

The Gosford Times



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District Kayak and Rowing Regatta

On the 31st May and 1st June, I was in Reading taking part in a district kayak and rowing regatta which is held each year to decide which crews and competitors will go forward to race in the area regatta in Portsmouth harbour and hopefully go to Nationals in London.

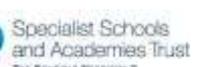
I was entered in 7 events over the weekend: junior boys fixed seat rowing crew, junior mixed yole, coxswain for the junior girls, coxswain for the open girls, single 2k, 500m single sprints and 500m double sprints.

I came first in the junior boys rowing crew, first in junior mixed yole, first in the junior girls rowing crew (coxswain) and I came second in the open girls (coxswain), second in the 500m single sprints, second in the 500m double sprints and then third in the 2k marathon.

This means I will now be rowing in the area competition against people all around southern area on 6th July



Ryan Cripps Year 9 Student



Road Safety Talk

Hour long assemblies are (more often than not), hardly the highlight of the day. But Wednesday's enrichment hour for Year 12 was quite different. Mrs De Bruyn and Mrs Driscoll performed a five minute role-play suggesting an imminent drink-drive related road collision. Then we followed our firefighter guest speaker outside, where we were met by 2 fire engines, a police car and a 'crashed' car with the two teachers inside.

We expected a 60 minute talk on road safety. What we got was a real life, full scale demonstration of a seven or eight strong fire and rescue team removing the glass and roof from the car, and then rescuing the injured victim – Mrs De Bruyn. We were also shown an example of a drink/drugs concentration test on the supposedly 'under the influence' Mrs Driscoll, who failed and was consequently arrested.

Seeing first-hand the mutilation of a car and the way in which the injured Mrs De Bruyn was carried out on a stretcher having had glass smashed and metal literally twisted and snapped around her, was eye-opening. At this age, as amateur drivers, teenagers such as myself are often not aware of the ease of traffic collisions happening and their devastating effects. Our guest speaker talked us through the entire process and drove it home when discussing the way many people risk theirs and their friends lives by driving under the influence.

It was a really great experience to see the process performed in front of us and it made clear how important driving responsibly is. As a learner myself, I'll certainly not be drinking over the limit and driving anytime soon.

Lucy Truman – Deputy Head Girl, Year 12





We want to share our success!

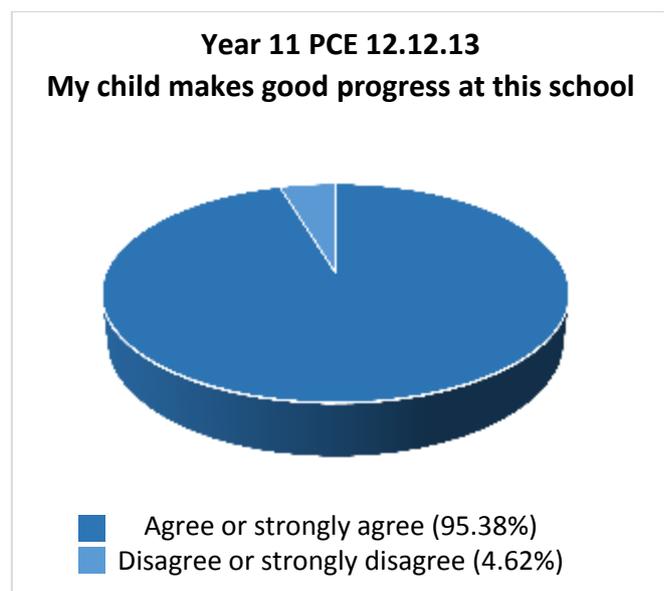
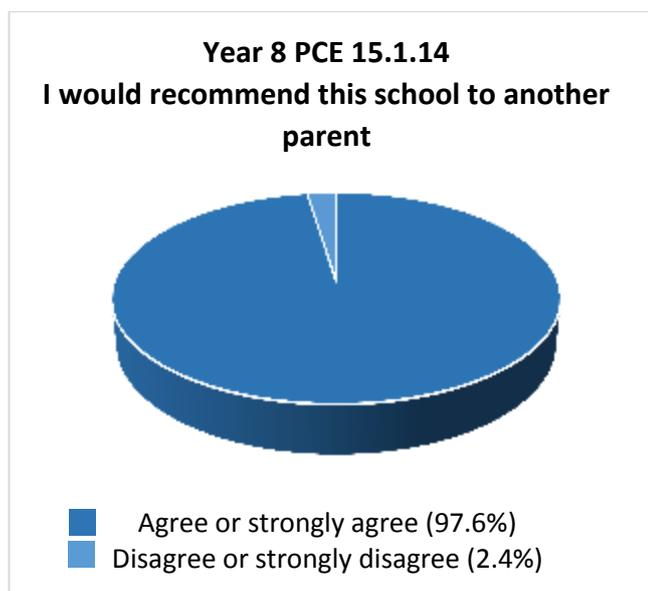
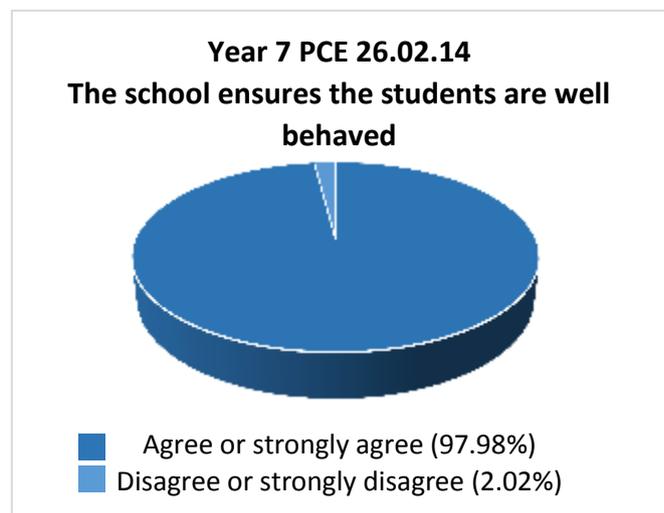
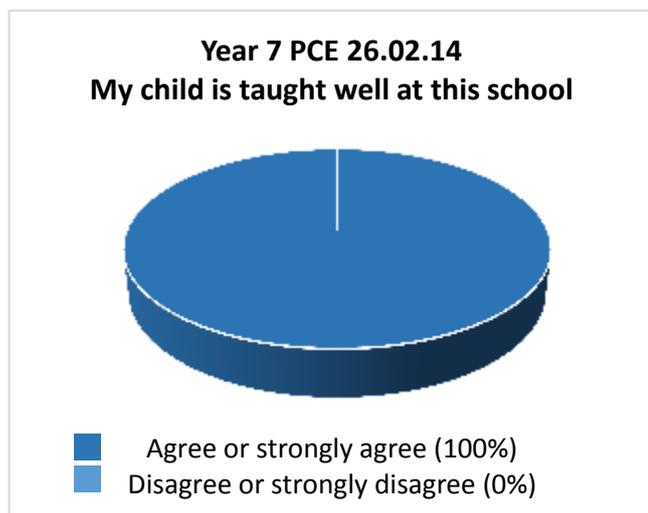
At every Parent Consultation Evening we receive glowing feedback from our families about our school – a small selection is included here. Although we publish a cross section of your views regularly in Newsletters the very positive feedback is not shared with the wider public. Parent View is the answer.

From today you can give your views via the Parent View link on our own website. Simply click and follow the instructions. It is really important we share the positive news about our school and let everyone know how good our school is.

We will of course continue to use our written feedback forms at Parent Consultation Evenings and as always if you have any concern about our school – please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Steve Bizley
Headteacher



Above: Some of our recent feedback

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

or

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.