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GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

You are warmly invited to join us
for our annual Carol Service
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
KIDLINGTON
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2013
At 7.00pm

After the service we hope that guests, parents,
staff and students will join us for light
refreshments in the refectory.

Christmas Carol Service

Christmas is coming! It's not all about shopping for presents, turkey dinners and EastEnders is it? Why not come along to St. Mary's and join our annual Christmas Carol Service? The school choir will be performing, with readings to remind us why we celebrate Christmas.

Come and sing traditional Christmas carols, share mince pies and a cup of something over a chat afterwards. How much will it cost? Nothing, there is no charge but there is a collection afterwards, which is voluntary, to help towards the costs of keeping such a special building going. When is it? Next Tuesday. What time? 7 o'clock for about an hour. Where? St Mary's Church, Church Street, Kidlington, OX5 2AZ (the one with the big spire). There is parking at the back behind the church but bring a torch so you can see where you are going! Need an invitation? We would love you all to come to our Christmas celebrations. It would be lovely to see lots of students with their families and to wish each other a Merry Christmas.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday.

Mrs R Frankcom - Team Leader of Music

Senior Mathematical Challenge 2013

On 7th November, seventeen of our Sixth form mathematicians took part in this year's Senior Mathematical Challenge, set by the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT). The intriguing multiple choice question papers are designed to stimulate interest in the subject.



Our prize winners were:

Gold: Travis Gordon (Best in school). Travis scored highly enough to be invited to sit the Mathematical Olympiad.

Silver: Matthew Kerby, Daniel Bigden, James McKendrick.

Bronze: Pilsun Eu, Charlie Groves, Bilal Jan, Deepak Jindal, Matthew Williams, Connor Beecham, Edward Hopkin, John Crockett, Malcolm Marecki.

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is designed for Years 9, 10 and 11 in UK schools and will be held on 4th February 2014 and the Junior Mathematical Challenge for Years 7 and 8 will be held on 1st May 2014. We plan to enter our top set in each year group. However, if your son or daughter from any maths set would particularly like to sit this exam, please let me know. Further information can be found at www.ukmt.org.uk.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Mr S Williams – Team Leader, Mathematics Faculty

German Christmas Bake Off

On the 3rd of December, half of Mrs Williams' German class made German biscuits with the help of Mrs Gable to embrace cross-curricular education! The Lebkuchen and ginger biscuits would take roughly 20-30 minutes to cook. Those students not cooking (including myself) were given a German Christmas crossword to solve.

As I looked around, I saw people cracking their eggs and rolling their dough and adding flour. After that they used cookie cutters and cut out various shaped biscuits. Then the cookies were ready to go into the ovens. The first person got them out and they were a golden brown colour and smelt deliciously sweet. The person behind me started shouting, "I've got mini cakes!" It turns out he used self-raising flour instead of plain flour! Oops! They probably still taste pretty good!

Thomas Gibbs - Year 8





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Wishing you a restful and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Your views are very important to us, whether they're about your child, school activities or wider community issues. For all contact details telephone School Reception.

If you have a concern about your child contact:

- **The subject teacher** - if it concerns learning in a particular subject. Contact Reception to leave a message or alternatively, if you have internet access, you can ask for their email address.
- **The Head of Faculty** - if you wish to discuss any matter in greater detail.
- **Their Form Tutor** - if it is a more general issue about your child's well being.

Staff will endeavour to phone you back as soon as possible. All information is treated in the strictest of confidence. If you want to raise an issue or query about a more general area of school activity or a community matter contact a Parent Governor. (Telephone numbers available from School Reception)

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The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.