away to make it 3-0 when Kevin Njoroge released Max Jones who slid the ball home under the advancing keeper. Jacques continued to impress in goal with some fine interventions and safe handling as Gosford clinically struck once more on the counter attack. The impressive Tom Dale recorded his second assist of the game with a pin point through pass to Ben Wilkins who calmly finished scoring Gosford's fourth goal. In another flowing move Dale released Keppie down the wing and he squared to Jack Sims but the chance went begging. The score remained at 4-0 at half time.

In the second half with the stiff wind at their backs Gosford were rarely troubled but failed to hit the heights of the first half. A number of further chances were created with Ben Wilkins volleying high and wide searching for his hat trick and Max Jones also went close. A rare defensive mix up between Robbie Jacques and Ollie Hazell allowed Wheatley to tap in a consolation goal but Gosford responded almost immediately when they made it 5-1. A superb pass from Ollie Kinch sent Wilkins racing away on goal and he made no mistake this time to score his hat trick and wrap up a fine performance from the team.

**Man of the match Tom Dale.**

Team: R. Jacques (9), J. Townsend (7), O. Hazell (9), J. Knight (8), B Walsh (8), E.Keppie (8), T.Dale (9), K. Njoroge (9), R. McClelland (7), B.Wilkins (9), M. Jones (9) Subs: O. Kinch (7), J.Sims (6), J.Howes (7), J. Rouse (7)



**Mr P Catling  
P E Faculty**

## Year 7 Football - Gosford Hill 4 v 2 The Oxford Academy AET

Gosford Hill Schools new Year 7's secured their first victory at the first time of asking, as they outclassed a strong Oxford Academy side in the English Schools Cup, to earn a place in round 2. Against very strong opposition in the shape of The Oxford Academy, the boys acquitted themselves magnificently. From the very first whistle it was clear they were keen to impress and thanks to a goal from Ethan Couling the home side led 1-0 at half time.

The second half was always going to be a tougher challenge as Gosford played up the hill and against the wind. However it was the home side who once again started the brighter and they doubled their lead after Ben Stewart confidently dispatched a penalty kick awarded for a push in the box. This seemed to wake up The Oxford Academy who came back into the game strongly, scoring two quick fire long range goals, including one straight from a free kick to bring the scores level at 2-2 and send the game into extra time.

Extra time was a tense affair, but it was Gosford who seized the initiative and after Larrison Wirdnam-Crick pounced on a long ball forward, he turned to raffle the ball into the back of the net to put Gosford 3-2 ahead. Shortly after Gosford put the game to bed when Larrison let fly from 20 yards to send the ball soaring into the top corner and Gosford into the next round of the cup.

Well done to everyone involved, I was extremely proud of the performance; your hard work fully deserved the result you achieved. We now look forward to the next round and hopefully can enjoy a successful run in the cup. **Man of the Match: Piers Walton.**

Squad: Ben Owen, Fraser Day, Abu Yillah, Archie Littlewood, Piers Walton, Fin Malton, Will Baker, Hamish Hall, Ethan Cooling, Luca Sykes, Ben Stewart, Larrison Wirdnam-Crick, Jamie Hudson, Harley Firkin, Pierce Giles, Lewis Kimber.

**Mr L Smith**  
**P E Faculty**

### 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](mailto:office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)**

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email – [absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

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