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Raising Money for Charity

Last Tuesday Joe from JR4JR came into Cherwell assembly and told us about his charity and why he started it: because of a car accident he had and the brain injury he got as a result of this.

He told us that he was in the John Radcliffe Hospital for 2 months and in an induced coma for one month. He said he can only remember the last 4 and a half years of his life since his accident and at one point the nurse said he may never walk or talk again; he can luckily do both now.

Joe is now raising money to help raise awareness for people with brain injuries and Cherwell House did really well by raising £150.24 for JR4JR through lunchtime cake sales and we are really happy to have supported this charity.

Abbiegale Williams and Chloe Hurdley (9CSNN)



Former Student Visits Gosford Hill School

It was a great pleasure to welcome back ex-student Ikechi Anya who attended our school in the 2000s. Playing professional football for Watford, Ikechi has recently scored for Scotland, having been born in Glasgow. After a tour of the school it was a real joy to reintroduce Ikechi to Mr Catling who remembers teaching him.

Ikechi is a great example of someone who has achieved his dream. He demonstrates that if you work hard and commit yourself to what you are learning, then anything is possible - whether it be football or any other passion.

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher

Special Assembly

This week saw a special assembly to mark the festival of Diwali. It is important that our students recognise cultures from different parts of the world and within our own community.

Students researched the assembly and each House heard about the origins of the festival and watched a short colourful film.

Mr R Belmont - Assistant Headteacher



Life Drawing Classes

Sixth Form and selected Year 11 students took part in our third life drawing class. Students began by creating short gestural drawings and then developed to longer poses. The focus of the session was tone as students looked specifically at how to record light on the body using colour, shading and complementary colours.

Miss C Gowlett – Team Leader, Art Faculty



CALLING ALL EX - DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS!

You are now able to take your coursework products home.

Come and collect your work from your DT teacher before the end of November.

Please let your brother or sister know if they finished at Gosford Hill last year

Mrs J Cox – Faculty Leader, D&T

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th November 2013 – 4.00pm-7.00pm
OCVC, Oxford, Bicester, Banbury and Blackbird Leys (Construction) Open Evening

Wednesday 13th November 2013 – 3.30pm-7.00pm
Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Open Evening

Wednesday 20th November 2013 – 6.00pm-8.00pm
Gosford Hill School Sixth Form Open Evening

Organist Required

St John's (Church of England) Church, The Broadway, Kidlington is in urgent need of an Organist (no need to use pedals) for Holy Communion Services every Sunday at 9.30am plus occasional other services.

Please contact: Miss Margret Day (Church Warden) on 01865 375916 if you are able to help.
Many thanks

Playathon Day in Sainsbury's

On Friday 18th October, 45 music students from Gosford Hill School took part in a Playathon at the Sainsbury's store in Kidlington in aid of the piano fund. Groups of musicians serenaded the customers throughout the day as they did their shopping. Students performed a wide variety of music on many different instruments and the customers were very complimentary and generous, donating an amazing £1,022.00 in just one day!

This means that the pianos in the Music Department can now be sent away for a much needed service and tune up. Thank you to the students who took part in this event, the parents who came along and gave us lots of support and encouragement throughout the day, the staff and customers of Sainsbury's for their help and support with this event.

Mrs R Frankcom - Team Leader of Music



Year 8 Africa Competition

Win African prizes

This is Africa!

Design a model or poster representing Africa.

- Make it colourful and exciting.
- The title needs to be 'This is Africa'

Hand in first week after half term to your geography teacher.

On Tuesday 12th November

Gosford Hill School

will be holding a

BTEC Music Night

7.00pm – 9.00pm

in

The Main Hall

All Welcome

£2.00 per ticket



Highlights from October Sixth Form Parents' Survey

My child is happy at school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
32 45.71%	35 50.00%	3 4.29%	0 0.00%	70 100.00%
% positive		95.71%		

My child makes good progress at this school's Sixth Form

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
31 44.29%	35 50.00%	4 5.71%	0 0.00%	70 100.00%
% positive		94.29%		

My child is well looked after at this school's Sixth Form

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
30 42.86%	39 55.71%	1 1.43%	0 0.00%	70 100.00%
% positive		98.57%		

My child is taught well at this school's Sixth Form

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
26 37.68%	39 56.52%	4 5.80%	0 0.00%	69 100.00%
% positive		94.20%		

Is engaged in wider learning through academic mentoring, community service and enrichment activities

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
23 35.94%	36 56.25%	5 7.81%	0 0.00%	64 100.00%
% positive		92.19%		

I would recommend Gosford Hill School to another parent

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
26 37.68%	38 55.07%	4 5.80%	1 1.45%	69 100.00%
% positive		92.75%		