



The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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Girls' Football Tournament

On Thursday 1st October Miss Pinfold took us to a football event at Oxford City FC. When we arrived we were so excited and couldn't wait to play our games. We spent the first half of the day in a tournament where we beat Marlborough School in the first match which made us all happy! After lunch we went on to do lots of fun activities including a penalty shoot-out, hair braiding, face painting and a referee course where they gave us all free whistles, which Miss Pinfold didn't look too happy about! We met a world famous football freestyler and players from the FAWSL. We all had so much fun!

Don't forget girls football club is on every Wednesday 3.20-4.30pm.

Jessica Soares / Miss A Pinfold



Kidlington Family Year 3 & 4 Mini Football Festival

Over 80 Children took part in the Kidlington Primary School Mini Football Festival. Teams from Dr Souths, Edward Feild, North Kidlington, St Thomas More and North Kidlington battled it out in non-stop league action.

The festival was expertly refereed and organised by leaders from Gosford Hill School, with Kidlington Youth Football Club kindly loaning the equipment for the afternoon's action. The teams displayed excellent camaraderie and the afternoon saw some incredible action with goals galore, heroic defending and and some great passing play. Thank you to all who took part. Congratulations to North Kidlington and Edward Feild 1 who progress through to the partnership finals.

Thank you to our Gosford leaders who worked so hard throughout the event:

Paige Cooke, Emily Kyle, Matthew Bedwell, Hamish Hall, Ella Baskerville, Erin Corness, Maria Roberts, Molly Wiggins, Jamie Hudson, Malieta Fisilau, Christy Llewellyn, Luca Sykes, Karl Grossman, Harley Firkin, Baylee Ridgeway and Emily Linford.

Kevin Peake - SSCO and Mentor, North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership



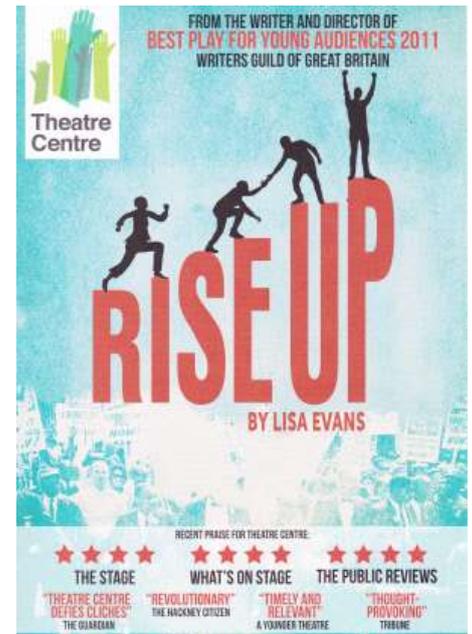
Learn * Lead * Inspire

Year 12 History Additional Learning Opportunity

On 25th September Year 12 students went to see Rise Up. This play tells the story of those who took a stand against racial laws, the Freedom Riders in 1961, who faced horrific and life-changing violence in their attempts to de-segregate the inter-state buses that travelled through the Deep South of the USA. For example in Birmingham, Alabama, the chief of police allowed the KKK to beat up the Freedom Riders for 15 minutes before they stepped in to stop the violence.

The Freedom Riders were using non-violent non-co-operation, so they did not fight back. It told of modern parallels between the early 1960's America and modern day struggles. It looked at themes of the civil war and inequalities of American politics. This play links with half of the history course at 'A' level.

Mrs A Driscoll – Humanities Faculty Leader



Year 9 GigArts Project

On Tuesday 13th October, 10 students from Year 9 were taken to Marlborough School to take part in a Gig-Arts project lead by Abbie Cooke. Gig-Arts is a charity which aims to help people gain new skills in communication and the creative arts, give back to the community and provide opportunities to get up on stage and perform a 'gig' to the public.



To start off the day, Abbie welcomed us to the Gig-Arts workshop and she told us about her story of becoming an artistic entrepreneur. We were split up into groups of ten, including students from Lord Williams' School, Wheatley Park School and Marlborough School. In these teams, each group was given a theme: teamwork, simplicity, love and equality. Everyone in the groups was given canvas to create artwork on which captured our given theme. We were then asked to create bunting for a child bereavement charity called SeeSaw. This bunting will now be displayed at SeeSaw's events and aims to bring happiness and hope to children in our community. To complete the workshop each group created a performance with a message about their theme which was performed to an audience as a gig.

All of the students really enjoyed the Gig-Arts work shop, many described it as "an amazing experience," and "good for learning new life skills and meeting new people." I also agree that it was amazing, but it was also nice to give something back to the community.

Miranda Peers - 9TCGT

This day was one of several different activity days organised throughout the year by Oxfordshire Business Education Alliance. It gives students the opportunity to work with employers and students from other schools, developing skills needed to excel in school and move on successfully to the further education and the world of work.

Mrs L Hounsell – 14 - 19 Pathway Manager

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Emily Kyle (WHFG) who recently participated in the City of Oxford Swimming Club Championships 2015 with great success. Emily won silver in the 100m backstroke whilst also winning bronze in the 50m fly, 200m backstroke and the 200m freestyle events. This fantastic achievement was topped off with Emily achieving a time of 1.05.97 for the 100m freestyle which means she qualifies for this event in the County Championships in March! Congratulations Emily!



Mr M Gannon - Windrush House Leader

Congratulations also to Katie Archer in Year 8.



Year 7 and 8 students were invited to attend a workshop about creating an image of their favourite outdoor space.

The work was entered into a competition held by Blackwell's Art and Poster Shop in Oxford. Katie was the overall winner and her work has been exhibited in the main window of the store. Katie will also win a copy of 'Monsieur Monet's Garden'.

Mrs M Hollings – Team Leader, Art Faculty

Sixth Form Visit to the Ashmolean Museum

On Friday 9th October, 9 Sixth Form students attended an event at the Ashmolean Museum called 'Discovering ARTiculation'. The aim of the day was to develop critical analysis, research techniques and improve our public speaking skills. These skills are useful to help us analyse art pieces in depth.

The format involved us working in groups with students from other schools. We created presentations based around research of museum artefacts, which included; ceremonial armour of Samurai Warriors, a Renaissance painting and an Egyptian temple. Each had an interesting history and were wonderful to view.

We were also privileged to speak to curators who have been studying these art pieces and time periods as part of their overall research. This showed us how to apply professional techniques when investigating a piece of Art.



We received feedback from Lady Roberts who curates the Queen/s collection of drawings and has also written many books. We were very happy to have had this great opportunity to attend such a fantastic event.

Thamyris De Souza – 12TDGN





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**Abingdon
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Abingdon and Witney College

October half term taster week



Abingdon and Witney College are promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and maths (STEM) in the Oxfordshire area.

If you are considering your next steps and would like to see what type of skills you would be learning if you pursued an Engineering career, this four day taster week is ideal for you. The sessions will be fun and interactive with several activities to get involved in on the days.

Monday 26th October 2015 – Design Day

In the morning a welcome, introduction and tour of our brand new, state of the art facilities. Health and Safety.
In the afternoon start a Computer Aided Design (CAD) project.

Tuesday 27th October 2015 – Manufacturing Day

Complete your CAD project and build your design on either our 3D printers or put your engineering hand skills to the test in our new workshop.

Wednesday 28th October 2015 – Mechanical Day

Learn basic engineering hand skills and produce a product by milling and turning using our state of the art machinery.

Thursday 29th October 2015 – Electrical and Electronics Day

Undertake various activities in electronic engineering circuit design.
P.M consider next steps with our college careers advisor and your parents (3-4.30 p.m)

Time: 10 a.m – 4.30 p.m Daily

Location: Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG

To book a place speak to your School Careers advisor

Spaces limited. Lunch provided every day. Attendance on all 4 days is required. On arrival report to reception.



Funded by Oxfordshire City Deal, a joint initiative between Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership



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

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.