

# The Gosford Times



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*Learn Lead Inspire*

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## *'This is China' competition*

Year 7 students have been learning about China in Geography. To celebrate the Chinese New Year the Geography faculty launched a competition called 'This is China'. The task could be either something from their Home Learning menu or students could create something that would represent what China means to them. The entries were displayed in the Learning Centre at lunch and it was obvious that some students had put a lot of effort in to their project! Well done to all students who participated! The following students produced the winning work: first prize went to Adam Jenner, second prize to Hayden Davies and third prize to Klaudia Novelles.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the students judging the competition: Kevin Cheung, Jessica and Ethan Lau, Marshall Taylor and Finn McGuiness.

**Mrs R Lopez – Geography Teacher**



1st Prize



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

### Other Entries







## **Safer Internet Day 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Gosford Hill School will be participating in the forthcoming Safer Internet Day. The day is being promoted by Oxfordshire County Council – who are running a competition to raise awareness of the issues around E-safety.

Next week Year 7 and 8 students from Gosford Hill School will be making leaflets, posters and PowerPoint presentations on the themes of “Let’s create a better internet together” or “Mind Your Language” to promote respectful language online. The best examples will be entered into the County Council’s competition. A copy of the “E-Safety Parent Carer Presentation Jan 2015” presentation from the County Council is available from the School’s website. Follow the links: ‘Students & Parents’ – “E Safety”.

**Mr C Hall - Assistant Headteacher**

### **Scrum and have a Go!**

The competitive scrum is what makes rugby union unique. There is a need to provide suitable training sessions to all players, not just those identified as forwards. This is particularly relevant in the younger age groups where physical changes can happen very quickly and players that were previously backs may be more suited to playing in the scrum. If players have undergone the Scrum & Have a Go workshop then they will have the confidence to give playing in the scrum a go.

**SCRUM & HAVE A GO**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015, 1000 TO 1300**  
**GOSFORD ALL BLACKS RFC, STRATFIELD BRAKE,**  
**FREIZE WAY, KIDLINGTON, OX5 1UP**

**A FREE RUGBY COACHING AND CONDITIONING CLINIC DEVELOPING THE SPECIFIC SKILLS  
REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THE SCRUM**

- OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 13-18
- NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- QUALIFIED (UKCC LEVEL 2 MINIMUM) PROFESSIONAL COACHES

BOOK A PLACE BY E-MAILING [nicktodd@rfu.com](mailto:nicktodd@rfu.com)  
OR CALLING 07711 385907

## ***Uniform Update***

Gosford Hill continues to receive very positive feedback from visitors to the school and partners in the community regarding our uniform. It is important that we maintain high standards and review what is appropriate for school as new fashions become available in shops.

Last July, in order to set up the new school year, students and parents/carers were reminded that canvas shoes and any footwear with a sporting emblem e.g. Nike, Adidas etc. were inappropriate and not allowed in school. The response in September was extremely positive. Thank you.

I am writing again to clarify expectations.

### ***Footwear***

Please note that the footwear illustrated below is inappropriate for school. These include Converse All Stars (or similar) and leather Vans (or similar). To give time for families to replace these, they will not be allowed from the start of Term 5 (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April). If students already have more formal footwear please ensure they wear them in school now.



### **Inappropriate footwear for school**

### ***Skirts***

Please note that from the start of Term 4 (23<sup>rd</sup> February) the skirts below are deemed inappropriate and are not allowed in school. Skirts need to be knee length and have a lining. This is to ensure dignity in a wide variety of classroom situations.



### **Inappropriate skirts for school**

### **Hoodies**

A reminder that hoodies are not allowed in school. Waterproof outdoor coats should be worn in addition to blazers.

Thank you for your continued support

**Mr R Belmont - Assistant Headteacher**

## *Talented Students Enter 2015 Chess Tournament*



### Let the Royal Game Begin!

Once again the number of students entering the Delancey Chess Challenge is impressive. Thirty two students across years 7-11 have entered the tournament which is run over the course of seven weeks in the Learning Centre. Students who accumulate a total of 15 points or more automatically go through to the next round, the megafinal, which takes place in Oxford where they will compete against students from other Oxfordshire schools. If they are successful they go through to the Southern regional Gigafinal in May, with the national Terafinal held in Loughborough in August.

‘Chess is everything- art, science and sport.’ –Karpov

**Mrs A Hedges, Learning Centre Manager**



### Chess Club

Wednesday lunchtimes in the Learning Centre @ 1:20pm, please be prompt. Bring your lunch.



## 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.**