

The Gosford Times



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

The new Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates had their first training camp this weekend. They successfully pitched the tents and set up camp in the dry. They learnt how to use different types of expedition stoves and made a hot drink. The group explored the camp site and gathered wood for an evening campfire. The group cooked their evening meals under a tree whilst sheltering from the rain. Tales of previous camping trips round the fire continued until the heavy rain sent everyone to bed early.



A very damp campsite greeted us Saturday morning but spirits remained high helped by hot chocolate and porridge. We packed the tents away and cleared the site ensuring we "left no trace". The students then embarked on a short hike of about 5km which we used as a navigation training exercise. Lunch was eaten at Hinksey Park in Oxford and everyone returned to school smiling but soggy !



Mrs N Heydon & Mr S Williams



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Year 12/13 Applied Business Jaguar Land Rover Visit – 7th October, 2014



On Tuesday 7th October 2014, Year 12 and 13 Applied Business students had the opportunity of visiting the Jaguar Land Rover plant in Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. It was a fun and exciting day for all of us, as we got to experience how the business manufacture their cars.

The visit also entailed us being given a detailed presentation on Jaguar Land Rover's strategic decision making process, in their state of the Art Education Centre. We were initially informed of all health and safety procedures, before touring the production plant.

Also, we were able to see the precision of the robots conducting tasks not suitable for operators and experience the orderly function of the production line of a very successful international/British business.

The efficiency in Jaguar Land Rover's technology, was of great fascination to us. It was also interesting to see both men and women working as operators on the production line.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the staff at Jaguar Land Rover for making our experience enjoyable.



Najiha Miah and Justyna Skalska - Year 12 Applied Business students

CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP

Please join Students, Parents, Governors, Staff and Local Business Organisations at this event looking at ways in which the School can continue to prepare its students for work in the 21st Century

Gosford Hill School
Wednesday 12th November
6 - 8.30pm

Staff News

This half term we say farewell to Mr Neil McFeely (Faculty Leader – Science) and Ms Rosie Ninkovic (Maths).

Mr Chris Hall will take over as Temporary Science Faculty Leader until the permanent replacement, Mr Martin Culkeen, joins us in January 2015. Mr Richard Belmont will take over as Thames House Leader in the interim period.

Mrs Fiona Law (Maths) will join us after half term.

Our thanks to Mr McFeely and Ms Ninkovic for their valued contribution to learning at Gosford Hill School. We send our very best wishes to them for the future.

Mrs Nicola Cooke - Headteacher's PA



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Dear Parent/carer

Advanced Information regarding Educational Visits

Every year we run a number of trips and activities for students which are focused on curriculum content and greatly enrich students' learning.

In order to give you and your child/children as much time and information as possible to help with planning and budgeting, we have put together an overview of the events we currently have in place for this academic year.

Please note, costs and details are as accurate as possible at this time, however they are subject to variation as circumstances can change during the course of the year. In the event that this should happen, we will update you as soon as possible. In addition to those below, there are also a number of other trips, for example theatre visits which mainly take place after school. Prior to each trip, you will be sent a letter detailing the visit content, the dates and times, transport/meal arrangements, and the cost or payments required.

Please note that there is a wide variety of trips available to students in year 10 and year 12. **We would strongly recommend that you encourage your child to participate in the controlled assessment trips in preference to all others trips, as controlled assessments are mandatory for geography, history and biology and contribute to the final mark awarded to each student.**

Yours faithfully

Dr Stephen Bizley
Headteacher



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School Activity/Trip Overview

Year 7				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
July 2015	Mon 13 th	Flexible learning window	£80	Deposit £40 27.2.15
	Tues 14 th	Longridge (Marlow)		Balance £40 30.4.15
	Weds 15 th			

Year 8				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Mar 2015	Fri 27 th	Day trip to Ypres	£82	Deposit £40 3.11.14 Balance £42 27.2.15
July 2015	Mon 13 th	Eco Day	£5	Students may be asked to bring in small items for use in the projects.
	Tues 14 th	Themed day on a topical issue		
	Weds 15 th	Greenwich – Options Royal Observatory and Planetarium or Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum	£20	Due 24.4.15

Year 9				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
July 2015	Mon 13 th	Bowling – 2 games - Kassam activity	£10	Due by 12.6.15
	Tues 14 th	London (EYE/river cruise)	£35	Due by 5.6.15
	Weds 15 th	DT – food recipes, use of laser cutter; vacuum forming plastic	£5	
July 2015	Sun 12 th - Thurs 16 th	Creative Arts trip Italy	£455	Due Nov 14

Year 10				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Oct 2014	Weds 22 nd and Thurs 23 rd	Geography Controlled Assessment Amersham field centre	£32	Due Oct 14
June 2015	Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th June	Language trip to Germany Includes board, lodging and activities	£355	Deposit due Nov 14 £100 2nd instalment Feb 15 £155 Balance due May 15 £100
July 2015	Mon 13 th	Students choose from a range of activities e.g. health and beauty, golf.	£5	
	Tues 14 th			

	Weds 15 th	Portsmouth – to include the National Royal Marine Museum, assault course challenge and HMS Victory	£20	Due May 15
July 2015	Sun 12 th - Thurs 16 th	Creative Arts trip Italy	£455	Deposit due Nov 14 £100 2nd instalment Feb15 £200 Balance due May 15 £155

Year 11				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Oct 2014	Weds 22 nd and Thurs 23 rd	Geography Controlled Assessment Amersham field centre	£32	Due Oct 14
Feb 2015	Fri 6 th Feb	History GCSE Medicine through time workshop	£20	Due Oct 14
Feb 2015	Sat 14 th to Sun 22 nd	SKI 2015 Aosta Italy	£879	Total payment due by Nov 14

Year 12				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Oct 2014	Tues 7 th Fri 17 th to Sat 18 th	Business trip to Jaguar, Birmingham Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition 1	£26 £25	Due Oct 14 Due Oct 14
Feb 2015	Weds 11 th to Fri 13 th	Geography Field Controlled Assessment (Leeson House, Dorset)	£250	Deposit due Nov 14 £100 2nd instalment Feb15 £150
Apr 2015	Fri 17 th to Sat 18 th	Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition 2	£25	Due April.15
June 2015	Weds 24 th to Thurs 25 th	Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition 3	£30	Due June 15

Year 13				
Month	Dates	Details	Estimated cost	Payment details
Oct 2014	Weds 8 th	Olympic Park Field Trip Mrs R Lopez	£25	Due Sept 14
Feb 2015	Weds 11 th to Fri 13 th	Biology Field Controlled Assesement (Leeson house, Dorset)	£250	Deposit due Nov 14 £100 2nd instalment Feb15 £150