

The Gosford Times



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Student Perspective on the A Level Taster Day

It was a really positive experience as it enabled us to see what each subject chosen was all about and inform our final A Level choices. My personal favourite lesson was German as the activities were well thought out and I was engaged the entire time. I particularly enjoyed the smaller class sizes, especially in English Literature, as everyone was included in the discussion.

Ellie Hutson and Jaylene Mbararia – Year 11 Students



Notice from the Sixth Form Team

Following on from our successful Year 11 taster day the Sixth Form Interviews are on Wednesday 28th January from 4-6pm. Student and parents will be receiving their invitations in the post within the next few days. Please do get in touch with the Sixth Form team, if you need to re-arrange your appointment time.

Mrs L De Bruyn – Head of Sixth Form

Key Stage 4 Information Evening

**Wednesday 21 January 6-8 p.m.
for Year 8 students and parents**

There will be a short presentation at 6 p.m. in the Hall followed by an opportunity to visit subject rooms to discuss the various preference subjects on offer.

Staffing News

From Monday 19th January, Mr Chris Hall will revert to his roles of Thames House Leader and Faculty Leader Computing, Business and Languages. We welcome Mr Martin Culkeen as Science Faculty Leader.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr Hall for his work in Science over the last two months and to Mr Richard Belmont, Mr Tom Manthorpe and Mr Matt Gannon for their support in Thames House.

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher



THE WIZ

As the school production gets nearer, the cast are stepping up preparations to bring you yet another amazing show. Most of the numbers have now been choreographed, singing rehearsals and the band have begun their sessions and we have now stepped up our hard work to include three days a week.

The cast were taken to Wacky Wardrobe in Banbury on Saturday where we spent a fun day getting all of the costumes sorted for the show. We took 3 trips worth of students in the minibus beginning at 9:30 am to make sure all costumes are carefully fitted and altered. The last group returned at 4:00pm. Well done to all!

Tickets for the production will be on sale soon so make a date in your diary for Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st March!

Mrs H Whitford - Director



Year 7 Chinese Competition



Win prizes



This is China!

Complete an *Insane task* from your Home Learning sheet OR design something that represents what China means to you.

Hand in by 30th January, the Chinese New year celebration day



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 well being.

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

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

email – gabs4889@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.

TERM DATES –2015

Term 3
Monday 5 January – Friday 13 February 2015
Term 4
Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2015
Term 5
Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2015
Term 6
Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2015
Bank Holiday: 4 May 2015