

# The Gosford Times



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## GCSE Results Success 2014

Message from the Headteacher

Despite widely published reports about volatile exam results I am very proud of our achievements in the summer.

### A Levels

We are really pleased with the progress that our students made across many different subjects. Results improved from last year with an increase in A and A\* grades. A few highlights:

Travis Gordon: A\* in both Mathematics and Further Mathematics and grade As in Chemistry and Physics - going to Imperial to study Mechanical Engineering.

Matthew Kerby: A\* grades in Mathematics and Further Mathematics and grade A in Physics - going to Warwick University to study Mathematics.

Maisie Siret: A\* in Mathematics and B grades in English Language and Literature as well as Psychology.

Max Jones: A\* in Geography, A in English Literature and B in Mathematics - going to Loughborough to study Geography.

Issy Hoskins: A in Mathematics, B in Biology and Chemistry - going to Manchester to study Chemistry.



### GCSE

Our GCSE results have remained strong – improving on last year. An incredible 77% of students achieved A\*-C in maths and 73% in English. Overall, **65%** of our students achieved at least 5 or more GCSE grades at A\*-C, including English and maths.

I am also really proud that every student left school with at least 5 GCSE passes – **100%** of our students achieved at least 5 A\*-G grades, including English and maths.

On a different note, although the students have secured their certificates and grades, the league tables to be published later this year will only recognise the 'first entry exam score' (which I believe is unfair). Our provisional figure for this is 60% (5+A\*C inc EM).

As we enter new tougher exams and new subject syllabuses I know my staff will do all they can to continue our success. My thanks go to them and to you for your continued support for Gosford Hill School.

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



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## Congratulations to...

Mei Kwan Fung, a former student of Gosford Hill School.

I recently received a letter from Somerville College informing me that Mei Kwan, who has been reading Physics at the College, has been awarded a Mary Somerville Prize. This award recognises Mei Kwan for achieving a First in her Final examinations in 2014.

It is always nice to hear about the successes of our former students and Somerville College stated in the letter that they will always be pleased to welcome entrants from this school and hope that Mei Kwan's achievements will be an encouragement to other applicants.

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**

## Please note....

Information for parents/carers, including the Rewards for Success & Behaviour for Success Handbook which may not have been collected on ILP day will be sent home with students at the beginning of next week.

**Mr R Belmont – Assistant**



**Gosford Hill School**



invites you to our

## Open Events for September 2015 intake

**Open Evening: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 6.00-8.00pm**

**Open Morning: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.15-10.45am**



Year 6 Transfer Day



Year 7 Marlow Camp



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If you would like to find out more, please do contact us, either by email at [enquiries@yarnton-band.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@yarnton-band.org.uk) or by phoning Helen or Guy James on (01993) 881047. We also have a website: [www.yarnton-band.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-band.org.uk).

## Advance Notice

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING AT 1.20pm ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPEN EVENING**