

**AWARDS EVENING – FOSTER AMBITION – INSPIRE SUCCESS**



**Sophie Poulter and John Crockett receiving their Headteacher's Award**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Gosford Hill School held its annual awards evening. The awards were based on our core purpose of Fostering Ambition and Inspiring Success. The key note address was given by our local MP - Nicola Blackwood who congratulated our students and drawing lessons from her own life, encouraged them to seize every opportunity at school. Nicola also paid tribute to the support of our community, parents and teachers.

Our House Leaders announced the award winners and Nicola presented the certificates and book tokens to encourage reading. The evening featured a series of stunning musical performances.



**Cherwell Success Award Winners**



**Sixth Form Ambition Award Winners**

New this year was the Headteacher's Award. This was presented to Sophie Poulter and John Crockett.

Our thanks and congratulations to all the students and families who made this such a special evening.



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**Mr C. Hall - Assistant Headteacher**

## Award Winners

THAMES		WINDRUSH	
Ambition	Success	Ambition	Success
Ben Stewart	Iiana Kneafsey	Libby French-Dyer	Archie Littlewood
Yemi Akinyemi	Alex Carvell-Turner	Areeba Khalid	Gemma Puleston
Iman Hakimi	Mathilda Jameson	Joe Saunders	Holly Davies
Alice Bickmore	Melissa Fry	Lora Petrova	Heather McKendrick
Beth Dunbar	Aaron Cawte	CJ Grant	John Crockett
EVENLODE		CHERWELL	
Charlotte Hayes	Alexandra Davies	Iga Gwizdalska	Erin Corness
Ricardo Dines	Caitlin Brown	Scott Petrie	Kirsty O'Malley
Arron Cook	Natalie Davies	Lisa Groves	Jake Morris
Daniel Timbrell	Owen Blackford	Mary-Ellen McBride	Will Prothero
Sophie Poulter	Sophie Woolford	Ellie Tipler	Danielle Hollis
Year 12 Ambition	Year 12 Success	Year 13 Ambition	Year 13 Success
Connor Boyle	Travis Gordon	Tom Cross	Karen Fung
Chantelle Vircavs	Charlie Nutt	Katie Hodgkins	Dan Jones
Tiam Pari-Nejad	Megan Appleton	Rob McClelland	Bong-Hwan Kim
Esther Schmidtpott	Archie Green	Lydia Eldridge	Billie Griffiths
Amy Gardner	Shiyan Zering	Jordan Dee	Emile White
Head Teacher's Award			
Sophie Poulter		John Crockett	



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I won a voucher and Champagne for the Christmas toast*

## **Safe Drive, Stay Alive**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November all Year 13 students attended the annual hard-hitting road safety campaign aimed at young drivers and passengers called 'Safe drive, Stay alive'. This initiative run by Thames Valley Police in association with the other emergency services is designed to inform young people of the reality of a Road Traffic Collision. It aims to reinforce the dangers of driving and gives students the opportunity to examine their own beliefs, attitudes and behaviour with regard to their responsibility as a driver or passenger.

This is the seventh year the graphic show has been staged in the Thames Valley and it always leaves a lasting impression with audiences. Over 15,000 teenagers from Schools and Colleges across the region attend. While many find it 'haunting' it is undoubtedly compulsive viewing and has become an established part of Gosford Hill School's Enrichment Programme.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a theatre project which encourages young people to take care on the road and hammers home how tragic road accidents can wreck lives.

Students experience a chilling ride as a re-enactment of a crash involving a group of young people is shown on film.

The film is interspersed with talks from people affected by such incidents - emergency services, victims and the bereaved 'who 'step out' of the film to speak openly about their feelings, experiences and life afterwards.

The 'Safe Drive' initiative aims to reduce the number of road deaths and accidents and increase this age group's awareness of the dangers that exist on our roads. It succeeds admirably in this aim.

Some comments this year from Year 13 students after the presentation:

***'It was very moving – it made me think of safe driving'***

***'Very moving and profound. Really made me think about the reality of road accidents'***

***'Interesting and clearly presented, really emotional'***

***'Made me really consider my actions when driving'***

***'Extremely eye opening. I'll really consider who I allow as passengers in my car and think about how my actions as a driver can have horrible consequences.'***



**Mr P. Catling - Assistant Head of Sixth Form**

## Reminder

The School will be closed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December for a Staff Training Day.

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



## Kidlington Primary Swimming Gala

"It was fun", "I loved the float race," "I liked being part of a team," "I liked competing against other people." These were some of the comments from the children at the end of the Kidlington Gala held in our Leisure Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> November. All five schools took part each bringing a team of 8 Gifted and Talented swimmers.

The gala was run in two sections, larger schools and smaller schools and the events were a mixture of team relays and individual events.

Ten leaders from Gosford helped to organise the competition. The feedback from teachers was very positive, many complimenting their leaders. West Kidlington's comment about Joseph Parsons was, "...our Young Leader was great, really supportive, well organised and encouraging."

Dr Souths beat St Thomas More in the smaller school's event and Edward Feild won the larger school's event with West Kidlington coming second and North Kidlington third. Only one school was allowed to go through to the Finals and so all events were timed. Edward Feild's times were compared to Dr South's. Edward Feild won by nine races to four and will go forward to represent the Kidlington schools on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Spiceball Leisure Centre.



**Pam Selby – School Sports Co-ordinator**

## **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)

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