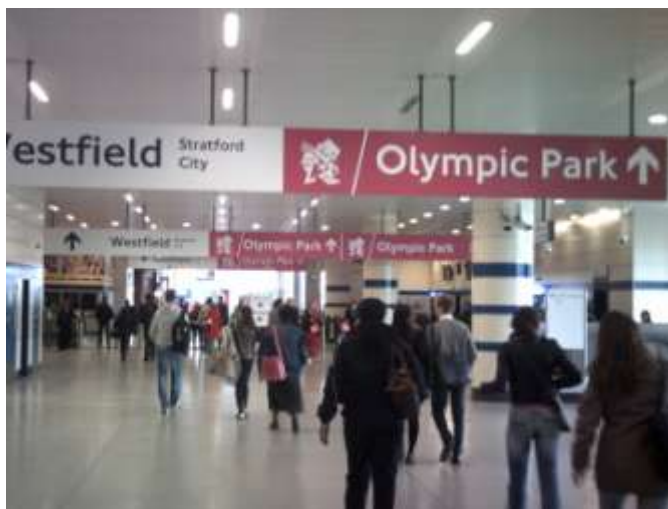


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Year 13 Geography Fieldtrip to Stratford, London

Our Geography day trip was based on the regeneration of a run down area. Therefore, we chose to go to the London Olympic Park, Stratford, because it is an area that has been regenerated.

Our day started by getting the train to London Paddington and then the underground to Stratford. When we arrived we had to walk through Europe's biggest shopping mall - Westfield, which was huge, and very modern compared to some of the areas of Stratford. From here we made our way into the town centre.



This was a complete contrast because it was mostly old buildings and a few closed down shops, although you could see the modern Olympic Stadiums in the background! We

made our way into a free entry, tiny museum in which we learnt about the before and after of Stratford and the regeneration schemes. Continuing on, we walked into the 'slummy' part, where there were mostly tiny, boarded up, concreted houses and high rise flats with little greenery. Unfortunately we were unable to go inside the Olympic Stadium so we went back into Westfield where there was a viewing area of the Stadium. After all of this, we decided to go clothes shopping with the last hour we had.

Connie Sheard – Year 13 Student

GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL COMMUNITY FAYRE

Photography, Cakes, Flowers,
Fruit and Veg. and Crafts



Thursday 11th October 2012
Main Hall, Gosford Hill School

*Join in Come and see...
Get involved in our community.....*

Entry forms are available from our website.
www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

Community non-food entries should be with us by Monday 8th October.

Programme:

- 9.30am -11.20am** – Exhibits staged
- 11.20am -12.20pm** – Closed for Judging
- 12.20pm - 1.20pm** – Students visit Exhibition
- 2.05pm - 3.20pm** – Students visit Exhibition
- 3.30pm - 4.15pm** – Exhibition open to Everyone
- 4.15pm – 4.45pm** - Prize giving

HOUSE CHARITIES

Windrush House

House Charity: Sobell House Hospice
Sobell House is a local Hospice for the terminally ill. It helps individuals and their families prepare for the end of life.

Last year, one member of our House had a lot of support from the Sobell House for a family member. Many of the House know of the plight of this particular family and so the House Council has decided to support Sobell House on a full-time basis after raising a small amount of money in a one-off event last year.

Windrush House Council feels that supporting Sobell House is a worthy, local charity that has a big impact on our local community.

Mr A James – House Leader for Windrush

The Cherwell House charity this year is Jr 4 Jr.

The founding mission of JR4JR is to increase awareness of Brain Injuries. Despite 1 in 63 people in the UK having a brain injury you could walk past someone with a TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) and be totally unaware of it.

“We are supporting this charity after a friend of mine called Joe Robinson suffered a brain injury as a result of car accident when he was only 18. He currently attends Exeter University and is studying Geography, whilst also promoting his charity Jr 4 Jr. His charity aims to raise awareness for other people, like himself, who still face an on-going recovery from brain trauma. Joe enjoys playing cricket and rugby and spending time with his friends, both from home and at university. You can learn more about Joe’s story at http://jr4jr.co.uk/?page_id=23 Joe is looking forward to joining us at Cherwell assembly later this year! “

Miss S Normington - Cherwell House Tutor

Mr R Goldring – House Leader for Cherwell



Thames House charity: Cancer Research UK

At the student conference our House Council voted to change our charity to Cancer Research UK. This choice was easy for us, as cancer has affected so many of us personally.

The work of Cancer Research is so vital as one in three people will get cancer. It is one of the UK’s biggest killers. As Cancer Research state ‘*We know how to tackle it, but funding is holding us back. By boosting funding now, we can support the best research teams in the UK to develop new treatments within three years, bringing cures faster.*’

Cancer Research has been working since 1902 to fund and support research into the treatment and cure of a range of cancers. They now fund over half of the UK’s cancer research, including the life-saving work of over 4000 scientists, doctors and nurses fighting cancer on all fronts. Research is not their only area of work. Every year Cancer Research UK help millions of people get the information they need to understand the disease.

Whilst we will be fund raising throughout the year, we would take this opportunity to ask you to visit the Cancer Research UK website (<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org>) and look at other ways in which you can help support their life saving work.

Thames House is looking forward to taking part in Cancer Research’s upcoming ‘Stand up to Cancer’ day on Friday 19th October. So please keep your eyes out for our fundraising in support of this event.

Mr T Manthorpe – House Leader for Thames



**Details of Evenlode House Charity will be
in next week’s issue.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2012-2013

The Student Leadership Team for Gosford Hill this year is as follows:-

Evenlode

Max Jones
Sam Dodson
Lucy Cross
Aaron Cripps
Heather Butt
Caitlin Brown
Elise Chaundy

Windrush

Harriet Marshall
Richard Davis
Matthew Croker/Savannah Arnold
Isobel Brook
Areeba Khalid
Baylee Ridgway

Thames

Kevin Njoroge
Ryan Cripps
Tom Hogg
Tiffany Baker
Katherine Hill
Alex Carvell-Turner

Cherwell

Suzanne Hill
Kaylie Jackson
Navi Seru
Olivia Varley
Chelsea Beahan
Joao De Souza

This Team is chaired by the **Head Boy** and **Head Girl**



Tom Cross



Billie Griffiths

Piano Marathon

Some of Gosford Hill students and members of the local community will be performing to customers in Sainsburys to raise money for our Piano Fund.



This will take place throughout the day on **Friday 19th October**.

Please come and support us.

Mrs R Frankcom – Team Leader Music Faculty



Girls Rugby

CONGRATULATIONS to Maisie Siret and Charlotte Groves who are in the Oxfordshire County U18 Girls squad this year and to Rosalind Chaston and Lisa Groves who are in the Oxfordshire County U15 Girls squad. All four girls also play for Gosford All Blacks.

Pam Selby – School Sports Co-ordinator

Sixth form Debate and Public Speaking Society



17 of our sixth formers attended a debate workshop hosted by Gosford Hill School, run by Free Speech Oxford. This is a group of teenagers from the area who run public speaking and debating competitions and events. Sixth formers from 8 different local schools attended, including Stowe, MCS Brackley, MCS Oxford and Chenderrit.

The first workshop was on the topic of "The State". We had a talk by a lecturer from Oxford University about theories

of the State, followed by two short presentations by the Liberal Democrat candidate for Police Commissioner and a Labour county councillor. These speeches were followed by a Question Time style Q&A. The sixth formers asked really interesting and controversial questions, stimulating much debate.

The second workshop on "Freedom" was hosted by MCS Oxford and included contributions from Dr Evan Harris, former Lib Dem MP and Rt Hon Andrew Smith MP.

These workshops continue for a few more weeks, to be followed by debates in school and in upcoming competitions. These are great events for students interested in current affairs and politics.

Mrs A Driscoll – Faculty Leader, Humanities



Change 4 Life Table Tennis Award

Charlie Nutt and Alex Higgs, students in Year 12, followed a five hour C4L course last week which will give them the skills required to start up a table tennis club in Gosford for some of our students. These students will then be invited to continue playing at The Forum table tennis club in Kidlington.



Pam Selby - School Sports Co-ordinator

Questionnaire Results from Parents and Carers - Sixth Form 26th September 2012

Statement 1 - My son/daughter is happy at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
22 50.00%	22 50.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 2 - My son/daughter feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
24 54.55%	20 45.45%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 3 - My son/daughter makes good progress at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16 36.36%	26 59.09%	1 2.27%	1 2.27%	44 100.00%
% positive		95.45%		

Statement 4 - My son/daughter is well looked after at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
18 40.91%	26 59.09%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 5 - My son/daughter is taught well at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
15 34.09%	28 63.64%	1 2.27%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		97.73%		

Statement 6 - My son/daughter receives appropriate homework for their age

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
12 27.91%	29 67.44%	2 4.65%	0 0.00%	43 100.00%
% positive		95.35%		

Statement 7 - My son/daughter is engaged in wider learning through academic mentoring, community service and enrichment activities

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 25.58%	27 62.79%	4 9.30%	1 2.33%	43 100.00%
% positive		88.37%		

Statement 8 - Gosford Hill School ensures the students are well behaved

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
13 29.55%	27 61.36%	4 9.09%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		90.91%		

Statement 9 - Gosford Hill School deals effectively with bullying

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
10 24.39%	30 73.17%	1 2.44%	0 0.00%	41 100.00%
% positive		97.56%		

Statement 10 - Gosford Hill School is well led and managed

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
12 27.91%	29 67.44%	2 4.65%	0 0.00%	43 100.00%
% positive		95.35%		

Statement 11 - Gosford Hill School responds well to any concern I raise

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
10 22.73%	31 70.45%	3 6.82%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		93.18%		

Statement 12 - Gosford Hill school ensures I receive valuable information about my son's/daughter's progress

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 25.00%	31 70.45%	2 4.55%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		95.45%		

Statement 13 - Gosford Hill Sixth Form provides a good range of A Level courses

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11 25.00%	26 59.09%	7 15.91%	0 0.00%	44 100.00%
% positive		84.09%		

Statement 14 - Gosford Hill Sixth Form helped my son/daughter with transition through the Introduction Programme

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
10 25.64%	27 69.23%	2 5.13%	0 0.00%	39 100.00%
% positive		94.87%		

Statement 15 -Gosford Hill Sixth Form provides sufficient additional subject assignments for my son/daughter to develop their independent learning

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
10 24.39%	29 70.73%	2 4.88%	0 0.00%	41 100.00%
% positive		95.12%		

Statement 16 - Overall, I am happy with my son's/daughter's experience at Gosford Hill School

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
18 41.86%	25 58.14%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	43 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 17 - I would recommend Gosford Hill School to another parent

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
14 32.56%	27 62.79%	2 4.65%	0 0.00%	43 100.00%
% positive		95.35%		

Statement 18 - (if your son/daughter is joining the school for the first time please answer the following:) As a 'new student' to Gosford Hill School, my son/daughter has been well supported

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
0 0.00%	2 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	2 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Attendance 85%