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Year 7 - Talk on Outdoor Activities

On Monday 17th June 2013, we had a talk on outdoor activities and things that you can experience from being outdoors. The person who led the talk was called Tim, he was an outdoor lifestyle consultant.



From the talk, I learnt that there is a wide variety of outdoor activities you can do in both urban and rural areas. Some activities you can do in a rural area are: kayaking, rock climbing, ice climbing and canoeing. In an urban area, you can go running, base jumping and skateboarding.

The most fascinating part was all the videos we watched. They were all amazing, especially the one about the BMX rider. It was interesting and incredible how he turned his life around.



Overall, the talk was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy it. I have learnt a lot about outdoor activities. Tim was a really good person to listen to and he had lots of stories to tell.

Chloe Haynes – Year 7 Student

Sixth Form Introduction Day - Monday 24th June

A large number of prospective Year 11 students from Gosford Hill School and elsewhere attended the annual Sixth Form Introduction Day on Monday 24th June. The students met their form tutors for the first time and attended taster sessions (including dissecting a lamb's heart in Biology!) in all their chosen AS subjects as well as attending a presentation from the Head of Sixth Form Mrs De Bruyn and engaging in a team building exercise. The team building exercise consisted of constructing the highest tower made from spaghetti and jelly babies which would support a balloon. The highest tower was constructed by Martin Price, James Lambert, Chloe Florey and Kate Blyth with an impressive height of 1.14m!

The students also left with an appointment for ILP day in September with their tutors. If there are any students who could not attend the Introduction Day then please contact Liz Hounsell at Gosford Hill School to confirm that you are still coming to Gosford Hill Sixth Form and arrange an ILP appointment.

Mrs De Bruyn / Mr Catling / Mr Whittaker - Sixth Form Leadership Team



Year 10 Discovery Day Birmingham University

This week ten Year 10 girls spent a day at Birmingham University's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Discovery Day. Students were escorted by a 'Student Ambassador' who gave them a tour of the campus and talked enthusiastically about her experiences of university life.

There was an introductory talk about the courses the University offers and an activity to explore subject areas new to students such as Economics, Politics and Art History.

Along with the other schools attending students took part in two different workshops giving insights into specific subject areas. Our school attended a Philosophy workshop. Here they were encouraged to think of a question about the Universe which they then divided into philosophical and more scientific and measurable questions. In addition, a moral dilemma activity based on a clip from a Batman film provoked a lot of discussion.

After lunch students attended a workshop about Social Policy, where a fascinating activity about the causes of the summer riots in 2011 captured the students' interest. The day finished with a light-hearted quiz about careers including questions about famous Birmingham graduates and the subjects they studied; not always the obvious ones which showed students that almost any career is possible with any degree subject.

Mrs E Hounsell – Careers & Work Experience Manager



Problem Solving Event

A small group of our Able, Gifted and Talented Year 9 students along with students from Lord Williams's, Wheatley Park and The Marlborough School took part in a two day Problem Solving Challenge organised by The East Oxfordshire Business Education Alliance.

Students worked in small groups with students from the other schools. They spent time getting to know each other and were then presented with a 'live' problem for a local business. They visited the business to gain further insight into the problem. As part of their research they interviewed staff and customers and gathered relevant information about the business.



The following day the students worked in their groups on their proposed solutions to the problem. They put together a presentation of their findings which they rehearsed in the morning. Following lunch with representatives of the business organisations the students made their presentations to the whole audience. Making a presentation can be daunting for anyone of us; the students really rose to the challenge and sent the businesses away with lots of new ideas.

Mrs E Hounsell – Careers & Work Experience Manager

Aquathlon

On Monday 24th June Mr Goldring took some Year 7, 8, 9 students to Sibford School to participate in an Aquathlon to celebrate National School Sports week. It was an interesting and enjoyable day. Team Cherwell were the club that helped put on the event. We were kept active all day with many different activities including archery, dodge ball, rounders, table tennis and skipping. These activities were provided by North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership.

Each year group completed the aquathlon at different times. When the time came we all got ready to swim 50 metres in the swimming pool in a team of four. After the first person had swum their 50m they would tag the next person. This would carry on until the last person has finished and then the whole team would go to the transition area and tag the first person so they could set off on their run. Everybody really enjoyed the event and as a team the results were:

Year 7 - 3rd place

Year 8 A team - 1st place

Year 8 B team - 2nd place

Year 9 - 4th place

Thank you to Mr Goldring who took us!

Chloe Ridewood and Chelsea Beahan (Year 8)



Year 12 trip to Leicester University Open Day - Wednesday 26th June

All Year 12 students visited Leicester University to attend the University's Open Day on Wednesday 26th June. Students attended talks on various courses that they are interested in studying at University and gained a feel for a large university and the facilities provided. The day was really busy but hopefully the students will now be motivated to attend further Open Days at universities of their choice.



Mr P Catling – Sixth Form Leader

Summer Music Concert



Dear Parents/Carers

I am very excited about the forthcoming **Summer Music Concert 2013**. It promises to be an entertaining evening to see the fantastic range of talent that we have in school, especially our Key Stage 3 students. This is a family event and I would like to highlight that if you have children of primary school age they can enjoy this event for free as long as they are accompanied by an adult. All proceeds will go to the piano fund. So far this year we have raised nearly £2,500 and we just need £500 to get our new piano!

The concert is on **Wednesday 3rd July**. Doors open at 6.45pm, the concert **starts at 7pm** and will finish at approximately 9pm. Tickets are £3 and are on sale from reception. Please complete the tear off slip below together with the payment (cheques payable to Gosford Hill School with summer concert, your child's name and tutor group on the

back) and hand into reception. If you would like more information about this event then please email me at this address: rfra1190@gosford-hill.ocnmail.net

I very much look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Mrs R Frankcom
Team Leader of Music

Summer Music Concert 2013

Ticket Order Form to be returned to reception

Tickets cost £3.00 each; under 11's are free but must be accompanied by an adult. Please make cheques payable to Gosford Hill School and write Summer Concert 2013 on the back with your son/daughter's name and tutor group.

I would like to buy _____ tickets at £3 and _____ free tickets.

Total cost is £_____

Name of student: _____ Tutor Group: _____