

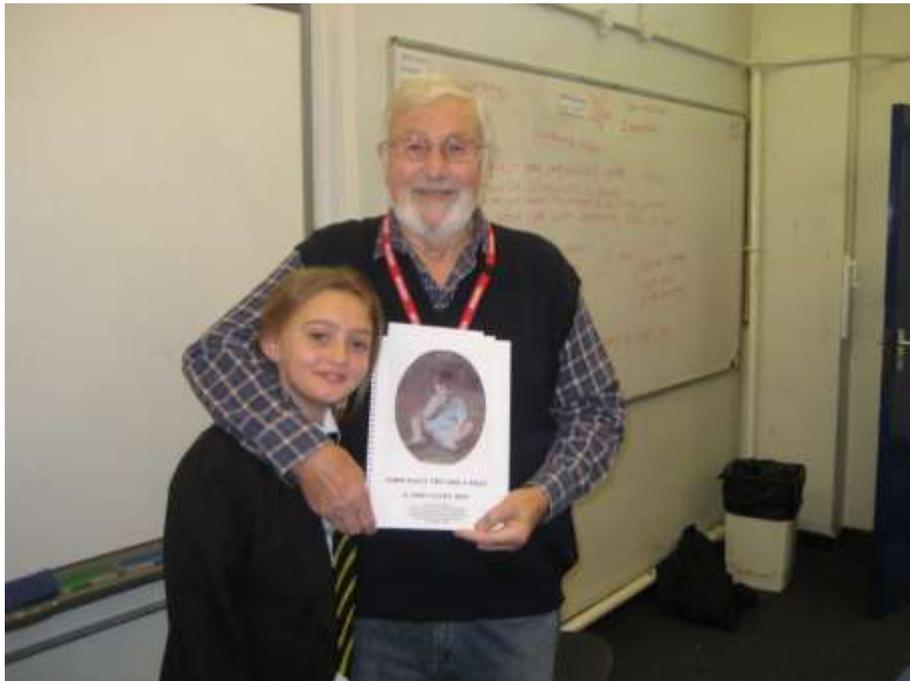


The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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John Platt's Visit to Gosford Hill School



On Friday 23rd October John Platt shared his life story with Mrs Bushnell's Year 7 English classes. He has published important sections of his life and taught us about his amazing accomplishments. He was an inspiration to our students and a neighbour to Freya Cooper who is pictured above, who she affectionately calls 'Grandad'.

Year 7 had been studying 'A Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. They have researched World War 2 and the prisoner of war camps. John brought in his war memorabilia and explained his life as a British soldier just after the Second World War. John worked as a radio and signal corporal after the Second World War and the driver for the CO.

Mrs S Bushnell – Teacher, English Faculty

Comments from the class

"We have learnt about a new role in the army that was very fascinating. It was lovely to see all the badges both he and his foster father had earned throughout their careers."

"We have learnt that people used to pay money in shillings."

"We have found out from the food rationing booklets that the quality of food was divided into categories."

"We now know a good soldier had to obey every instruction that they were given."

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Visit from Former Student



This week Dr Bizley was delighted to meet Mr Albert Courtney and hear about his time at Gosford Hill School during the period 1936 – 1938. Mr Courtney's son, David, also attended school here during the 1970's and has gone on to have a very successful career in the City of London.

David has had a couple of books published which Mr Courtney brought in to show Dr Bizley in order to demonstrate what working hard at school can achieve.

Nicola Cooke - Headteacher's PA

Congratulations to...

Jade O'Dowda who has been shortlisted for the 'Oxfordshire Young Sportsperson of the Year' Award. The ceremony will be held at The Kassam Stadium. The category was the most strongly contested and Jade faces stiff competition from 2 British gymnasts and a British Triathlete. Jade herself is an outstanding athlete having won national championships in the Pentathlon and Heptathlon. The Heptathlon success has been in her first year competing in the discipline.

Most importantly Jade is a very modest young lady with a huge desire to succeed. She is a fantastic role model to all students in the school and never misses an athletics training session at school despite being a national level competitor.

We are very proud of her and wish her luck for the upcoming ceremony.

Mr P Green – Subject Leader, P.E. Faculty



Record Attendance and Punctuality Figures for Term 1

I am very pleased to report that the Term 1 96.34% attendance figure for Years 7 to 11 students is a record for Gosford Hill School. 98.97% punctuality to school is also a record.

Thank you very much for supporting the new procedures that were introduced in September. To maintain and improve upon these figures provide the base for future attainment.

Mr R Belmont - Senior Assistant Headteacher

Remembrance Day

Gosford Hill will again be marking Remembrance with assemblies on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November and a whole school gathering and laying of wreaths at 11am on Wednesday 11th November.

Students who attend cadets or scouting groups may attend in their uniforms, having notified their House Leader in advance.

Thank you for supporting this important event.

Mr R Belmont - Senior Assistant Headteacher



Calling all Carpenters

We would be grateful to hear from any parents with carpentry skills who may be willing to assist in making a few pieces of set for the upcoming production of 'Annie'.

Please contact Mrs Hayley Whitford on 01865 374971 if you are able to help.

Many thanks

Gosford Hill School

Sixth Form Open Evening

**All current Year 11 students and
their parents welcome**

Wednesday 18th November

6 – 8 pm

For further information:

Email: sixthform@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

Tel: 01865 374971 ext 702

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

TERM DATES – 2015 -2016

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2015

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2016

Term 4

Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 24th March 2016

Term 5

Monday 11th April – Friday 27th May 2016

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July 2016

ILP Day Wednesday 2nd September 2015

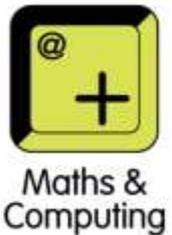
INSET DAYS: 1st September, 9th October, 4th December 2015, 22nd February, 1st July 2016



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A Specialist College for Mathematics & Computing
Headteacher: Dr Stephen Bizley



Dear Parents/Carers

Children in Need

Friday 13th November 2015

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 13th November to raise funds for Children in Need.

This is in response to suggestions made by students, and recognises the positive approach that students have shown at the start of a very busy school year.

Please note the following:

1. Students should bring a suggested contribution of £1 to morning registration on Thursday 12th November.
2. The normal expectations of punctuality, behaviour and work rate in lessons will apply.
3. PE kit will be as normal.
4. Coloured hair will not be allowed.

Thank you very much for supporting an initiative that has come from students and raises funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Yours sincerely

Richard Belmont
Senior Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)

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GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL

MUSIC NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015

MAIN HALL

7.00PM – 9.00PM

TICKETS £2.50 (AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION)

