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## Gosford Hill School Community Fayre (11.10.12) – Press Release

Gosford Hill School has just had its second annual Community Fayre. Once again, there was a huge response from students, staff and the public. Entries ranged from imaginative vegetable characters to chrysanthemums, to themed cakes, hand-made birthday cards and craft entries. In the photographic section there were photos of Family, Friends, Pets, Sports and My Village or Oxford. In all there were over 120 prize winners. Noteworthy staff winners were Olga Jesior-Tiffert (craft) and Cereta Drewett (photography). Winning the pumpkin section was Charlotte Hayes, whilst Karl Grossman came first in the 'modelling with recycled materials' category. From the community, Mr Didcock won the 'single rose' category and Mr Walton came first in the 'three flowers' category.



Exquisitely carved pumpkin



The Flower section

This year, due to popular demand the baking and cakes section was expanded and the response was incredible. Gosford Hill Sixth Form students again made a magnificent contribution to the day, collecting and processing hundreds of entries and then helping to set up the exhibition. Judging was carried out by members of the Kidlington Gardening Society and the Kidlington Camera Club and special thanks must go to the judges who gave up their free time to do the judging. Seasoned participants, newcomers and judges alike were bowled over by both the large numbers and the high standard of entries.

The Headteacher, Dr. Bizley said: "This has been an excellent Community Fayre. The standard of entry was even higher than last year and I am looking forward to the next one". The school would like to thank everyone who took part. Watch this space!



Prize winning oil painting



Cup cakes

Mr C Hall – Assistant Headteacher



## 2012 Kidlington Cross Country Level 2 Competition

All four Kidlington schools took part and it was deemed a great success by teachers and students alike. Gosford leaders helped to mark out the course, pace the runners, keep the scores and manage the teams.

North Kidlington won the Year 1/2 race with St Thomas More and West Kidlington following closely behind. St Thomas More won the Year 3/4 race and North Kidlington came second. North Kidlington convincingly won the Year 5/6 race well ahead of the other three schools.



**Mrs P Selby - School Sports Co-ordinator**

### Under 18 County League Match - Marlborough 1 Gosford Hill 1

After winning their last game convincingly, Gosford went into the game with high hopes. After a much needed quick start a long throw in from Ben Wilkins sailed over the Marlborough defence leaving Rob McClelland with a simple nod in to make it 1-0 after only 10 minutes. Shortly after, a corner from Ollie Hazell was whipped in to the far post where Jacob Haynes got his foot on the ball but the attempt was cleared off the line. Marlborough began to pile on the pressure looking for that all important equaliser and soon levelled the match. After this Marlborough grew in confidence and looked to take a lead into half time. With a few great tackles and interceptions from the Gosford back four of Knight, Hazell, Townsend and Walsh, Marlborough were unable to break through and it was still 1-1 at half time.

In the second half Gosford made a few changes to their side and they started to get a strangle hold on the game. A few neat interchanges in the middle of the pitch saw many chances for Gosford to put them back in front. However, the finishing was not up to scratch. At the heart of a great performance by the back four was Joe Knight who did not put a foot wrong. Late in the game Gosford had a great chance to score the winner after fine work from Keppie saw him cross to substitute Kinch but his weaker right foot shot was straight at the keeper. In the end a draw was probably a fair result.

**Man of the Match: Joe Knight**

**Team:** Robbie Jacques, Joe Knight, Jacob Haynes, Ollie Hazell, Ben Walsh, Kevin Njoroge, Tom Dale, Ed Keppie, Robert McClelland, Ben Wilkins, Max Jones.

**Subs:** Jack Sims, Olly Kinch, Joe Howes, Jordan Rouse, Jake Townsend

**Taken from a report written by Joe Knight and Jacob Haynes**

## Young Green Entrepreneurs Final 2012

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Chelsey Hall, Lisa Groves, Abbie Butler, Courtney Millard and I (Olivia Varley) went to Oxford Town Hall to present our idea of recycled jewellery to 4 "Dragons".

There were other schools rehearsing on the stage – 3 primary schools and 3 secondary schools including us in the competition. There had been 1000s of groups who entered.

The Town Hall was a great place to hold this final because there was loads of room and it was beautiful inside because of all the sculptures and paintings.

They had stalls showing us different environmentally friendly stuff like a recycled pencil made from CD cases and a recycled sharpener in the shape of a Biffa bin. Other schools had sent their Eco clubs or councils to see what new green things were available.



When the other schools performed they had great ideas such as chair holders, recycled board games. Little did we know we would be the first to perform. When we all went on stage there was silence and we were really nervous. Eventually the performance ended and we got asked loads of questions.

When they announced the winner, the primary school who won was St Ebbs. The secondary winner was St Gregory the Great. We came second. Afterwards loads of people came over to see us and our products – they really liked the jewellery and we could have taken lots of orders.

We were very disappointed and even more so because there was not enough time for us to get a McDonalds either! But Dr Bizley was very proud of us!



**Chelsey Hall and Olivia Varley**



## *Friends of Gosford Hill School*



**Next Committee meeting, including A.G.M.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

**Learning Centre, 6pm**



**If you'd like to support your child's education through the work of the School's Friends group, then we'd like you to get involved.**

We are a social group of volunteers who organise events and manage other activities that raise funds to support students' educational experiences.

You can be involved as much or as little as you like and you don't have to attend committee meetings.

Of course all members of the school community are welcome to our informal meetings, of which there are only six a year, and we currently organise or support around four or five events per year.

Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 in the Learning Centre** (follow signs from Reception) with refreshments from **6pm to start at 6.30pm**. You're welcome to join us when you can if you can't make it for the start.

For more details, visit the school website

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

or contact Mr Stocks (Learning Centre Manager and Friends group Vice Chair) on 01865 374971 ext. 167.

**Dates for your diary:** our next event will be a Quiz Night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we shall be providing refreshments after the Carol Service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Questionnaire for Parents and Carers - Year 8 October 2012

### Statement 1 - My child is happy at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
40	37	2	1	80
50.00%	46.25%	2.50%	1.25%	100.00%
% positive		96.25%		

### Statement 2 - My child feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
45	33	2	0	80
56.25%	41.25%	2.50%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		97.50%		

### Statement 3 - My child makes good progress at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
41	36	0	0	77
53.25%	46.75%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

### Statement 4 - My child is well looked after at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
46	30	2	0	78
58.97%	38.46%	2.56%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		97.44%		

### Statement 5 - My child is taught well at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
33	42	1	0	76
43.42%	55.26%	1.32%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		98.68%		

### Statement 6 - My child receives the appropriate homework for their age

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
25	44	8	0	77
32.47%	57.14%	10.39%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		89.61%		

### Statement 7 - This school ensures the students are well behaved

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
29	44	5	0	78
37.18%	56.41%	6.41%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		93.59%		

**Statement 8 - This school deals effectively with bullying**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
27 39.71%	38 55.88%	2 2.94%	1 1.47%	68 100.00%
% positive		95.59%		

**Statement 9 - This school is well led and managed**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
40 53.33%	35 46.67%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	75 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

**Statement 10 - This school responds well to any concern I raise**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
32 42.67%	39 52.00%	4 5.33%	0 0.00%	75 100.00%
% positive		94.67%		

**Statement 11 - I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
34 45.33%	39 52.00%	2 2.67%	0 0.00%	75 100.00%
% positive		97.33%		

**Statement 12 - I would recommend this school to another parent**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
37 48.68%	37 48.68%	2 2.63%	0 0.00%	76 100.00%
% positive		97.37%		

**Statement 13 - Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
40 50.00%	37 46.25%	2 2.50%	1 1.25%	80 100.00%
% positive		96.25%		



# GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Dr Stephen Bizley



Maths & Computing

Dear Parent/Carer

9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

## **Advanced Information regarding Educational Visits**

Every year we run a number of trips and activities for students which are focused on curriculum content and greatly enrich students' learning.

In order to give you and your child/children as much time and information as possible to help with planning and budgeting, we have put together an overview of the events we currently have in place for this academic year.

Please note, costs and details are as accurate as possible at this time, however they are *subject to variation as circumstances can change during the course of the year*. In the event that this should happen, we will update you as soon as possible. In addition to those below, there are also a number of other trips, for example theatre visits which mainly take place after school. Prior to each trip, you will be sent a letter detailing the visit content, the dates and times, transport/meal arrangements, and the cost or payments required.

Please note that there is a wide variety of trips available to students in year 10 and year 12. We would strongly recommend that you encourage your child to participate in the controlled assessment trips in preference to all others trips, as controlled assessments are mandatory for geography, history and biology and contribute to the final mark awarded to each student.

Yours faithfully

Dr Stephen Bizley  
Headteacher

### School Activity/Trip Overview

Year 7				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
July 2013	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flexible learning window	£75	Deposit £35 31.1.13
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Longridge (Marlow)		Balance £40 30.4.13
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>			

Year 8				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Mar 2013	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Day trip to Ypres	£75	Deposit £40 30.11.12 Balance £35 29.2.13
July 2013	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flexible learning window	£21	Due Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>			
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Think Tank		

Year 9				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated	Payment details
July 2013	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling	£6	Due Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	London (Dungeon/Madame Tussauds)		To be confirmed.
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>			

Year 10				
Month	Dates	Details	Est. cost	Payment details
Oct 2012	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Geography Controlled Assessment Margam Discovery Centre, Wales	£230	Deposit £100 Fri 14.9.12 Bal. £130 Fri 12.10.12
Nov 2012	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	History Controlled Assessment Oxford Castle	£9	Due by 31.10.12
July 2013	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flexible learning window		
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>			
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpe Park	£32	Due Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June
July 2013	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	To be confirmed.		

Year 11				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Sep 2012	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>	History assessment trip Oxford Castle	£9	Due by 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Nov 2012	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	NEC Birmingham Skills trip	£ 8	Monday October 22 <sup>nd</sup> .

Year 12				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Nov 2012	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Geography Residential module 1	Cost £212.	Deposit due Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct Balance due Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Mar 2013	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Geography Field trip module 2 Biology Field Trip (Both at Margam Discovery Centre Wales)	£255 £255	Deposit £100 16.11.12 Second instalment £100 1.2.13 Balance £55 1.3.12
Apr 2013		Business Studies trip to be confirmed.	£	To be confirmed.

Year 13				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Mar 2013	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Geography Field trip module 2 Biology Field Trip (Both at Margam Discovery Centre Wales)	£255 £255	Deposit £100 16.11.12 Second instalment £100 1.2.13 Balance £80 1.3.12
Apr 2013		Business Studies trip to be confirmed.	£	To be confirmed.