



# The Gosford Times

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## Cricket County Cup Final

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September the Year 9 cricket team faced Chipping Norton in the County Cup Final at Stratfield Brake.

Chipping Norton opted to field first leaving Alec Puleston and James Bateman to open. The batting was solid and the top scorers were Kamran Ramzan with 28 and Jack Launchbury with 27. So Gosford went into the field with a score of 104 to defend. We kept the field tight with Esah Hakimi getting a wicket in the first over, a great start for Gosford! Gosford kept the pressure up with good bowling and exceptional fielding.



As we reached the last over Chipping Norton were on 88. Saul Samuel bowled the last over and dealt with the pressure really well. As we reached the last bowl Chipping Norton needed 6 off the last ball. Saul bowled past the bat and straight into Alec Puleston's gloves. Gosford had won by 6 runs. Gosford showed good sportsmanship by thanking the umpires and opposition for a great game.

The County Cup Shield was presented to Captain, James Bateman, which was later given to Dr Bizley by the whole team in his office. Gosford are now County League Champions for the first time ever. We hope to continue the winning streak as we approach the Year 9 season!

**James Bateman – Year 9 TJKK.**

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## Safeguarding Assemblies

PC Paul Newman has begun a series of assemblies highlighting issues of online safeguarding. His focus has been about Social Media offences in particular and the dangers of sending or posting indecent images – sometimes referred to as “sexting”. He pointed out that texts and posts can be kept by providers for a minimum of six months. Sending and producing an indecent image is an offence. It is also an offence to receive and send on such images. There has been a worrying and increasing national trend of school age students taking and sending or passing on such images.

Such images can be spread incredibly quickly to a huge audience and can have a devastating effect on the lives of those involved. At worst, in addition to the unfortunate social effects, young people who take or distribute such pictures can end up on the sex-offenders register, showing up when potential employers carry out checks. Even if not formally charged and taken to court, young people involved often get a police caution. Students have been rejected for university places because of a caution. Cautions also have to be declared for many job applications and financial applications (e.g. a mortgage).

Even if an image is not indecent, it can give the wrong impression. Young people need to be very careful about the impression they give on the internet. Potential employers may well check Social Media profiles to see how a young person presents themselves. If in doubt, ask the question: “Would I be happy for my gran to see this image?” If the answer is “no”, don’t post it.

Thames Valley Police are holding a Staying Safe Online event at 9 – 10:30 am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Witney Cinema. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

You can find more information on e-safety from the school website – just follow the link to the E-safety page from the Parents Menu.

**Mr C Hall – CBL Faculty Leader**

## Year 10 Internal Exams and Year 7 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Next week our Year 10s will be taking internal exams, and the Year 7s will sit their Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs).

Timetables and notes for parents and students have been distributed to Year 10 students by the exams team this week, and our Intervention Faculty Leader, Mrs Fiona Moody, has written home to all the Year 7 parents about the CATs process.

There is no study leave; therefore, when students are not taking exams, they will be attending all timetabled lessons as normal.

Thank you for your vital support in helping to prepare our students for the internal exams and CATs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Alison Sumner - Examinations & Assessment Data Officer**

## Year 12 Parent Workshop

In a fast paced 'lesson style' quiz Lisa De Bruyn, Head of Sixth Form, challenged teams of parents about their knowledge of Sixth Form routines and expectations. The light hearted quiz was part of a parent workshop for parents of students starting Year 12 this year. This is the second time the Sixth Form team have given such a workshop and were pleased that the response from parents attending was very positive.

Topics covered included the reality of stepping up to A levels; the school's expectations of Sixth form students; how targets are set for academic attainment; an introduction to the process of applying to university and post-18 career options. The evening concluded with Sam Butler (Head Boy), Helen Dandridge (Head Girl), Calum Denver (Deputy Head Boy) and Georgia Allen (Deputy Head Girl) giving the student perspective of studying, what they wished they had known at the start of Year 12 and extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities in the Sixth Form.

Parents who were unable to attend will receive a copy of the information pack distributed at the event.

**Liz Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager**

## Sixth Form Icebreaker – Reminder

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 7.30 – 10.30pm

Theme: 1980's

All Sixth Form students are welcome, please remember to return your signed consent form.

**Mrs L DeBryun – Head of Sixth Form**

## ***Is your child entitled to additional funding?***

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.

## ***TERM DATES – 2015 -2016***

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

### **Term 2**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### **Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### **Term 5**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### **Term 6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**ILP Day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**

**INSET DAYS:** 1<sup>st</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016