



# The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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## Maths club

This term our new Maths Club for Years 7 & 8 starts Friday lunchtimes at 1.20pm. Week A will be in Mr Forde's room (M7) and on Week B in Mr Barker's room (M2). There will be all sorts of fun things to do with a mathematical flavour and problem solving and logic activities with different levels of challenge. Students can bring their lunch along and come with their friends.

**Mr N Barker – Teacher,  
Maths Faculty**

## Maths Club Year 7 & 8

Every Friday lunchtime 1.20pm this term

Week A M7 Mr Forde

Week B M2 Mr Barker

Puzzles  
Problem Solving  
Mathematical Games  
**Maths Magic**



## This week's Maths Club Puzzle

Check this out. Here are four world leaders and some facts about them.

Isn't it weird that the numbers add up to 4032 for each of these four people? If you haven't already spotted what's going on, have another look!

(Thanks to Chris Smith for this puzzle from his weekly Maths Newsletter)



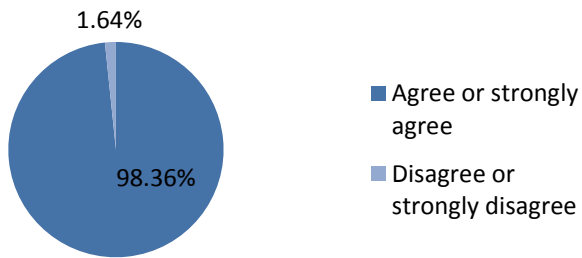
	1998	1952	1946	2009
Took up office	71	90	88	55
Age this year	18	64	70	7
Years in position	1945	1926	1927	1961
Year of birth	<b>4032</b>	<b>4032</b>	<b>4032</b>	<b>4032</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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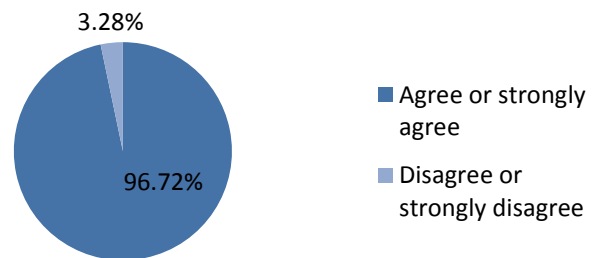
# Sixth Form Parents Consultation Survey

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October the Gosford Hill School Sixth Form Parent Evening took place. Below are highlights from the parents and carers survey

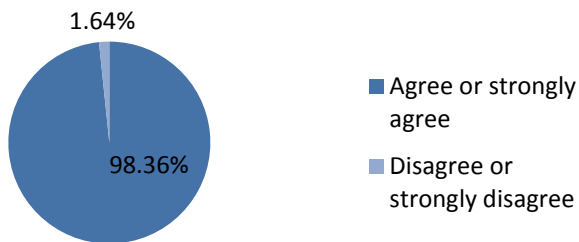
## My child is happy at this school



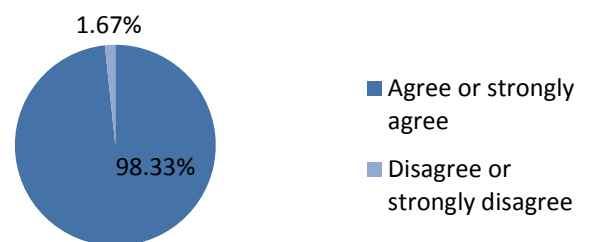
## My child makes good progress at this school



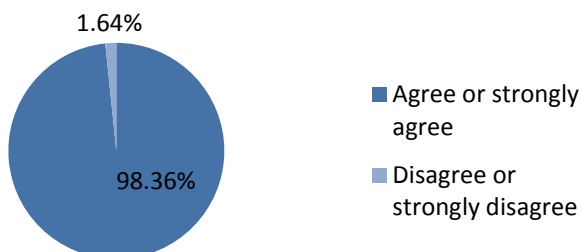
## My child receives the appropriate homework for their age



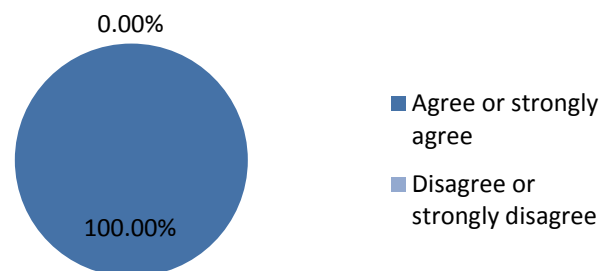
## My child is engaged in wider learning through academic mentoring, community service and enrichment activities



## I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress



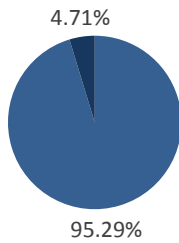
## As a new student to Gosford Hill School, my son/daughter has been well supported in settling in



# Year 10 Parents Consultation Survey

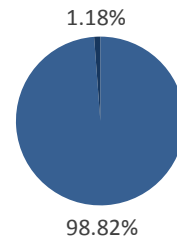
On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November the Gosford Hill School Parent Evening for Year 10 took place. Below are highlights from the parents and carers survey

## My child is happy at this school



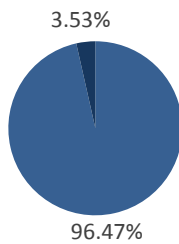
■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## My child is well looked after at this school



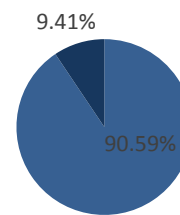
■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## My child is taught well at this school



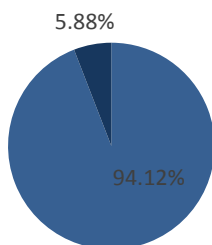
■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## This school is well led and managed



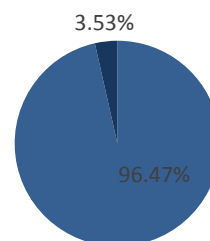
■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress



■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## I would recommend this school to another parent



■ Agree or strongly agree ■ Disagree or strongly disagree

## Gosford Hill Term Dates for 2016-17

Please be aware that Oxfordshire County Council have decided to revert back to a **three term** academic year model (in place of the current 6 terms). This will make no *practical* difference to the dates already published by the Local Authority for 2106 /17, other than in name.

- Terms 1 and 2 will become the Autumn Term
- Terms 3 and 4 will become the Spring Term
- Terms 5 and 6 will become the Summer Term

Gosford Hill's term dates for 2016-17 are as follows:

**Autumn term: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

*(half term break Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October)*

Please note that the academic year will commence with 2 INSET days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with **students returning to school for an Individual Learning Planning (ILP) day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be another INSET day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Spring term: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

*(half term break Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February)*

**Summer term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

*(half term break Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June)*

*Please note that there will be 2 other INSET days to be determined in the Spring and /or Summer terms 2017 and these will be announced and publicised before the academic year begins.*

**Mr D Ward – Deputy Head Teacher**

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**Abingdon & Witney College**

**Abingdon and Witney College**  
February half term taster week

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Design Day**  
This exciting day starts with a welcome, introduction and tour of our brand new, state of the art facilities. Later in the day you will have the chance to start a Computer Aided Design (CAD) project using our high spec IT equipment.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Manufacturing Day**  
Today you will start to turn your plans into real life by building your design on our 3D printers or putting your engineering hand skills to the test in our new workshop.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Mechanical Day**  
Learn engineering hand skills and produce a product by milling and turning using our state of the art machinery.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Electrical and Electronics Day**  
Today you'll try various electrical and electronic engineering activities, including circuit design.

Time: 10 am – 4.30 pm each day  
Location: Abingdon and Witney College, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG

Lunch is provided every day and you will need to be able to attend all 4 days.

To book, please email [busgnil.paul@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:busgnil.paul@abingdon-witney.ac.uk) or call 01235 216216, or speak to your school Careers Advisor

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## ***Staff vacancy***

We are currently looking for a Health and Safety and Educational Visits Manager to join our existing Business team and report to our Business Manager. The responsibilities will be mainly in connection with the management and administration of the school's health and safety compliance and the students' educational visits. We require someone for 27.5 hours a week, to be worked 8.30am to 2.20pm Monday to Friday, term time only including INSET days. This is a one year temporary contract.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Mrs N Cooke at the school on 01865 374971 or [office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk) for a job description and person specification.

**Ms P Challans, Business Manager**

## ***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.