

The Gosford Times



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Learn Lead Inspire

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Battlefields Tour February 2015



There has been a lot in the news recently about the 100th anniversary of World War One and the many different ways that the country is remembering those who fought and died in this global conflict. The Department of Education has offered every school two free places for students to take part in these commemorations by going on a four day visit to France and Belgium. They will then be expected to lead on what they have learnt back in their school community. The history department launched a competition in

assemblies to encourage students to apply for the free places.

We were so pleased to receive over twenty-five applications of a very high standard. We would like to congratulate Maryam Jan (9CHKU) and Martha Dodson (8ESMK) who both wrote brilliant letters. Maryam explained some unique ideas on what she would do back in school to communicate what she had learnt – watch this space! Martha had very interesting personal reasons for wishing to go.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the students who applied. They will receive a certificate and a small consolation prize.

Mrs. H. Fuglesang - Team Leader, Humanities

Year 11,12 and 13 Students, Parents and Carers

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Careers Presentation

Wednesday 8th October 2014 6.00-7.30pm in the School Hall.

The evening includes talks; 'Why study STEM Subjects', 'Recreating the birth of the Universe', 'Reach for the Skies'; 'A Path to Particle Accelerators and Power and Stations' and 'Making money with maths'

In addition to the STEM event there are two brief presentations for Year 11 parents, carers and students

5.30 - 5.55 Session One: Post 16 Progression Routes in the Lecture Theatre

7.30-7.55 Session Two: Post 16 Progression Routes in the Lecture Theatre (repeat of previous session)

You are very welcome to attend both the STEM event and Progression Routes or Progression Routes presentation only.

Please note the school will be closed on Friday 10th October 2104 for INSET Day.





STEM Club Launch

The Learning Centre was turned into a science lab and technology workshop on Tuesday after school for Science Oxford to launch our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club. Students were told about exciting investigations that have been planned for the year ahead and got to have a taste of fresh popcorn and a go at building strong structures for wind turbines.

We look forward to seeing how the projects progress and what solutions the students come up with for the two topics of Food Science and Renewable Energy.

Students who attended on Tuesday said: "It's been really fun!" "I'm looking forward to finding more about food" and "It was interesting and very educational"

STEM club is open to Year 7 and 8 students and meets once a month in the Science block. If you are interested in getting involved, see Mrs Cox in the DT block.



Mrs J Cox – Faculty Leader, D&T

Calling all Year 12 students!

If you took GCSE RM or Textiles last year and would like to take your projects home, come to **D5 after school on Thursday 9th October** to collect your work.

If you forget next Thursday, you have until the end of the month to remember! *After that I will need to recycle projects to make room for new work.*

Please let any of your friends that no longer attend GHS that they are also welcome to come and collect their work! – Mrs J Cox

Year 8 Africa Competition

Win African prizes

This is Africa!

You may use an *Insane task* for your home learning sheet OR create a poster or model on what Africa means to you.

- Make it colourful and exciting.
- The title needs to be 'This is Africa'

Hand in by October 24th to your geography teacher.

Gosford Hill Annual Student Conference

Students representing each of the Houses from Years 7 – 11 got together to discuss their education, school improvement and to select a Student Leadership Team. The discussions ranged from school uniform to home learning, rewards and extra-curricular clubs and activities. The students spent some time examining their role as members of the House Councils and how they would communicate with students and staff.



The conference was shown a video produced by students on 'what makes good learning', which became the focus for the next discussion. It was great to hear so many good ideas (e.g. random selection for questioning, visual aids and interactive activities) that dovetail so well with what we already do at Gosford Hill School.

Towards the end, the conference selected its own Student Leadership Team in Houses. The following students will be on the Student Leadership Team for this academic year:

Evenlode	Windrush	Thames	Cherwell
Sam Branney Rene Gordon	Josh Juggins Bethany Crook	Marshall Taylor Mathilda Jameson	Erin Corness Jeremy Mbararia

At the end of the conference it was clear that the House Councils had been immensely productive. They had bonded and worked well as teams, they listened well to each other and really enjoyed the opportunities to pitch in and expand ideas. It was a great privilege to be there.

Mr C Hall – Assistant Headteacher

Rugby Reports from the P.E. Faculty

On Tuesday the Year 8 rugby team travelled to Bicester Community College to take part in a triangular tournament against Bicester Community College and Cooper School. The winners and runners up of the tournament were to progress to the semi-finals of the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership tournament. Gosford started the tournament playing against Cooper School. A strong performance from the forwards at every scrum gave the backs excellent ball to attack. Gosford won the first game 10-5. After a very short break Gosford played BCC. Some excellent ball carrying from Lucas Sharp helped the team win 15-5. Special praise must go to those students who played in unfamiliar positions. The team work and strong tackling was a great feature of the Year 8 team and they are now waiting to see who they will face in the semi- finals.



The Year 9 rugby team have been entered into the County Cup competition after two very successful seasons at district level. Their first game was played on Wednesday against Shiplake College, a private school from Henley. The players from Shiplake clearly had more experience and some very big ball carriers. Gosford were missing a number of experienced players due to injury. However the outstanding team work and commitment of the Gosford players frustrated Shiplake. Despite conceding two early tries the team battled back and surprised Shiplake with their aggressive running and courageous tackling. Many of the Gosford students were playing their first full game and deserve huge credit for the way they applied themselves. The squad is now developing real depth and potential and they look forward to the challenge of playing St Birinus (Didcot) and Faringdon Community College later in the competition.

Team: K. Millard, A. Littlewood, D. Florey, T. Anderson, M. Russell, A. Devlin, J. Williams, L.Kiltinavicius, B. Owen, P. Walton, D. Payne, A. Yillah, O. Birchall, M. Paterson, J. Clarke, J. Holmes, I. Payne, F.Malton

Mr P Green – Subject Leader, P.E. Faculty



Friends of Gosford Hill School

present a fundraising

Quiz Night

With prizes for the winning team

Friday 17th October 2014

7pm

Gosford Hill School Sixth form centre

**Ploughman's Supper included – Bar
available**

£30 per team of six

Smaller teams are welcome to join together on the night

Advanced booking essential

Please register by Monday 13th October by emailing
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or by calling 01865 374971