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Robotics Day

Oxford University Computer Science Department invited a small group of Year 9 students to participate in *The Oxford Robot Games IV*. Students were introduced to the science behind robots. The students then built and programmed a small wheeled robot using Lego Mindstorms. They had guidance from Oxford University Computer Science Ambassadors. The robot had to be able to follow a set race course by responding to signals from light sources. It took at least ten amendments to the programme and changes to the robots construction to get the robot to do what the team wanted. At the end of the afternoon our team pitted its robot, *Gosford*, against other school teams over the race course.

'A great day...It is harder than it looks to get the programme to work well'

The students involved were; Amal Adam, James Bryant, Matt Comley, Josh Juggins and Beth Crook



Mrs E Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager



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Semi - Final joy for Year 8 Footballers

On a glorious day for football, the Year 8s faced a tough challenge in the form of BCC in the North Oxon Cup Semi-Final. Having secured a 100% winning record in a competitive group stage, they were keen to progress to a final for the first time. A match that promised to be tight did not disappoint with both sides fully committed and playing some good football throughout. The first half was a very close affair but Gosford made the breakthrough with a slice of luck 5 minutes before half time when a superb Piers Walton free kick was flicked into his own net by an unlucky BCC defender. Half Time 1-0.

With the game far from over Gosford knew that they had lots of work still to do, with the next goal being crucial. Gosford started the 2nd half on the front foot and began to dominate territory and possession, looking comfortable on the ball and solid in the tackle. As the half grew old, Gosford grew stronger and stronger and the second goal arrived 10 minutes from the end with a brilliant long range finish from Aaron Jhutti giving Gosford a deserved 2-0 win.

An outstanding performance, with the work rate and desire of the team a pleasure to observe. Every player gave their all and played their part in a keenly contested semi-final. The team can now look forward to a memorable experience in their debut final at Easington Sports Ground. No matter what happens in the final, the team can be proud of their achievement and have shown that hard work earns rewards!

A special thank you also to the parents and grandparents of all of the players who continue to provide superb support for the players both home and away, it is much appreciated by all.

We wish the boys the best of luck in the final. With news of the result to follow in next week's newsletter!

Mr L Smith - PE Faculty



Congratulations to:

**CHARLOTTE BASTOW
CLARA BROOKS
HEATHER EWART
MARIA ROBERTS**

**For completing excellent Design
and Technology homework
projects!**

See Mrs Cox next week for your prize