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## Summer Concert 2013

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013, the Music Department showcased the wide range of talent that we have at Gosford Hill School with nearly 40 students taking part. The music ranged from folk to jazz, classical to popular plus songs from well-known musicals and many original compositions written by the students themselves. It was a brilliant event and the students were all stars.

Well done to all the students who took part. A big thank you to the staff and students who helped run the event and finally thank you to the parents, relatives, neighbours and friends who came along and watched the concert and supported the artists on stage.

**Rhian Frankcom - Team Leader of Music**



Helen Phipps and Katie Smith in Year 10 performing a medley of popular tunes as a piano duet

### Regional Table Tennis Trials

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June I took part in the South Regional Table Tennis Trials. The trials lasted from 10am - 3pm and we took part in fitness training, consistency practice and matches and then we were to find out the next week who had been successful. I received an email to say that I had been scouted and that I had been chosen to play in the South Regional team.

This means I have to attend fitness training once a month and then in December, once the team has been chosen, we go to Birmingham and play in the National Region Tournament. Also there is a chance to go to Belgium and play against the Belgian youths. This gives me a chance to be sponsored and play table tennis professionally.

**Ryan Hambridge – Year 8 Student**



### District Swimming Gala

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Shellie Evans, Lucy Parsons, Emily Kyle and Charlotte Barnes from Year 7 went to Iffley Road Swimming Pool. We competed in the county championships after winning the District Swimming Gala back in November.

We were taking part in the school games which had been happening over 3 days. We all swam different races:

Shellie Evans	-	Backstroke
Lucy Parsons	-	Breaststroke
Emily Kyle	-	Butterfly
Charlotte Barnes	-	Front Crawl

Then we all competed in 2 relays, coming fourth overall.

We would all like to give a big thank you to Mrs De Bruyn.

**Shellie Evans and Lucy Parsons – Year 7 students**

## **Clockwork Young Enterprise Company of Gosford Hill School - 2012/2013**

Year 12 and 13 students were successful in setting up and running a Young Enterprise Company Programme this year at Gosford Hill School. Students had the opportunity to manage their own Private Limited Company, a Young Enterprise Company with the support Business Advisor, Jason Smith, Director: Chief Technical Officer from Integration Technology Ltd, Heyford Park.



The group demonstrated excellent entrepreneurship skills throughout the programme. They developed, marketed and sold their own product, a children's reading and colouring book written by Ed Keppie, Finance Director, with original hand illustrations to accompany the story by Namok Eu, Creative Director of Clockwork.

Students attended trade fairs in Banbury and Stratford-Upon Avon on Saturdays, and seminars to develop public speaking and presentation skills. The experiences gained from these events, enabled the group to build good network contacts to further develop their business idea.

Students generated good sales with some profits, produced a detail company report to enter the Oxfordshire Central Young Enterprise Finals in May, hosted at Harley Davidson Headquarters, Oxford. The group's imedia presentation, produced by Namok Eu, Creative Director of Clockwork was impressive and professional. It particularly caught the attention of the judges and the Marketing Director of Harley Davidson, Oxford.

All students involved in The Young Enterprise Company Programme this year have benefitted from the experience. Even more so, one of the company members recently set up their own online clothing business, with other members, also keen to set up their businesses in the near future.

### **Clockwork a company of Young Enterprise Company members**

Matthew Kerby: Managing Director

Ed Keppie: Marketing Director

Namok Eu: Creative Director

Aubrey Cousins: Administration Director

Ben Walsh; IT Director

Jordan Rouse: Sales Director

James Heydon: Human Resources Director

Malcolm Marekie: Operations Director

Tom Bickmore: Finance Director

Business Advisor: Jason Smith Director: Technical Chief Officer Integration Technology, Upper Hayford

Link Teacher: Miss Sadia Webb

Hunts Pixels: Book publisher, Kidlington



### **Sadia Webb - Team Leader Business Studies**

## Readathon

Gosford Hill Schools Readathon – improving lives through sponsored reading.

“Inspiring children to read can be one of the greatest gifts you can give them.”

Reading from a young age can improve children’s lives in a number of ways. Moreover, when such a small activity such as reading can drastically improve other children’s lives too... that’s something worth celebrating.

Eight students in Year 7 at Gosford Hill have taken part in the UK fundraising Organisation *Readathon*, successfully raising over £200 for three different charities: CLIC Sargent - the children’s cancer charity, Roald Dahl’s marvellous children’s charity – helping ill and disabled children and also Readwell – enabling storytellers and books to reach ill children in hospitals. The girls were rewarded for taking part in this fun and productive activity, with a £5 Waterstones voucher and £40 worth of books from the Scholastic book fair.



The 11-12 year olds received a sponsorship card and were able to read any books of their choice. Charlotte Hayes, received a certificate for runner-up in terms of the largest amount of money raised - £35.07 as well as Maryam Jan, who received a certificate not only for completing an astonishing 28 books, but also raising over £65! Emma Davies, one of the students involved, explained “It helps so much with English, improving vocabulary and spelling, but mostly imagination.” It was evident to see the enthusiasm the girls had when talking about the books they read throughout the *Readathon* period. *The Twilight Saga* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* were just a couple of the books that the girls enthusiastically spoke of. Although there was no Charles Dickens or Shakespeare involved there is no denying that challenging reading from a young age is highly beneficial in improving their academic ability – as they are well aware.

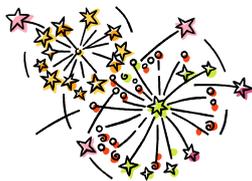
The girls chose interesting books for the school as their reward, and Molly Rogers decided to choose one to help with her Humanities project. As well as marking a moment of accomplishment and raising money for these life-changing charities, it was great for these students’ efforts to be officially recognized, as I believe, the advantages of reading regularly can occasionally be underestimated.



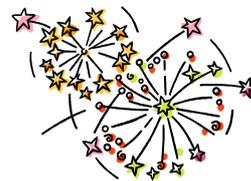
All of the students involved are determined to set themselves up to repeat the *Readathon* challenge next time, as well as looking forward to reading their new and well-earned books. Hopefully their successes will encourage others to read frequently and - who knows - perhaps we may see their names on the front of a best-selling novel one day!



**Daisy Carling-Rose – Year 12 Student**



## EXAMS RESULTS SUMMER 2013



Just a reminder that results may be collected from the Hall **between 9am and 12noon** on results days, as follows:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**A Levels and AS Levels**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**GCSEs and BTECs**

Results are the property of the **candidate** and can not be handed out to any third parties without the candidate's permission. If students would like someone else to collect results on their behalf, consent forms are still available from. Please remember that any third party collecting results **must** bring a suitable form of ID with them on results day, and examples are given on the form.

Alternatively a stamped, self-addressed envelope may be left at reception and results will be posted. Please ensure the student's current year and form group is written in the top left-hand corner to assist with sorting into year groups on results days.

Members of staff will be available on results days, including the Examinations and Careers teams, to provide advice and assistance with any questions or concerns. In the meantime, if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck with your results!

**Alison Dunnill - Examinations & Student Data Officer**

### **Staff News**

This summer we say farewell to the following members of teaching staff...

Mr Andrea Antoniazzi, Ms Cereta Drewett, Ms Wendy Hemmingsley, Miss Ellen Keen, Dr Jo Murray, Miss Catrin Rees, Ms Helen Steel, Mrs Teresa Twomey,

Miss Catalina Marin leaves us to go on maternity leave.

We also say goodbye to the following members of our support staff team.

Mrs Felicity Bates, Mrs Gill Britton, Mrs Glenda de la Bat Smit, Mrs Teresa Morrish

Our thanks to all of the above colleagues for their valued contribution to learning at Gosford Hill School and our very best wishes to each of them for the future.

In September we will welcome the following new appointees:

Mr John O'Regan (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Antonia Osborne (Science), Mr Matthew Black (Art), Mr Simon Howells (English), Mr Martin Forde (Maths), Mr Matthew Gannon (History), Ms Kathryn Bevis (English), Miss Jo Bishop (Geography)

**Mrs N Cooke – Headteacher's P.A.**

### **Message from Governors:**

The Governors would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in the past academic year during which the school successfully converted to Academy status.

At the end of August, David Wilkins, who has served on the Governing Body as a hard-working and committed Parent Governor, will be standing down as his term of office comes to an end. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his eight years of service to the school. We will, therefore, have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and an election will be held early in the school year.

**Mrs Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors**

### **End of year message from the Headteacher**

It has been another hugely successful year at Gosford Hill School. At a time of unprecedented change we can all be proud of what our community has achieved. Our students are the smartest I have seen in all of Oxfordshire. I am very proud of the fact that so many of them represent the school so well in whatever they do. In turn I can see their pride in our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for their support. Behaviour and attendance at our school is very good and when we work together we can achieve so much.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable holiday period.

Kind regards and best wishes

**Dr S Bizley – Headteacher**

<b>TERM DATES</b>	
<b>2013-2014</b>	
<b>2 September 2013:</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>3 September 2013:</b>	<b>ILP Day:</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	
Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October	
<b>Term 2</b>	
Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December	
<b>Term 3</b>	
Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February	
<b>Term 4</b>	
Monday 24 February – Friday 4 April	
<b>Term 5</b>	
Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May	
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July	
<b>INSET Days: 2 September, 11 October, 6 December 2013, 21 &amp; 22 July 2014</b>	
<b>Bank Holiday: 5 May 2014</b>	