

# The Gosford Times



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*Learn Lead Inspire*

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## *Sixth Form Children in Need Sculptures*

The Sixth Form raised an amazing total of £270.41 for Children in Need during Enrichment period 5 on Wednesday 12th November when they made their traditional sculptures. A fantastic effort, so all credit to Mrs Williams' form who contributed the highest amount of £52.71 and Miss Green's group who collected £49.61.

Best sculpture was judged this year by Mrs De Bruyn, Mr Catling and Mr Whittaker who awarded the impressive sculpture of Dirty Dancing by Mrs Williams's tutor group as top creative design. This made it a unique double for Mrs Williams's form! There were also commendations for the topical Pudsey bear Captain America design by Miss Green's form which was runner up and the very clever wonder woman by Miss Webb's form.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 and 13 students who contributed.

**Paul Catling - Assistant Head of Sixth Form**

**CES: £44.64 - RLZ: £27.79 - ADL: £28.59 - SWS: £52.71 - DGN: £49.61**

**SWB: £22.56 - SWM: £44.51**



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## ***Sixth Form Information Evening***

Celia Tezel - Head Girl, Pilsun Eu - Head Boy and Dr Bizley welcomed Year 11 students and parents to the Sixth Form information evening this week. Celia and Pilsun presented a 'flavour' of the vast range of experiences and opportunities open to our students, the subjects they have studied and where they plan to go to university.

The Sixth Form Centre was transformed into a Subject Fair, with every A Level and BTEC subject represented by current students and staff. Most students had a good idea of the subjects they hoped to study. They were then encouraged by staff to consider other subjects that the school offers, that also might interest them. The Sixth Form Centre was 'buzzing' with conversations about where studying a particular A Level might lead, with talk about the content of the course, the field trips and offsite activities that form part of a course as well as Sixth Form Enrichment activities. The proposed subject based trip to New York caused much excitement with students, parents and staff all wanting to go! Students and parents who were unable to attend will have copies of the information sent home. In addition the information is available on the Sixth Form area of the school website.

'A very friendly introduction and a good atmosphere' – parent comment.

**Mrs E Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager**

## ***Year 8 Fire Safety Assembly***

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Fire Officer Peter Savage led the Year 8 assembly.

The main theme was choices and consequences, and made students aware of the fire risks associated with various situations.

There were important messages for students and reinforced the strong links that the school has with outside agencies and services.

**Richard Belmont - Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)**



# The Learning Centre

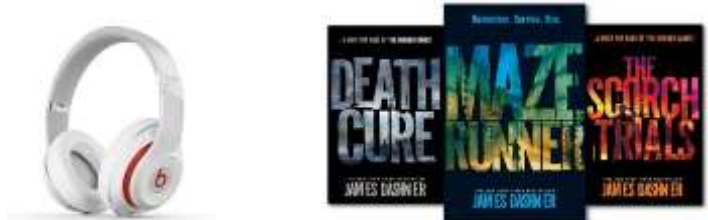
## **SCHOLASTIC** Book Fair Coming To The Learning Centre Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> December

What better gift for Christmas than a book? Pop into our book fair and browse an amazing selection of books from only £2.99.

All year groups are welcome to pop into The Learning Centre at break or lunch-time to browse and purchase their books, some may also have the opportunity to browse during an English lesson. Please remember to send your child with some money 25<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, should they wish to make a purchase.

Every purchase made at the **SCHOLASTIC** book fair benefits our school and helps us to earn FREE books for our library.

Mrs Hedges, Learning Centre Manager.



### Competition!

**WIN A SET OF BEATS HEADPHONES BY DR. DRE!**

To celebrate the release of The Maze Runner this October, Scholastic are giving away some incredible prizes.

The competition details are hidden online and the only way to find out the secret location is to run to your book fair and find the QR code that will unlock your chance to enter.

Happy hunting GREENIES – and don't forget to watch out for those GRIEVERS...

**WIN A GOTHIC CLASSICS SIX BOOK PACK**

Now you can experience the bite of Dracula and the shock of Frankenstein. For your chance to win one of five packs of terrifying tales answer the question printed on page 3 of the book fair flyer.

Email your answer to [sbfccompetitions@scholastic.co.uk](mailto:sbfccompetitions@scholastic.co.uk)



Mrs A Hedges – Learning Centre Manager

### TERM DATES – 2014-2015

<b>Term 2</b>
Monday 3 November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<b>Term 3</b>
Monday 5 January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
<b>Term 4</b>
Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2015
<b>Term 5</b>
Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2015
<b>Term 6</b>
Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2015
<b>INSET DAYS:</b> 1 & 2 September, 10 October, 5 December 2014
<b>Bank Holiday:</b> 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](mailto:office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)**

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email – [absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk) The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.