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SIXTH FORM FRESHER'S WEEK



The Sixth Form Committee ran a 'Freshers' week' to help integrate the new Year 12 students into the Sixth Form. The week beginning Monday 16th September saw a variety of activities take place. There was an Inter-House Rounders tournament during an Enrichment lesson where each house fielded two teams. Winners overall were Evenlode with Windrush second and Thames third.

The week was rounded off with an 'Icebreaker' Hawaiian theme party social in the Sixth Form on the Friday evening. This included a gladiators duel inflatable game, pizzas (thanks to Tiam), karaoke kicked off in fine style by Martha Sykes and a disco. Special mention to Ryan Whitehead, Tiam Pari-Nejad, Curtis Geddes, Harriet Marshall, Katie Marshall, Tom Bickmore, James Heyden, Ed Keppie and Max Jones for organising the event.

Thanks to all the Sixth Form Committee for arranging the 'Freshers' week'.



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

Congratulations to.....

Natalie Fung (now 21 and a former student of Gosford Hill School) who has completed her degree in Physics at Oxford achieving a First. She is now doing a master's degree.

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher

University: a daunting outlook or a feeling of readiness?

There are many connotations that stem from one simple word: university. A few of those being an education, life-long friends, a degree, best experience and partying. Although being told many positive things about university, the one thing I remember from my recent trip to Leicester University was a nervous feeling, strangely similar to when visiting my secondary school, or should I say, 'big school' for the first time.

As a group of not only Year 12s, but also future undergraduates, we rushed to find seats with our friends on the coach - no different from Year 7 school trips, to discover our own personal opinions of university. When arriving, it was almost comforting to see a puzzled look on many students faces as they walked around the campus with their eyes glued to a map. I remember being particularly scared about getting lost around the site when first starting at Gosford Hill secondary school, which seems insignificant compared to this. However, whilst my friends and I joyfully came across the barbeque on campus, I began to feel slightly more at home.



It was exciting to have the afternoon free to explore the facilities, lectures and also the halls of residence. The English Literature lecture of around 45 minutes consisted of a detailed course content overview, including an insight into exciting job opportunities for when the course was complete: editors, journalists, teachers and much more. I assumed the course would be similar to my current A-level English course; however, I was amazed at how much of the course would be spent studying independently, mostly reading. "University has allowed me to become much more independent as a person, but studying English in particular has allowed me to become more independent within my work, expanding my research skills." It was insightful to get opinions from postgraduates from Leicester, as well as hearing some of their experiences whilst at university. Additionally, I've always had an expectation of how an English lecturer will look. A short, middle-aged man, with rounded glasses that regularly slip down to the tip of his nose, as well as a beard long enough to store a small amount of crumbs in. This man... was exactly that.

After exploring the academic side of university, as well as feeling satisfied that I had now confirmed the appearance of every English lecturer, my friends and I decided to find a patch on the huge field on the campus to talk about our feelings on the day so far. It was an unusual feeling to have it sink in that those who I've spent many of my school years with would soon be on completely different and individual journeys, making different decisions to suit their lives. Despite the challenging side to university academically and in terms of maturity, it is also a rewarding feeling to be in a place that will allow me a step closer towards a successful career.

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Daisy Carling-Rose – Year 13 Student

Girls Football

Kidlington Youth Football Club Under 12s Girls teams are looking for Girls in Year 7 to strength their existing squads.

Training Wednesdays and matches most Saturdays. No experience necessary, just plenty of enthusiasm!

For more information, please contact Steve Forse (steveforse@talktalk.net or 07967 088190)

Gosford's Year 8s overcome inspirational Burford Goalkeeper

Despite an inspired performance from the Burford Goalkeeper, Gosford overcame their opponents in a nail biting encounter. Despite having a phenomenal amount of shots in the game, it very easily could have ended in despair as Gosford trailed 3-2 going into the very last minute of the match, having seen their constant pressure repelled by a truly outstanding goalkeeper. But with virtually the last kick of the game, Gosford worked the ball into the box for Jamie Hudson to volley home into the top corner to send the game into extra time and enabled Mr Smith to breathe a sigh of relief! During extra time Gosford were excellent and deservedly scored a further 3 goals to win 6-3 and safely secure their passage into round 2.

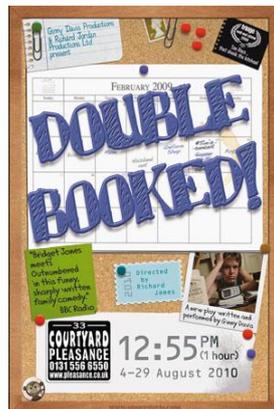


A fantastic effort by all of the players but a special mention must go to LarrsonWirdnam-Crick who scored 3 fantastic goals, Ben Stewart who captained the team superbly and to man of the match Harley Firkin who had a brilliant game. Well done!

Friends of Gosford Hill School
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2013
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