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'This is China' Competition.

Most of Year 7 students have been learning about China in Geography. Before the holidays the Geography Department launched a competition called 'This is China'. The aim was for students to create something that would represent what China means to them. The entries were shown in the Hall at lunch and it was obvious that some students had put a lot of effort in their project!



The Gifted and Talented team judged the entries and after a long deliberation they decided on the best three entries. First prize went to Leah Risby, second prize to Erin Corness and third prize to Azizah Ali. Sam Hepworth came in fourth with an outstanding fort display.

Well done to all students who participated!
Mrs R Lopez
Geography teacher



Parent Forum

Wednesday 13th March 2013

6.00pm – 7.00pm

In

The Main Hall

We would like to invite you to our next Parent Forum

'Keeping your Child Safe, Use of the Internet and Mobile Phones'

Designed to help raise awareness and get advice on the safe use of the internet and mobile phones.

There will be presentations from school staff and Sgt. Colin Travi from Kidlington Police Station with an opportunity for parents to ask any relevant questions they may have.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher

Scribbles Issue 2 Launch

This Friday sees the launch of the second issue of *Scribbles*, Gosford Hill's showcase for creative writing. The magazine consists of work created by the students across the school, in the form of short stories or poems. The genres vary from far flung fantasies to new views of living in the modern day. In order to celebrate this burst of creative talent, and to advertise the club to the rest of the school, there will be an event on Friday lunchtime in the library, where the authors will share their work with the students and get some valuable feedback.

Scribbles was created in the Summer of 2012 when Miss Evans wanted help setting up a creative writing club. We both agreed that not enough students, boys in particular, at Gosford were aware of the enjoyment of conjuring up a good story and poem or delving into a book. We wanted a club that would promote all of these things and so (several awful posters later) the first meeting was held. It quickly became apparent that there were many talented writers at the school and we were pleased to discover that many of these were boys. A month later the first issue was released and we have worked hard this academic year to produce an exciting and more varied follow up.

If you are interested in our work, or have a hidden talent for writing, then join us in E6 on Friday lunch times and get in touch with your creative side!

Harriet Marshall – Year 13 Student

Year 9 Hospitality Challenge



Some of our Year 9 students have recently joined students from five other local schools for a two day 'Hospitality Challenge'. The students spent a morning at Blenheim Palace getting to know each other and then they were divided into mixed school teams. Each team then set out to one of the other hospitality locations, The Holiday Inn, The Oxford Hotel and The Belfry Hotel, where they spent the afternoon working on the challenge they had been set. They worked with a member of staff of the organisation to research their brief, meet other key members of staff and put together a presentation of the package they had planned for their client. All groups found sticking to the allocated budget challenging and had to adjust their plans accordingly. The presentations were superb with all

students participating and with an amazing range of events planned for.

The students developed their skills and confidence in working in teams with new people as well as a greater understanding of the huge range of career opportunities within the hospitality and leisure industry. The students were a credit to themselves and the schools involved. Our thanks go to all the organisations involved, in particular Blenheim Palace who hosted the first morning and to The Oxford Hotel who not only provided lunch and accommodation for everyone on day two but hosted two of the teams when another hotel had to withdraw at short notice.

Mrs E Hounsell – Careers and Work Experience Manager

