

# The Gosford Times



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*Learn Lead Inspire*

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## CSI: Comes to Gosford

A clue-laden crime scene, sample testing on DNA and modern technology led visitors to Gosford's Science Evening 2014 on a fascinating trail to find the prime suspect.

I attended the Science evening as a parent and was amazed to see the amount of detail and hard work that went into creating the crime scene in Lab 1 and the CSI-style testing facilities in Labs 2, 3 & 4. The activity stations used a variety of modern technologies from a gigantic green screen for sizing up the suspects to a hand-held USB microscope for identifying fibres.

Students from Gosford, Years 5 and 6 and their families attended the evening in their droves with every lab full of enthusiastic and inquisitive, budding scientists.

The event concluded with a prize-giving to Year 7s who had made some incredibly creative and beautiful habitats from shoe boxes for an endangered animal of their choice as part of their Science homework project.

The evening was phenomenal. If you missed this Science evening, check out the diary for next year.

'It was very organised and planned well. However, lots of people turned up so it was a bit hard to do everything.' Alexei Hamblin WEDY

'It was interesting for everyone and really fun.' Sydney Mears WRFM

'I enjoyed all the Science activities that we did during the investigations.' Hannah Floyd CJHX

**Mrs Hedges, Learning Centre Manager**



## Celebration Assemblies

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July the annual celebration assemblies for Thames and Windrush took place. Below are photos of the prize winners with their certificates.



Thames Prize Winners

Windrush Prize Winners



## The School House Cups

This year saw intense competition between the houses for the School Cups. There are 7 cups that the houses compete for:

- 1) The House Events Cup for representing the school or entering house competitions.
- 2) The House Cumec Cup for the house whose students collect the most Cumec reward tokens.
- 3) The House Sports Trophy is presented to the house that wins Sports Day.
- 4) The Tutor Group Attendance Cup goes to the tutor group with best attendance of the year.
- 5) The House Attendance Cup goes to the House with best overall attendance of the year.
- 6) The Reading Connects cup is for the tutor group which has read the most books in the year.
- 7) The House Cup is awarded to the overall House who has contributed most to the school.

Whilst all the houses have competed fiercely and sometimes the results were extremely close, this year two houses have dominated the results:

	<b>Winner</b>
House events cup	Evenlode
House Cumec cup	Evenlode
House Sports Trophy	Cherwell
Tutor group attendance cup	ETSS
House attendance Cup	Cherwell
Reading connects cup	CHKU
The House Cup	Cherwell



Congratulations must go to all the houses for their efforts.

**Mr C Hall – Assistant Headteacher**

## Reading Visit to West Kidlington Primary School

On 4th July 2014, 7y1 English class took a trip to West Kidlington Primary School to read to the current Year 6s. It was not only a chance to share our Quest stories but also a chance for the Year 6s to be introduced to their future peers.

Earlier on in the year, our class topic was Quests, during which we studied, planned and produced Quest stories. It was only the week before that our teacher, Mrs Hewett, announced she had been planning a trip to West Kidlington to read our stories and we were going the following Friday!

The day came and everyone was excited with some going back to visit their old school. Miss Campbell and Mrs Hewett (both our English teachers) accompanied us to the school as we walked over feeling as if we were on a mini adventure. We arrived inside the classroom to meet a bunch of smiling children. First of all 2 boys from the English group (James Bateman and Sam Gauld) spoke about what we did to write our stories. Then we split into two different classrooms and read our stories.

Mrs Hewett said she was very proud of our work and of the positive way we represented Gosford Hill School.

### Imogen Hunt and Georgia Dabney - Year 7 Students



## Learning Centre

### Patron of Reading

A link to the website for our Patron of Reading, author Ben Davis, is now accessible on the front page of the Gosford website. It can be found next to the Parent View link at the bottom right hand side of the page. Students, parents and carers please use this to follow Ben's Blog and Tweets and use it to ask Ben any questions you may have about reading or writing.

Mrs Hedges, Learning Centre manager.



## **Senco News**

### **Year 11**

Students all passed their Asdan course at level 2 (GCSE B grade equivalent) and will either go on to study courses at college or take part in apprenticeship schemes. Miss Clinch is extremely proud of them all and I would like to congratulate all of the students for their hard work and determination in achieving this high grade.

### **Year 10**

Year 10 students have worked on a health and fitness module with the London Welsh rugby team. Students learnt how to create a fitness circuit and followed a plan to improve their fitness over a series of 10 weeks. They also researched and created healthy eating plans and learnt about the affect drug use has on sports men and women.

Students hosted an afternoon of food tasting where they learnt about traditional foods from a variety of countries and they all had the chance to taste a typical afternoon tea.



**Training with the London Welsh Team**



**A British afternoon tea**

### **Year 9**

Students visited St Mary's Church in Kidlington to learn about its history and carried out some grave rubbings to see how old the church was.

Students have also been developing their own vegetable patches and hope to be able to donate some of their vegetables to the food bank in the future. In addition to this local work, small groups of students attended a two day residential to Youlbury scout camp with other secondary schools in the Oxford area. Another group learned how to be firefighters and completed a week of fire cadet training.



**Grave rubbing in St Mary's Church**



**The Bungalow Vegetable patch**

As you can see, it's been a busy year and I would like to say thank you to all of the students who have represented Gosford Hill School in such a positive way. I would also like to thank all of the teaching and support staff for their relentless hard work and dedication with our learners.

**Miss R Jones - SENCo Faculty Leader**

## **Interski Group of the Season Award – 2013/14**

During the course of the winter 2013/2014 season, each of the 25 Interski hoteliers nominated their 'Group of the Season'. They were asked to take into account the general behaviour of students (and staff!), levels of tidiness, courtesy and awareness of energy conservation. For the second year running Gosford Hill School were one of those nominated which is a tremendous achievement.

To be nominated by our hotelier as the best group of the season (out of, potentially 19 Interski groups staying at that hotel) is a considerable achievement of which we are justifiably proud.

The school have received a certificate in recognition and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for enhancing not only the reputation of Interski, but of our school and of the British abroad.

**Mr P Catling - Ski Party Leader**

## **School Uniform update.**

In addition to the school uniform policy, below is clarification of footwear for September 2014. The school receives very positive feedback about the standard of uniform - particularly from visitors to the school. This reflects the clarity of the uniform expectations and the high level of support from students and parents/carers. Thank you.

Please note the following regarding footwear. By communicating now it gives families time to ensure that footwear bought for September complies with the following;

- Is substantial, supportive, comfortable and warm
- Is suitable for prolonged wet/cold conditions
- Please note that canvas shoes or of any type are not allowed in school
- Please note that any shoe with a sporting logo (eg Adidas, Nike, Reebok, Puma etc. are not allowed in school even if the logo is black.

Thank you

**Mr R Belmont – Assistant Headteacher**



**WARNING ALL PARENTS!**  
**August 15th 2014**  
Is the last date to order  
your child's uniform online  
or from our shops  
**DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!**

**ACT NOW!** We have your school's  
uniform in stock NOW - but we can never  
predict when we will sell out.

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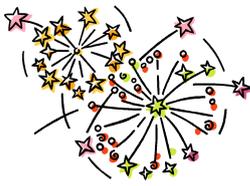
**Avoid disappointment!** Order your son/daughter's uniform online or visit the store NOW! Do NOT leave it until the last moment. Remember after 15th August 2014 we cannot guarantee to have stock in time for when your child goes back to school. We don't want to let you down so Help us to help you!  
[pmgschoolwear.co.uk](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk)

### **WANTED**

Girls from current Year 7 to join Kidlington Youth FC Harriers Girls squad.

Experience preferable but not necessary.  
Contact [steveforse@talktalk.net](mailto:steveforse@talktalk.net) or 07967 088190 for more information

Steve Forse



## EXAMS RESULTS SUMMER 2014



Just a reminder that results may be collected from the Hall **between 9am and 12noon** on results days, as follows:

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**A Levels, AS Levels and Level 3 BTECs**

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

**GCSEs and Level 2 BTECs**

Results are the property of the **candidate** and cannot be handed out to any third parties without the candidate's permission. If students would like someone else to collect results on their behalf, consent forms are still available from Reception, or may be downloaded from the Exams section of the school website (Timetable & Regulations). **Please remember that any third party collecting results must bring a suitable form of ID with them on results day, and examples are given on the form.**

Alternatively a stamped, self-addressed envelope may be left at reception and results will be posted. Please ensure the student's current year and form group is written in the top left-hand corner to assist with sorting into year groups on results days.

Members of staff will be available on results days, including the Examinations and Careers teams, to provide advice and assistance with any questions or concerns. In the meantime, if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck with your results!

**Ms A Sumner - Examinations & Student Data Officer**

### **Governors News**

We recently had our last Governors meeting of the 2013/14 academic year. Governors said thank you and good luck to our Clerk Cherrill Seward and Chair of Governors Doreen Rose. They have both served the school over a long period of time. Doreen has been a Governor for 25 years. As Headteacher I would like to say thank you to them for their support, dedication and service to our school community.

Anna Moon has been voted as our new Chairperson and will take up the Chair position in January 2015. Rachel Foord (as vice chair) will act as interim Chairperson from September.

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



**Cherrill Seward and Doreen Rose**



**Doreen Rose**

## **Charity Summer Dance 2014 - Fantastic Time Had By All**

A huge thank you to everyone that came to, played at or helped out at the summer dance on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The night was a fantastic success. This year's dance said "Goodbye" to the Chair of Governors who is retiring this year after 25 years of service, and to the clerk who minuted the Governors meetings for some 12 years. The band celebrated their contribution to the school by dedicating a personalised song to each.



We would also like to thank Barclays bank in Kidlington, who supported this event by selling tickets for the dance and applying their Fundmatch Scheme to boost the money raised.

The next event to look out for is the Quiz Night on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> at Gosford Hill School.

### **The Friends of Gosford Hill School – who are we and what do we do?**

'Friends of Gosford Hill School' is a (very) social group of volunteers raising funds to support and reward the students at Gosford Hill School. We provide the refreshments at many parent evenings and the Christmas carol service.

We are always looking for new volunteers and committee members. You can support us in many ways;

- Join the committee and come along to meetings and social nights and share your ideas
- Help out at a single event - even just an hour makes a difference
- You can use [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) as your search engine instead of google. All you need to do is register an email address against the Gosford Hill School as a cause then click the search button. Every search you do donates 0.5 pence to the school – it sounds tiny. **But**, on average, the school receives £25 a year for every parent that uses the search engine. There are at least 1000 parents associated with the school. You do the maths.....
- If we still can't persuade you to move away from google, then simply register against our cause and use the website to find the retailer you are buying from (e.g. Amazon, Sainsburys, etc all the big names are there). Then, when you buy something online, the retailer donates to the school. Amazon donate 1.5% of every sale made via the easyfundraising website. IT costs you nothing but a couple of extra clicks.

**Mrs K Usher – Friends of Gosford Hill School**

## GHS Summer Enrichment arrangements Year 7-10 students not on Residential Trips - 2014

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>			
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Students not going to Marlow meet in the Bungalow each morning.  Leader: Mrs H. Wearing.	Humanities day 1 – Theme: World War 1 & 2 activities and Geocaching. Leader: Mrs H. Fuglesang Geocaching led by Mrs R. Lopez De Sylva <b>Morning registration: Lecture theatre</b> <b>School uniform</b>	Yr9 Challenge / Bowling (9:45 am – 12:30 pm) Leader: Miss C. Marin <b>School uniform</b> <b>Morning registration: Canteen</b> In school team challenge for those not bowling. Leader Miss H. Koufou (E5) <b>School uniform</b>	Maths and Science challenge day Leader: Miss S. Holmes <b>Morning registration : Hall</b> <b>School uniform</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Uniform</b> Monday.  <b>Non school uniform</b> Tuesday and Wednesday for students on the trips. <b>School uniform</b> for those staying in school.	Humanities day 2 - Theme World War 1 & 2 activities and Geocaching. Leaders: Mrs H. Fuglesang <b>Morning registration: Lecture theatre</b> <b>School uniform</b>	Day trip to London by coach - London Eye & Thames River Cruise Leader: Miss H. Koufou <b>Morning registration: Canteen 7:45 am.</b> Coaches leave at 8am and return approx. 4:30 pm. <b>Non-school uniform</b> Team Challenge for those remaining. Leader: Ms K. Cooper <b>Non-school uniform</b>	Stretch Mini challenge. Leader: Mrs S Webb <b>Morning registration : Hall</b> <b>School uniform</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Visit to Thinktank in Birmingham by coach. Leader: Mrs C. Edwards <b>Morning registration: Lecture theatre</b> 7:45 am return approx. 4:30pm Students on the trip: <b>school uniform</b> Students not on the trip register in Canteen and join year 9: <b>School uniform</b>	Design and Technology challenge in school led by GHS staff. Leader Mrs J Cox <b>Morning registration: Canteen</b> <b>School uniform</b>	Coach trip to Thorpe Park Leader: Miss S Clinch <b>Morning registration: Hall 8:15 am</b> Students meet in the hall and then coaches leave at 8:30 am and return approx. 4pm. Leader: Miss S. Clinch <b>Non School uniform</b> Students not on the trip report to <b>Main Hall</b> Leader: Mr. C.Hall <b>School Uniform</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 7 Challenge/ Marlow Follow Up Day. Leader: Mr C. Hall. <b>Morning registration</b> individually notified. <b>School uniform</b>	Year 8 Challenge/ Trip Follow up Day Leader: Mr. C.Hall <b>Morning registration: Lecture theatre.</b> <b>School uniform</b>	Year 9 Challenge/ Trip Follow up Day Leader: Mr. C.Hall <b>Morning registration: Canteen</b> <b>School uniform</b>	Year 10 Challenge/ Trip Follow up Day Leader: Mr. C.Hall <b>Morning registration: Hall</b> <b>School uniform</b>
<p><b>School day timings for students not on trips: 9am to 3pm, Break 11:00- 11:20, Lunch 12:20pm-1:05pm.</b></p> <p><i>Students do <b>not</b> go to their form rooms for registration at the beginning or end of the day.</i></p>				