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FRIENDS OF GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL

INVITE YOU TO A SUMMER DANCE

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

AT GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL

£10 PER TICKET

7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM

Pimms & Platter

**Prestigious live band
Johnnie and The Jivetones**

*Parents and Students in Year 13
Are invited to
Alderman Wise Award
Evening*



*Wednesday
8th May 2013
6.30pm
School Hall*

This Year's speaker will be Martin Keown, former international footballing star, league winner for Arsenal and Match of the Day pundit.

Higher Education Information Evening

September 2014 seems a long way in the future for us all, however many of our Year 12 students will start their Higher Education then and the preparation for this huge step has started. Last week we held an information evening for Year 12 students and parents. An introduction to the higher education application process was followed by talks about finance, other sources of finance and what it is to be a parent of a young person starting university.

Students will be supported through all the steps by experienced staff and careers advisers and on their return to school after AS exams will be starting to complete their applications. All students and parents should have received copies of the information handed out at the meeting even if they were unable to attend. Copies of the main presentations are available in the Sixth Form Area of the School website.

Mrs E Housell – Careers and Work Experience Manager

English Schools Table Tennis Association 40th National Individual Championships
Saturday 20th April 2013 at the Dome, Doncaster

To save time my parents and I went to go to Worksop in our caravan on Friday as Worksop is only 20 miles away from Doncaster. That gave us time in the morning to be ready. I could feel the nerves start to build.

By the time we got to the Dome, I was very nervous and I had butterflies in my stomach. We walked into the main hall and it was large. There were 21 tables in use. Fortunately I had been told which group I was in, I was in group D. I found the registration desk and was given my number (99).

I didn't get to warm up which was unfortunate and within 10 minutes I began to play my first match against Naphat Boonyaprapa. He had a very good forehand topspin that won him the first game 11-9. In the second game I managed to pull it back 11-7 but went downhill from there 5-11, 2-11. This was a bad start and knocked my confidence a bit. However this match meant I was warmed up ready for the next match.



The second match I played was against Matthew Madd. He won the first game 11-7, but I managed to spot a weakness and went on to win 9-11, 6-11, lost a set 11-6 but won another 11-8 to secure a win. Winning the last match gave me a big confidence boost. The next match I played was against Sam Horrocks. This was a much better game for me, winning 5-11, 7-11 and 8-11.

I was happy with the result of the last match and about 40 minutes later I was playing Alex Ramsden. He was the top seed in the under 13s which made losing 11-1, 11-2, 11-4 a bit easier but it was a fantastic experience playing him.

The next game against James Knodsen was very close and we were very evenly matched. He won the first game 11-7. I came back 11-13, but he then went on to win 11-3, 12-10. I was a bit disappointed but still very happy with the outcome of all the matches.

It was nice to meet some Kidlington Forum team mates playing in lower age groups. So all in all it was a very good experience and I hope to qualify next year and hopefully get a bit further.

Joe McKenna-Jones – Year 8 student

June Exams Years 7 to 10

End of year exams will take place for years 7 to 9 between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

Most year 10 students have an English Language GCSE exam on Tuesday 4 June. Year 10 end of year exams will begin on Thursday 6 June.

Most students sit end of year exams during their usual lessons. Teachers will let students know when exams are and what they need to revise. Whilst we are aware that a number of students may qualify for special examination arrangements for their final GCSEs, students in years 7 and 8 will all sit the exams in the same way. This will inform our future assessments for exam arrangements. For students in years 9 and 10, access arrangements will be in place wherever possible.

The end of modular GCSE exams puts more emphasis on students being able to recall a lot of information, across a range of subjects. Commitment to studying independently at home will be key to students achieving their best grades.

The end of year exams provide an important opportunity for students to develop their revision skills. The results from these exams will inform the progress checks which are sent home at the end of term.

Please contact me or the subject teacher concerned if you have any queries.

Jackie Fairchild - Assistant Headteacher

School Governors

A letter has been sent to all parents and carers seeking nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy which we will have on the School Governing Body with effect from the end of June 2013.

I hope you will give this matter due consideration and either put yourself forward for nomination or propose someone else, with their consent, who you feel will carry out the role well. Nominations will be accepted until 3.30p.m. on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

Mrs. Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors