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Year 11 Ball 2015

For the first time the Year 11 Ball was held at the The Four Pillars Hotel in Oxford – a suitably impressive venue for such an important school event.

With blue skies and warm summer weather, guests arrived in an array of amazing vehicles ranging from Hummer Limos to Vintage cars and even a pair of gigantic tractors. The Year 11 students have a particular eye for fashion with each dress or suit looking as glamorous or as dashing as the next. The evening started with a bird's eye view picture from the top floor of the hotel followed by a welcome speech from Dr Bizley. The students then walked the red carpet into the wonderfully decorated dinner suite.

The students were a credit to the school, their families and most importantly to themselves as they danced the night away at an unforgettable evening. Over thirty staff also supported the event.

Mr J Barrett - Student Manager



Healthy Eating week

Thank you to all the students and staff who helped out in Healthy Eating week.

There was stiff competition for the winning places with over 100 entries handed to Miss Butcher. For the design competition 1st place (the healthy pizza of your choice) went to Sophie Hall WJPB - 2nd place went to Matty Walker ETSS and 3rd place to Anna Heaven ELBR.

The winner of the healthy eating slogan

'Eating healthy food keeps you in a good mood! Eating green keeps you lean!'
went to Owen Fellows TDYY, Lauren Townsend ETSS, and Ronnel Byrne WKCR.

Thank you once again for all the students involved, and for the following companies for donating ingredients (The Muddy Duck, Heath and The Ducks Pantry). Remember healthy eating is for life and small changes will have a big impact!

Miss L Butcher – D&T Faculty



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Year 7 Rounders

The Year 7s attended their first Rounders Tournament at Warriner School on Tuesday 2nd June. They competed against 6 other schools and won 3 out of their 6 games! They narrowly lost the other 3 games by half a rounder to Banbury; 1 rounder to Cooper and 2 rounders to NOA, although in all games the GHS students performed better than the other schools in the field with some excellent tactical play shown by our Year 7s.

In total the students scored 27 Rounders and, based on points, came joint 3rd in the overall competition! The team worked brilliantly together and had a thoroughly exciting afternoon of competitive sport. The girls will now be working on their batting skills to raise their performance and hopefully come first in the next Rounders Tournament allowing them to be put forward to the Oxfordshire School Sport Games. While the team all worked together and everybody's contribution was invaluable, I would like to say a particular thank you to Laura Bates, who took on the role as captain and worked hard to organise the team.



Year 10 News Letter Entry

The Year 10 students played their final Rounders Tournament of the year yesterday at Banbury School. They competed against 5 other teams and won 3 out of their 5 matches. Like the Year 7 team, their fielding performance could not be matched or rivalled by the other schools. Unfortunately some safe play in the opening matches meant we didn't score enough rounders to lead us to victory. That said the students scored a whopping 22 rounders in their 5 games. Overall GHS came 3rd but frustratingly when you look at individual scores in matches the girls only lost by half a rounder to the schools that came in 1st and 2nd position. Thank you to Chelsea Beahan for organising the team.

Mrs L De Bruyn – PE Faculty

Year 9 Cricket

The Year 9 cricket team travelled to Lord Williams School, Thame, to play a county cup cricket fixture. Gosford opted to bat first and lost a few early wickets on a grass wicket that lacked a consistent bounce. Hamish Hall coped very well with the conditions to top score with 18 runs alongside opener Joseph Keighery. A tail end of students who were playing their first game coped well under the pressure and pushed Gosford to a modest total of 65.

A fantastic bowling performance pushed Gosford to the brink of victory. Joseph Keighery bowled a 3 wicket maiden in his first over and then completed his hat trick in his second over before finishing with impressive figures of 6 wickets for 8 runs. Captain Ajay Behal also recorded a 2 wicket maiden before a resilient performance from the Lord Williams number 11 batsmen pushed them across the victory line.

Huge credit should be given to the more experienced cricketers from Gosford who supported those students through their first competitive game. We hope the improved confidence of players will now allow them to go and join local cricket clubs.

Mr P Green – Subject Leader, PE Faculty

Message from the Headteacher - Exciting Times for Gosford Hill School

Over the past two years Gosford Hill has both led and co-delivered the Outstanding Teacher Programme on behalf of the Oxfordshire Teaching Schools Alliance. In addition to training teachers from both primary and secondary schools, many of our own staff have successfully completed the course. As a result some of our teaching staff have gained promotion to other schools and are moving on at the end of the summer term. I am proud that these teachers are able to progress because of their experience at our school.

In addition to promotion we have some staff who are relocating either in the UK or abroad. We also have a number of teachers on maternity leave. This means that for the first time in many years we have a natural movement of staff both from and to our school.

I am delighted to inform you that our new appointments to date are all qualified teachers and we are not having to rely on temporary agency staff. A full list of staff changes will be published as usual at the end of term. Having interviewed the candidates coming to our school I am struck by their positive attitude and ideas to develop teaching and learning. It is a very exciting time for our school to both welcome and work with talented new staff who will join our existing team of dedicated teachers.

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher

Parent Forum

E-safety: Keeping your child safe online

This event has been postponed. Details of a new date to be confirmed via the website and newsletter.

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

Healthy eating

Chartwells, who provide our school catering services relaunched their food offering in May.

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 has also changed 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