



# Gosford Times



Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School  
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## COMING SOON.....



Bugsy rehearsals are going well despite the interruption of snow. We have nearly rehearsed the whole of Act 1 and it will be a sight to see. The students are making their characters their own and with comic little extra lines added in by the director I think you'll find this is the hottest ticket in town when we open in March.

Dances are being choreographed, the set is being built and painted and costumes are being made and sorted as we speak.

Keep the **19<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> March** free in your diary to come and support the biggest cast we have had yet in a Gosford Hill School production. There are 65 of them!!!

Keep up the good work and make sure attendance is high.

**Mrs H Whitford - Director**

## KS4 Information Evening – 23 January 2013

Many thanks to all parents and students who attended the KS4 Information Evening on Wednesday. It is always so encouraging to see the support offered to our young people by Parents / Carers as they move through the school and when they have important decisions to make.

A few parents did point out to me that the information in the course booklet did not fully match up with the key messages about qualification reform that Dr. Bizley and myself covered at the pre-information evening on 16 January. This is because the courses, and in particular the assessment details, are still being finalised by the exam boards. When we have a clear and definitive specification for our courses we will communicate this home to you and your son / daughter. In the interim if you do feel that you need further details regarding a particular subject please contact the relevant Head of Faculty.

Thank you once again for your continuing support and understanding at this time of significant change in education.

**Dom Ward - Deputy Headteacher**



## SNOW JOKE!



Like many families I awoke on Monday morning to snow! Gosford Hill's premises team had spent most of Sunday making the school site safe. However, the school site wasn't the problem - it was ice on the roads.

Any decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there were a number of teachers and support staff who felt unable to travel to work due to unsafe road conditions. My team and I assessed that we would need a number of supply teachers to cover the lessons and there was no guarantee a) they were available first thing on a Monday and b) they would turn up on time (supply teachers tend to travel a long distance).

I was in a position where I would not have enough staff in school to safely supervise the students and therefore the decision was made to close. My apologies for any inconvenience. I hope now that the weather is clearing up that this is the only time I have to do this. Thank you for your understanding. Let us hope for a warm spring and even better summer.

**Steve Bizley - Headteacher**



TERM DATES 2012
<b>Term 3</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Term 4</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Term 5</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Term 6</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

### 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 endeavor 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)

or

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.