



The Gosford Times

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Open Events For September 2016 intake

Open Evening: Wednesday 16th September 6.00-8.00pm

Open Morning: Thursday 17th September 9.15-10.45am



Year 6 Transfer Day



Year 7 Marlow Camp



Raising Money for Children in Need



Developing learners

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Learn * Lead * Inspire

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 caterers - is now available on our website.

Bicester Bus Update

The Bicester Bus trial is now operational. This trial will run from September to December 2015 and, if successful and there is sufficient interest, will continue into Term 2.

The route for the bus service starts at Langford Village shops with stops at Bure Park shops, Shakespeare Drive - outside Tesco, Bicester Rugby Club before continuing on the A34 to Kidlington. Since the school day starts at 8:50am, the first pick up at the Langford shops is at 7:45am to arrive at GHS by approximately 8:30am. As school finishes at 15.20pm, the return journey departs for Bicester at approximately 15:30pm.

The cost per student for the service, for a whole academic year is £665. Similar to the current public bus service, the cost is split into three, and is consistent with the three main school terms. The trial in Term 1 is £225 and if successful, Terms 2 and 3 will cost £220 per term. Please note there will be no refunds or discounts.

Please register your interest via the following email address bicester.gosford.bus@gmail.com or by contacting Elaine Millard on 01869 320496 or Jennie Boulton on 07785 525359.

Ms P Challans - Business Manager