

# The Gosford Times



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## *Sixth Form Alderman Wise Awards and Presentation Evening Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May*



The annual Sixth Form Alderman Wise Award and Presentation evening took place on Wednesday 7th May. It was a wonderful occasion which formally marked the Year 13 students leaving Gosford Hill School.

The evening began with an introduction by Headteacher, Dr Bizley, who introduced our main guest, former student and professional footballer for Watford and Scotland, Ikechi Anya. He took part in an engaging question and answer session with Mr Catling and members of the audience about his career and life so far. It was fantastic to have such a high profile guest and not only did he present all the awards but he was also readily prepared to pose for countless photographs during the ceremony with staff and students.

There followed some amazing musical performances, recitals and drama from this most talented year group which interspersed the main awards to make it a very special occasion for all concerned. The subject awards were presented to students by Ben Whittaker. Special recognition awards were then presented by Paul Catling to Benito Wainwright who won the Ron Groves Award for Academic Excellence; the Proprio Motu Award for Academic Progress was presented jointly to Katie Sturman and Matthew Kerby, The Roger Sargent Award for Outdoor Education to Ryan Whitehead and The Making a Difference Award for Community Service within Gosford Hill School to Harriet Marshall. The School Sports Award went jointly to Ed Keppie and Shannon Gray, while the Phillip Cooper Sports Award was presented to Maisie Siret. The Performing Arts Award was won by the multi-talented Tom Hooper.

Each Form Tutor gave a resume of their Year 13 tutees including some significant memories of the year.



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The evening culminated with the annual presentation of the prestigious Alderman Wise Award. This was made by Parish Councillor David Betts and Ikechi Anya. The overall joint winners were Ryan Whitehead, for his work with the local sea scout movement; James Heydon, also for his work with the Yarnton scout group but also coaching at Gosford All Blacks rugby club and Suzanne Hill for her leadership with the local girl guide group and her involvement with the Oxfordshire Youth Flute Choir

The Headteacher's special awards went to Head Boy and Head Girl Max Jones and Harriet Marshall and Deputy Head Boy and Girl Ryan Whitehead and Tiam Pari- Nejad who made their own individual speeches in return.



The evening finished with Head of Sixth Form, Lisa De Bruyn, giving her reflections on the year group.

The evening was a fitting rite of passage for a multi-talented year group.

The full list of subject award winners is as follows:

### Subject Awards

	Year 13	Year 12
<b>Art</b>	Ellis Pearson	Ella Griffiths
<b>Biology</b>	Emily Cooper	Billal Jan
<b>Business</b>	Ben Walsh	Magnus Taylor
<b>Chemistry</b>	Benito Wainwright	James McKendrick
<b>Drama</b>	Tiam Pari-Nejad	Celia Tezel
<b>English</b>	Luke Chaston	Anna Shatz
<b>English Literature</b>	Tom Hooper	Lizzie Nobbs
<b>German</b>		Lucy Truman
<b>Geography</b>	Max Jones	Matt Tuppeney
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Katie Sturman	Lauren Cook
<b>History</b>	Megan Appleton	Magnus Taylor
<b>ICT</b>	James Heydon	Deepak Jindal
<b>Mathematics</b>	Benito Wainwright	Kevin Sung
<b>Further Mathematics</b>	Travis Gordon	Pilsun Eu
<b>Physical Education</b>	Ryan Whitehead	Beth Hawtin
<b>Physics</b>	Charlie Nutt	James McKendrick
<b>Psychology</b>	Robyn Cunningham	Lucy Cross
<b>Sociology</b>	Archie Green	Harrison Lee

## Other Awards

<b>The Ron Groves Award for Academic Excellence</b>	Benito Wainwright
<b>The Proprio Motu Award for Academic Progress</b>	Katie Sturman and Matthew Kerby
<b>The Making a Difference Award</b>	Harriet Marshall
<b>Hosier Sports Award</b>	Shannon Gray and Edward Keppie
<b>Phillip Cooper Award (Sport)</b>	Maisie Siret
<b>Roger Sargent Award (Outdoor Education)</b>	Ryan Whitehead
<b>Blackwell Performing Arts Award</b>	Tom Hooper
<b>Ron Grove Award (Academic Excellence)</b>	Benito Wainwright
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Max Jones, Harriet Marshall, Tiam Pari-Nejad and Ryan Whitehead

## The Alderman Wise Award

Ryan Whitehead, James Heydon and Suzanne Hill

There was a performance of 'Twelfth Night' by Harriet Marshall, Tiam Pari-Nejad, Chantelle Vircavs, Daisy Carling-Rose, Ellis Pearson, Hannah Davies and Tom Hooper. Followed by Musical performances by Suzanne Hill and Hannah Davies. A Sixth Form review was presented by James Heydon and Benito Wainwright and an English Reading by Maisie Siret. Tom Hooper, Kevin Njoroge and James Prothero provided music throughout the evening.

**Mrs L De Bruyn, Mr P Catling and Ben Whittaker – Sixth Form Leadership Team**

## *New Sixth Form Student Leadership Team*

Gosford Hill has just completed the selection of the New Head Boy and Girl, along with their deputies. These students will play a very important role in our student council as it continues the challenge of developing the Student Voice. Our Head Boy and Girl will represent the school at open events and run our Student Council. The Deputy Head Boy and Girl will work alongside the Head Boy and Girl, deputising as appropriate and running the Sixth Form Committee.

These roles have just been appointed. Once again there was an extremely strong field with candidates demonstrating a stunning array of talent, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Universally, candidates spoke eloquently and thoughtfully, showing drive, passion and maturity. Each of them is a credit to the school and their families. After some very difficult deliberation we are delighted to announce that we have appointed the following team:



Head Girl  
Celia Tezel



Head Boy  
Pilsun Eu



Deputy Head Girl  
Lucy Truman



Deputy Head boy  
Archie Coyne

**Mr C Hall - Assistant Headteacher – School Community and Systems**

## **Year 8 North Oxford League Cup Champions!!!**

The weather could not dampen Gosford spirits as the Year 8 football team were crowned North Oxford League Cup Champions last Thursday at Easington Sports Ground, beating North Oxford Academy 1-0. With the final being played the day after the semi-final there was no rest for the team, with the squad being put through its paces.

The first half was a close affair with both sides struggling to adapt to the awful conditions brought on by torrential rain, but Gosford defended resolutely and looked dangerous on the break with Jamie Hudson coming mightily close to the breakthrough when his header appeared to stop in a puddle on the goal line. In the second half the team found their rhythm and began to play some excellent football, dominating both possession and territory and creating chance after chance. Despite their dominance the outstanding NOA keeper could not be beaten until 5 minutes from the end, when Jonah Clarke lost his marker and attacked a cross to flick the ball over the keeper and into the back of the net! The final 5 minutes passed without incident to see Gosford win 1-0. At the final whistle the Year 8s celebrated their wonderful achievement in being crowned North Oxford champions.

The celebrations continued on the bus journey home with the team acknowledging each other's contribution to their success. It has been a fantastic effort by the whole squad, with a wonderful spirit, commitment and desire shown by all. A memorable achievement and the team can now look forward to building on their success in the years to come. Well done to all who have been involved.

Thanks also once again for the magnificent support provided by parents and grandparents who despite the weather turned out in force to support the team.

**Mr L. Smith - PE Faculty**



### **Art Work**

If students want to collect any GCSE/AS/A Level artwork from last year, please can they do so in the next 2 weeks as we do not have the space to continue storing everything.

Many thanks

**Miss C Gowlett – Team Leader, Art Faculty**

## *Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze Practice expedition*

Eleven students have completed their Bronze practice hike. They walked 10km from Wolvercote to Boars Hill and camped at Youlbury in amongst the bluebells. They had to carry all their own equipment, tents, stoves and food. After a good night's sleep they cleared site and hiked 12.5km on the second day. This took them from Youlbury to Wotton and Cumnor, round Farmoor reservoir and along the Thames path to Eynsham.



Charlie, James, Martin, Oli, Tori, Celia, Georgia, Alex, Alice, Tom & James  
All looking very keen and full of energy at the start of day 1!

The two groups set off to Binsey, one along the Thames Path and the other via Port Meadow, one group took a slight "detour" but realised their error and soon got back on track.



The quote of the weekend, at the end of day 2, has to be "I've never been so pleased to see the school mini-bus"

The students went home to rest their tired legs, nurse a few blisters and crack on with some more revision!.



**Mrs N Heydon and Mr S Williams – Course Leaders**

<b>TERM DATES - 2013-2014</b>	
<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July
<b>Bank Holiday: 5 May 2014</b>	
<b>TERM DATES – 2014-2015</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	Thursday 4 September – Friday 24 October 2014 ( <b>ILP DAY Wed 3 September</b> )
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 3 November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 5 January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2015
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2015
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2015
<b>INSET DAYS:</b> 1 & 2 September, 10 October, 5 December 2014	
<b>Bank Holiday:</b> 4 May 2015	

### CONTACTING YOUR SCHOOL

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 wellbeing.

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)

**SCHOOL RECEPTION: Telephone: 01865 374971**

**SCHOOL EMAIL: office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk**

**ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)**

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email – absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

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