

GCSE ART, RESISTANT MATERIALS AND TEXTILES EXHIBITION 2013
Wednesday 19th June 5.00pm – 6.30pm



Selected artwork from students in years 7,8,9 &10 also on display.

Miss C Drewett – Art Faculty

Stop Motion Animation Project

Thank you for the toys that have come in for Stop Motion animation. More are needed. If you are having a clear out please bring them into school.

Salvatore Marinari - ICT Teacher



Under 15 Cricket v Matthew Arnold - County League Thursday 16th May

Gosford got their League season off to a superb start with a 4 wicket win over Matthew Arnold after a thrilling run chase in the wet.

Matthew Arnold won the toss and elected to bat but skipper Sam Butler soon nipped out opener Mohammed for a duck. Ed Vickers then looked to have claimed the wicket of the other opening bat Morton but his apparent gloved catch to slip was adjudged to be off the shoulder. (A third umpire or DRS system would have been welcome.....) This was a big moment as the aggressive Morton went on to make a very good match top score of 39 before Danny Foorde caught and bowled him late on. In the meantime Keanan McCloskey picked up a wicket but was rather expensive and Danny Foorde claimed his second wicket but several dropped catches allowed Matthew Arnold to close on a decent total of 105-4 as the rain came down.

There followed a delay before Gosford batted on a soaked pitch which meant boundaries were hard to come by. Gosford soon lost opener Alex Brain comprehensively bowled by Salmon which was appropriate given the weather! At the other end Ieuan Llewellyn was batting beautifully and hitting many shots which would have been 4 runs earlier in the day but he had to be content with scampered twos instead as the sodden ground held up the ball. Sam Butler perished after a few lusty blows and then Ed Vickers joined Llewellyn to keep Gosford up with the run rate. Llewellyn was then caught for a useful 15 and Scott Willoughby joined Vickers for a match winning partnership.

Willoughby scored an excellent 29 and Vickers 19 (including the shot of the day – a sumptuous cover drive that raced across the wet turf for 4) but both fell with the target within touching distance. McCloskey was then run out for a duck but Danny Foorde steadied the ship with a few scoring shots before Gosford won the game in the final over following a wide.

A great game of cricket and one that Gosford fully deserved to win after getting the worst of the conditions. Gosford now travel to Chipping Norton next Thursday.



Under 15 Cricket v Chipping Norton - County League Thursday 23rd May

On a bitterly cold day a brilliant batting display in a weather-interrupted game gained Gosford their second league win of the season. Due to rain and hail the game was reduced to a 10 over bash and Gosford set a formidable target of 101 with the loss of just one wicket in their 10 overs. Dan Stevens got the innings off to a great start with a quick fire 21 and then Ieuan Llewellyn took over with a sumptuous unbeaten 48 while skipper Sam Butler chipped in with a quick 19 not out including a huge six.

The Chippy innings was delayed as an amazing unseasonal hail storm covered the pitch in white hailstones but on resumption Gosford managed to defend their total with relative ease. Chipping Norton made a good fist of their reply scoring 82-3 but Gosford's total was always out of reach. Tom Tezel picked up a wicket and there were two run outs.

Gosford now play Banbury School on Thursday 6th June at Kidlington CC.

Team: Sam Butler, Ieuan Llewellyn, Dan Stevens, Ed Vickers, Aaron Cripps, Connor Hiles, Scott Willoughby, Tom Tezel, Danny Forde, Dean Sherlock, Kean McCloskey

Mr P Catling – P.E. Faculty

Matt Dickinson – just another visit or a figure to remember?

I've witnessed many visitors, as well as participated in many of their speeches and workshops. Although some are a vivid memory, and some are more distant, it can be said that some of them in fact make a huge impact to a student's view on life, or a certain situation. One of these is film-maker and author Matt Dickinson – credited for his award winning novels and adventure documentaries, who recently visited our school. After a workshop with the Year 8s exploring his worldwide adventures, I was given the great opportunity to interview Matt about his travels, career and also his time spent at Gosford Hill. I asked him what he likes to share about his past experiences and how this can benefit the students. "Don't be reluctant to get involved with hard subjects – your career depends on it, go for it, otherwise people won't be interested." It was evident how the impact of relating his own experiences to his audience led to the intrigued look the Year 8s had during the workshop. Perhaps the way in which Matt relayed stories of overcoming his fears will allow the students to use this advice when coming over their own hurdles in life.

Specialising in adventure documentaries, Matt's credits already include ITV's *Voyager*, BBC1's *Classic Adventure* and more. The tips that were given to the students from a man who is highly successful in his career enabled the students to start making decisions about their own career pathways (from director, journalist, writer, adventurer, etc.). Although students may be used to hearing this advice endlessly from teachers, the difference of hearing this from Matt will have made more of an impact..

The adventures he's completed also became an eye-opener to his audience. The two girls who accompanied me in the interview were Ellie Hutson and Lauren Underwood, both in Year 9, who have been BBC News Reporters at Gosford. When Lauren asked him what he missed the most when climbing Everest, it was amusing to find out how curious cravings occur. For Matt it was curry, and for his friend accompanying him it was a craving for eggs. Due to the lack of chickens roaming on Everest, we were informed about how reduction of nutrition and extreme change in diet affects someone taking part in these extreme physical and mental challenges.

Inevitably, with every challenge come downfalls. Matt explained how on Mount Everest there was a time he contemplated giving up "I was at the point of exhaustion, to this day I don't know how I made it to the camp, but somehow I did". This represents the lengths people will go to when attempting to achieve their personal aims and their career goals. For Matt, just like many before him, it was to climb Everest; however for us it could be the challenge of GCSEs and A-levels. Matt wowed us by giving us a snippet of his, to say the least, interesting career "I have almost been killed on two occasions, once in an avalanche and once on an incident on Everest." His latest achievement perhaps is his incredible ability to reach out to 12 year olds and stress the importance of achievement and goal setting in a fun practical way.

The opportunity of hearing about his daring feats has left a lasting impression with his young audience. So, do we look at our school studies with the feeling of being overwhelmed, or do we view the future with a vision of overwhelming opportunities? Not only does learning at school give us grades as ways into the job market, but the experiences we go through during these years form a vital bridge between our younger years and the big wide world of employment and adolescence. With the great experiences of visitors who have achieved this journey, such as Matt himself, we are encouraged to follow on our own journey of success – and climb our own Everest one day.

Daisy Carling-Rose 12 CMNY



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