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Year 13 Alderman Wise Award Presentation Evening **Wed 6th May 2015**

The annual Sixth Form Alderman Wise Presentation and Awards evening took place on Wednesday 6th May. It was a wonderful evening which formally marked the achievement and successes of both the Year 12 and 13 Students. It was also an opportunity to indulge in some nostalgia and say good luck and good bye to the current Year 13 students.

The evening began with an introduction by Head Teacher Dr Bizley and a presentation from the very first Head Boy Josh Mair and Head Girl Larisa Vircavs. It was fantastic to hear about their accomplishments since leaving Gosford Hill.

Josh successfully completed a Sports Coaching Degree at Oxford Brookes and Larisa, after gaining a 1st class degree, presented at the European Geoscience Union, Annual Congress in Vienna in 2012. This was followed by the presentation of some well-deserved awards, interspersed with an amazing musical performance and drama extract, which this year was a comic translation of Macbeth.



Larisa Vircavs, Dr S Bizley and Josh Mair



Larisa Vircavs presenting Beth Hawtin with the Phillip cooper Sports Award

The subject awards were presented to the students by Mr Ward and Josh Mair. Special recognition awards were then presented by Mr Catling and Larisa to: Pilsun Eu, who won the Ron Groves Award for Academic Excellence; The Proprio Motu award for Academic Progress to both Martha Sykes and Emily Hurdley; The Roger Sargent award to Charlie Groves and The Making a Difference award for Community service within Gosford Hill School to Lucy Truman. The school sports award went to Sam Milburn while the Phillip Cooper Sports award was presented to Beth Hawtin. The Performing Arts award was won by Alex Christodolou and the Music award to the multi-talented Pilsun Eu.

Each Form Tutor gave an amusing resume of their Year 13 tutees and some significant moments from the year. The evening culminated with the annual presentation of the prestigious Alderman Wise award. This was made by Parish Councillor David Betts. In a wide ranging speech about the life of Frank Wise and the importance of the community he presented prizes to joint winners Lizzie Nobbs and Alex Christodolou and joint runners up Charlie Groves and Harrison Lee.



Alex Christodoulou, Lizzie Nobbs Alderman Wise Award Winners together with Mr P Catling



The Headteacher's special awards went to Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies Pilsun Eu, Celia Tezel, Archie Coyne and Lucy Truman, who made their own speeches in return. The evening finished with me reflecting upon the year group, the question being, which chocolate are you? It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by parents, staff, students and members of the local community.

Photos of the event will be available to purchase. Please contact the Sixth Form Office for details.

Mrs L De Bruyn - Head of Sixth Form



Archie Coyne, Lucy Truman, Celia Tezel, Pilsun Eu - Headteachers Award presented by Dr S Bizley

2015 Subject Award Winners

Art	Lauren Jacques	12
Biology	Georgia Allen	12
Biology	Bilal Jan	13
Business	Ellishia Chard	12
Business	Magnus Taylor	13
Chemistry	Martin Siebert	12
Chemistry	Josh Robinson	13
Drama	Melissa Fry	12
Drama	Chloe Howson	13
English	Charlotte Wray-Williams	12
English	Archie Coyne	13
English Lit	Helen Dandridge	12
English Lit	Lizzie Nobbs	13
French	Natasha Owen	12
Further Maths	Melissa Fry	12
Further Maths	James McKendrick	13
Further Maths	Pilsun Eu	13
Geography	Ellishia Chard	12
Geography	Lizzie Nobbs	13

German	Rebecca Hallam	12
German	Alisha Jindal	12
German	Lucy Truman	13
Health & Social Care	Niamah Brewer	12
Health & Social Care	Lauren Cook	13
History	Hannah Corness	12
History	Magnus Taylor	13
ICT	Georgie Sollis	12
ICT	Aaron Cawte	13
Mathematics	Jamie Rolinski	12
Mathematics	Josh Robinson	13
Physical Education	Sam Butler	12
Physical Education	Beth Hawtin	13
Physics	Aaron Cripps	12
Physics	James McKendrick	13
Psychology	George Gardner	12
Psychology	Anna Shatz	13
Sociology	Alice Bickmore	12
Sociology	Louise Cunningham	13

Robotics Workshop at Oxford Brookes

On the 29th April, Year 9s who had taken Computer Science went to Oxford Brookes for a robotics workshop.

We arrived at Brookes and we had a welcome meeting. Each individual received an information bag including a booklet, pen, badge and food!

To start our robotic workshop we programmed the Nano robots Robbie and Archie. We taught it the Macarena and how to talk. After this we visited Artie who is an acting robot made for entertainment. Artie could act, sing and dance by commands.

While we were at Oxford Brookes we learnt a lot about computer programming and the future of robots.

Baylee Ridgway – Year 9 Student



Additional revision sessions for Year 10 GCSE Exams

In order to support Year 10 students who are taking English literature and science GCSE exams this year, we are providing a number of additional revision lessons within the school day. There will also be final revision tips at 8:30am before the English literature exams. Timetables of these changes have been given to students.

If you have any queries about this revision programme, please contact me.
Many thanks for your support with revision at home in the run up to these exams.

Mrs J Fairchild - Assistant Headteacher

Free School Meals

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential.

If your child is eligible for free school meals it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many students at our school are already entitled to free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

Also, for every student registered for a free school meal, the school receives additional money from the Government to spend on extra school resources.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please note that you do not normally need to provide evidence of your income, only your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth.

If you think your children may be entitled to free school meals, please contact Reception for an application form or download one from our Gosford Hill School website.

Ms P Challans – Business Manager

The new Three Weekly Menu from Chartwells - our school caters - is now available on our website.

Healthy eating

Chartwells, who provide our school catering services, are re-launching their food offering on Tuesday 5th May 2015.

The new catering offering will include: a wider range of baguettes and sandwiches, burritos, pancakes and a salad bar. This is in addition to the current offering of daily hot meals and snacks, Pasta Pots, fresh fruit, a selection of desserts, homemade cakes and healthy drinks. Weekly menus are displayed in the canteen area so that students can see in advance the daily food offering. The canteen style will also change to bring more of a retail feel to it.

Chartwells ensure that the food provided to students is nutritious and of a high quality and that all their recipes and snacks comply with the current food based requirements for schools.

Ms P Challans – Business Manager

Are you looking for space for a meeting, activity or function?

Ideally located close to Oxford and A34, we can offer a number of our school spaces for hire by private individuals, community groups or corporate clients to use for functions.

From dance classes, martial arts, gym clubs to concerts, drama productions or meetings and conferences, we have a wide variety of rooms of different sizes and functions to choose from. For example, our gym, hall, dining room, lecture theatre, drama studio, classrooms or meeting rooms may meet your needs. Many of these spaces are double height with plenty of natural light. Catering can also be provided in certain circumstances.

Viewing is by appointment only. If you are interested in visiting us, in the first instance please contact Steve Bolam, Site Manager, on 01865 855376.

Ms P Challans – Business Manager