



The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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Appointment of New Headteacher

The full Governing Body are pleased to announce, after a very rigorous selection process which included the views of the students and staff, that they have ratified the selection panel's unanimous decision and have appointed Mr Nigel Sellars as the new Headteacher of Gosford Hill School. We were fortunate to have a choice of six experienced candidates.

Mrs Anna Moon – Chair of Governors

Year 10 Football Report

The Year 10 football team have progressed to the quarter finals of the English Schools FA Small Schools Trophy. The students were faced with a difficult tie in the last 32 playing the reigning champions from London.

Gosford scored in the first minute (Jonah Clarke) setting them up well in the quest for victory. Further goals (Piers Walton, Ben Stewart and Jonah Clarke) in the 1st half meant Gosford were 4-0 up at half time. Gosford withstood a lot of pressure in the last 10 minutes of the first half and throughout the second half. An early goal from Haverstock meant a nervous 2nd half before Jamie Hudson settled the tie and Gosford won 5-1.

The team have another home tie in the quarter finals and face the winners of Ormiston Six Villages Academy and Buckswood School. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the students on a cold and wet afternoon.



Team: B. Owen, O. Birchall, A. Jhutti, A. Yillah, A. Littlewood, H. Firkin, J.Cowlshaw, L. Wirdnam-Crick, B. Stewart, P Walton, J. Clarke, J. Hudson, J. Keighery, L. Kimber, L. Sykes, W. Baker, H. Hall

Mr P Green – Subject Leader, P.E.

Learn * Lead * Inspire

Careers Fest

Over the past few days several groups of Year 11 & 13 students have attended the Oxford City Learning Careers Fest at the BMW Mini museum exhibition space. The event had stands from a variety of local training providers, colleges, local and national employer groups as well as the armed services whom all recruit young people into their school leaver and apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programmes.

In addition there were organisations represented who support young people with other areas such as job searching, volunteering and apprenticeship applications. Students were able to speak to any of the exhibitors that they wished to, gathering information and advice to assist them in making their plans for the future including the Oxfordshire information site for young people. <http://oxme.info/cms/>

Mrs L Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager



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The poster features a collage of images showing young women in high-visibility vests working on construction projects. It includes the ACE Training logo, social media handles, and logos for OxLEP and Oxfordshire County Council.



OPEN EVENTS

AT CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE

Oxford city centre campus
All subject areas
Saturday 6 February 2016, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 9 March 2016, 4-7.30pm

Blackbird Leys campus
Construction and motor vehicle only
Saturday 6 February 2016, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 9 March 2016, 4-7.30pm

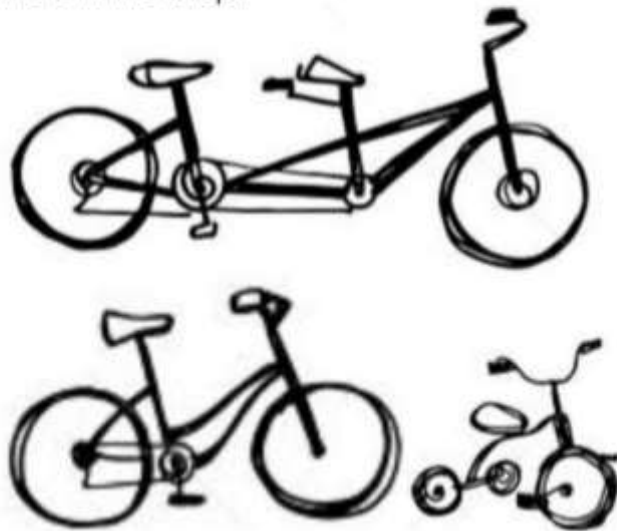
Register now at
www.cityofoxford.ac.uk/events

CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE **Part of ACTIVE LEARNING**

The poster features a large yellow circle with the text 'OPEN EVENTS' and 'AT CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE'. It includes a photo of a young man holding a tablet, various icons representing different subjects and activities, and the college's logo and name.

Maths Club Puzzle 2

There are a different number of tandems, bicycles and tricycles in *The Bike Shop* getting major overhauls (all seats, wheels and front handlebars are being replaced). If 135 seats, 269 wheels and 118 front handlebars are to be replaced how many of each type of cycle are there in the shop?



Ways to approach this and solutions available at Maths Club on Friday lunchtime

Mr N Barker – Maths Faculty

Bicester Bus – additional users required!

Attention Bicester residents! As you may be aware, there has been a Bicester to Gosford Hill school bus operating since September on a trial basis.

In order to continue operating, the bus needs to secure additional users. If we are unable to achieve this, then the bus service will cease.

If your child would be interested in using this dedicated and direct school bus service, please contact Bicester.gosford.bus@gmail.com as soon as possible- even if the bus does not currently stop in your preferred location since there is the possibility of considering additional stops, subject to level of interest and location.

Ms P Challans – Business Manager

Happy Chinese New Year from Chartwells!

Chartwells Canteen will be offering a special menu on Tuesday 26 January in recognition of Chinese New Year, which is 8 February.

An exciting and varied offer of Chinese chicken, stir fry, prawn crackers, noodles and fried rice will be available along with warm sticky banana and ice cream ! Please come along and enjoy!

Mrs P Challans – Business Manager

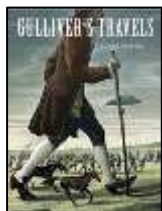


Gosford Hill School Reading List


The following books have been recommended by our departments as books that would be useful to read to help your child's understanding in that subject as well as improve their reading skills. We do not expect you to buy these books, but many of them are available in the Learning Centre and they may help you choose a book if are shopping in town, are online or buying an e-book.

As part of our Home Learning Policy we expect all students to read for 15 minutes per night. Regular reading has been shown to increase vocabulary, help spelling, increase general knowledge, empathy and even helps in subjects such as Maths. One study has even shown that reading is the biggest single factor in improving a child's life chances (*Reading for Change*, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2002).

General fiction for teenagers	
<p>The Hunger Games Trilogy – Suzanne Collins Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness Witch Child – Celia Rees Revolver – Marcus Sedgwick Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeve The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman City of Bones series – Cassandra Clare The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon The Book Thief – Markus Zusak Buffalo Soldier – Tanya Landman Charlie Higson – The Dead series Veronica Roth – The Divergent trilogy Melvin Burgess - any book by this author JRR Tolkien – Lord of the Rings trilogy Phillip Pullman – any book by this author Malorie Blackman – any book by this author Anthony Horowitz – any book by this author</p>	
Teen fiction for inclusion	English books for Key Stage Three
<p>Bruised – Siobhan Parkinson Blue Fish – Pat Schmatz Colin Fischer – Ashley Miller The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko Notes From a Liar and a Dog – Gennifer Choldenko Finding a Voice – Kim Hood Counting by 7s – Holly Goldberg Sloan The Bubble Wrap Boy – Phil Earle</p>	<p>David Walliams – Gangsta Granny and others Michael Morpurgo – War Horse, Farm Boy, Wartman and countless others John Green – Looking for Alaska and others Patrick Ness – Chaos Walking trilogy and others James Dashner – Maze Runner series Mallorie Blackman – Noughts and Crosses and others Terry Pratchett – Discworld Series and others</p>
English Classics	Books for Science
<p>1984 – George Orwell The Go Between – L. P. Hartley Pride and prejudice – Jane Austen Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens Lady Chatterley's Lover – DH Lawrence Lord of the Flies – William Golding The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis Gulliver's Travels – Jonathon Swift</p>	<p>Horrible Science Series: Really Rotten Experiments – Nick Arnold, Phil Gates A Brief History of Time – Stephen Hawkins Horrible Science Series: Blood, Bones and Body Bits – Nick Arnold, Phil Gates A Brief History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson Physics of the Impossible - Michio Kaku Horrible Science Series: Explosive Experiments – Nick Arnold, Phil Gates Horrible Science Series: Measly Medicine – Nick Arnold, Phil Gates Germ – Rupert Liparulo The Gobsmacking Galaxy - Kjartan Poskitt Oxygen – Nick Lane</p>



Geography books for Key Stage Three	Geography books for Key Stage Four
<p>Journey to the River Sea' (Rainforest) Eva Ibbotson Chinese Cinderella (China) Adeline Jen Mah Hidden (immigration) Miriam Alahami We Can Be Heroes (9/11) Catherine Bruton City of the Beast (rainforest) Isabel Allende Guantanamo Boy (modern day conflicts) Ana Perera The Garbage King (Ethiopia) Elizabeth Laird Geography Floodland (Global climate change) Marcus Sedgwick Tiger Wars - Steve Backshall Ghosts of the Forest - Steve Backshall Dust - Joan Frances Turner Call of the Wild - Jack London The Magic Fan - Keith Baker Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe Where do underpants come from - Jonathan Watts</p>	<p>Geography: A very short introduction Matthews, J. and Herbert, D.. International Migration: A very short introduction. Koser, K. Global Warming: A very short introduction. Maslin, M. Key Concepts in Human Geography Holloway, S., Rice, S. and Valentine, G.. Economic Geography: A contemporary introduction., Coe, N., Kelly, P. and Yeung, H. Cultural Geography Mitchell, D.</p> <div data-bbox="1062 461 1214 701" data-label="Image"> </div>
History books for Key Stage Three	History books for Key Stage Four
<p>My Story series – e.g Anne Boleyn and Me Alison Prince. Battle of Britain – Harry Woods The King's Head: S Price Little Women: Louise May Alcott Hitler's Angel: William Osborne Any Michael Morpurgo e.g. War Horse, Butterfly Lion, Listen to the Moon, Mr Nobody's Eyes The Once and Future King - T H White Year of Wonders: a novel of the Plague: Geraldine Brooks The Midwife's Apprentice -Karen Cushman The Glory Field - Walker Dean Myers Music and Silence - R Tremain In the Shadow of the Lamp - Susanne Dunlap</p>	<p>The Book Thief - Markus Zusak All Quiet on the Western Front - Erich Maria Remarque (WW1) Any book by Philippa Gregory about significant women in the late Middle Ages or Tudor times e.g The Other Boleyn Girl Any book from the "Sharpe" series, about a soldier in the Napoleonic Wars – Bernard Cornwell By the Great Horn Spoon - Sid Fleischmann 1984 - George Orwell (about dictatorships) Animal Farm - George Orwell (about dictatorships) The Help - Kathryn Stockett (about civil rights in the USA 1960's) To kill a Mockingbird (about civil rights in the USA) - Harper Lee</p>
RPE books for Key Stage Three	RPE books for Key Stage Four
<p>The Lion the witch and the Wardrobe - C. S. Lewis The Life of Pi - Yann Martel Bend it Like Beckham - Narinder Dharmi The Little Buddha - Claus Mikosch His Dark Materials Trilogy - Philip Pullman The Hunger Games Trilogy - Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>The Soul of a Butterfly (autobiography) Muhammad Ali I am Malala teen edition – Malala Yousefi The Wave - Todd Strasser Sophie's World (philosophy) Jostein Gaarder Noughts and Crosses series - Malorie Blackman (about racism and morality)</p>

<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>Health and social care dictionary Design of the 20th Century (25) by Charlotte & Peter Fiell Design by DK The Design Book by Editors of Phaidon</p> 	<p>Business Studies reading links</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpsvr82</p> <p>http://www.businessed.co.uk/</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-your-money-12205462</p> <p>http://www.businessmanagementdaily.com/</p> <p>http://managementhelp.org/</p>
<p>French resources</p> <p>*Y10 onwards: Le Petit Nicolas - René Goscinny (It is an idealized and nostalgic memory of what it was like to be a child growing up in France in the 1950s.)</p> <p><u>Online literature:</u> *frenchspanishonline.com (GCSE French.) *lemonde.fr *http://www.tv5.org/index.php</p> <p>The online version of the French TV Channel, with news, weather, sport and cinema. The music section has video streams of selected French artists with the option of seeing the lyrics. There is also a 'Langue Française' section which contains quizzes, games, translations and even Sudoku using letters</p> <p>*GCSE Bitesize French/ German</p>	<p>German Resources</p> <p>*http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/language-read-german *http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/talk/ *aufdeutsch.co.uk</p>
<p>ICT Resources</p> <p>BBC Technology page: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology Focus magazine Techrocket: https://www.techrocket.com/ Khanacademy: https://www.khanacademy.org/</p> <p>Code.org: https://code.org/</p>	<p>Drama Reading</p> <p>Drama and Theatre Studies- Sally Mackey and Simon Cooper- (Stanley Thornes) Edexcel Drama for GCSE Hodder Education An Actor Prepares by Constantin Stanislavski Any other works by Brecht, Artaud or Stanislavski would be useful and general plays and dramas.</p> 

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