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## End of Year Message

It has been an amazing 2012 for our school: a good Ofsted judgment, record breaking A Level and GCSE Exam Results, Excellence in Oxfordshire Award, conversion to academy after a successful consultation, World Challenge, awards events, Olympic Torch Relay outside the school gates, 'Oliver' school production, sporting success ... just a few of the many achievements from this year.

Thank you all for your support, encouraging cards and letters, and for your help as parents and carers in nurturing such a great group of young people.

I would like to wish you season's greetings and a very peaceful 2013.

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



## Year 8 German Christmas Baking Event



On Tuesday and Wednesday me, Jeremy, Tom, Chelsea, Isobel, Nithyaa, Chloe and Rhiannon spent some time after school learning about how to make German biscuits and then making some.

On Tuesday we tasted two kinds of German biscuit and on the second day we actually made another kind of German biscuit with jam in the middle. On Tuesday we had to find out the ingredients we needed using a German recipe in pairs or

threes. It was quite challenging to figure out what we needed but in the end we worked out that we needed jam, flour, sugar and egg yolk and we discussed what ingredients each person would bring in.



On Wednesday I baked my biscuits with Tom and Jeremy and there were enough for us to have six each (apart from Tom who had a big one and four small ones!) The biscuits we made looked and tasted really good and Miss Normington and Ms Hagmann-Smith helped us in German the whole time.

**by Ed Hutson - 8CSNN**



## **Sport Interhouse - Winter 2012**

Despite the poor weather over the last two weeks the students have been competing against each other in interhouse competitions. All students have represented their houses in competition against the other houses in the following events:

- Rugby/Hockey
- Cross Country
- Indoor Athletics

The results from all events can be seen on the House noticeboards in the dining hall. During the events some students have been working as media correspondents and put the following pictures together which capture the great competition and atmosphere.



At the time of writing the Year 9 still have rugby and hockey games to complete.

All students deserve a huge amount of praise for the way they have competed in a dignified manner and completed events in very cold weather.

**Mr P Green – Subject Leader P.E.**

### **Christmas Lunch Served by Special Guests!**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Strategic Leadership Team, ably assisted by some of our Sixth Former students, served Christmas Lunch to staff and students. This has now become a tradition at Gosford Hill School. This year, the team from 'Ghostbusters' (and a ghost) made an appearance. In previous years, lunch has been served by the Seven Dwarfs, traffic cones, carrots, bananas and sweetcorn.

Looking forward to next year!

**Ms W Hemmingsley – Deputy Headteacher**

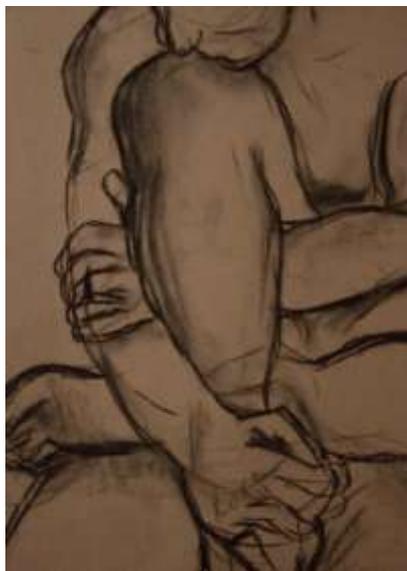


### **Life Drawing Exhibition**

The Art Faculty held its second exhibition of life drawing on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This was a private viewing for the Year 11,12 and 13 students who had completed the life drawing classes and their families. The students had worked hard on the 4 week course taught by Miss Drewett and Miss Gowlett and were justifiably proud of showing the artwork to their families who in turn were very complimentary about the quality of work and the skills of the students.

This was a most pleasant evening with wine and fruit juice served to the guests by Miss Drewett and Miss Gowlett.

**Miss C Drewett.- Art Faculty**



### **GOSFORD HILL CAROL CONCERT**

Our annual Carol Service took place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we would like to extend our thanks to all who attended and helped to make this a successful event which had a lovely Christmas atmosphere. The Choir was made up of all age groups of students and staff. Elizabeth Knowles, Year 8 performed a solo of 'Once in Royal David's City', Pilsun Eu a Year 11 student performed 'Loure' by J.S. Bach on the violin and Ebony Webster, Year 9, sang a solo of 'Mary Did You Know'. Over a 100 people were in the congregation and after singing Christmas Carols, we all joined together for mince pies and hot refreshments.

Thanks once again to all involved in making this a lovely evening.

**Mrs R Frankcom – Team Leader, Music Faculty**



## News from the Bungalow



Well done to the group of Year 7 students who have worked really hard to make their fundraising cake sale for their chosen charity a real success!

The students had the pleasure of meeting Cathy Pearl from Helen and Douglas House who gave them a very interesting talk about the charity and answered all their questions. She was very grateful to be presented with a cheque for £67 and was also very impressed by the work that had been done previous to the cake sale in order to advertise it. See below Aaron Rowland's winning leaflet.

 <p>We need to raise as much as we can. Last cake sale we raised £85.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	 <p>Helen and Douglas House was the world's first children's hospice, that opened in November 1982 and provides care for terminally ill young people.</p> <p><b>We are doing a cake sale to support them.</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 4th December 2012</b></p> <p><b>Lunch time</b> <b>INT 1 and 2</b></p> <p>Thank you</p>	 <p>There will be lots of cakes to choose from.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
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Mrs F Soleilhac - Deputy SENCo