



The Gosford Times

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Year 10 Football Team reach the National Final

The Year 10 football team have progressed to the final of the national competition. The team travelled to Slough and beat St Bernard's Grammar School. The two teams met last year and St Bernard's won 5 – 4. The game was played at the school with officials appointed by the English Schools Association.

Gosford started the game playing excellent football, the midfield worked tirelessly against St Bernard's who opted to play 5 in midfield. Gosford players moved the ball quickly and kept finding space. Neat build up play was rewarded after 5 minutes with a goal from Piers Walton. Gosford continued to dominate the play for the majority of the first half and were rewarded before half time with a second goal from Jonah Clarke. St Bernard's continued playing one up front but dominated the start of the second half. Nerves began to settle and Gosford began switching the play making the home team work hard off of the ball. As the game progressed St Bernard's players started to suffer cramp and some of their more dangerous players were substituted. Gosford continued to create a huge number of clear cut chances. Finally, Joey Cowlshaw settled the game with the third goal after Piers Walton laid the ball off.

To reach the final of a national competition is a fantastic achievement and the conduct of the players throughout the game and at the final whistle was exemplary.

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



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

Learn * Lead * Inspire

Maths Club

Our Maths Club will be running again this term but this term, in addition to Years 7 & 8, it will now be open to Year 9 on Friday lunchtimes at 1.20pm. Once again Week A will be in Mr Forde's room M7 and Week B in Mr Barker's room M2. There will be different sorts of fun things to do with a mathematical flavour including problem solving and logic activities with different levels of challenge. Students can come with their friends and are welcome to bring their lunch to eat.

This week's puzzle no. 3 is courtesy of KenKen puzzles (<http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com>).

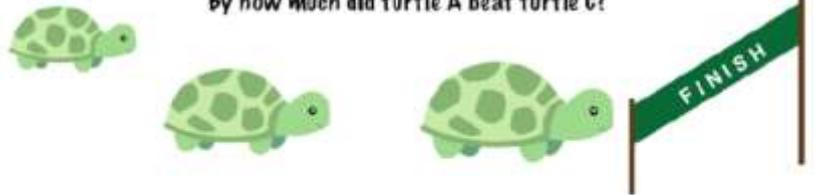
Mr N Barker – Maths Faculty

Maths Club Puzzle 3

Turtle Time

Three turtle owners decided that they wanted to race their pets against each other to see which was the "fastest." Each turtle completed the 100 foot race at a uniform speed. Turtle A crossed the finish line 10 feet ahead of turtle B, who crossed the finish line 10 feet ahead of turtle C.

By how much did turtle A beat turtle C?



Maths Club is on Friday lunchtimes

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

Report – Year 5 Multi-skills

Four of our local Primary Schools; St Thomas More, West Kidlington, Edward Feild and North Kidlington joined us for our Multi-skills Event.

They battled through ten stations designed by our Young Leaders – stations that were designed to test the students' resilience and determination which was our value for the day.

The students were tested in a variety of skill areas through table tennis rallies, hoop shoots, secret codes, relays and cricket bowling, developing our all-round athletes. Accompanying teachers were also encouraged to take part with some of their teams – providing glimpses of sporting promise!



The second part of the event saw the teams compete in an all action Benchball competition where the students looked to not only apply their skills but also work out and implement tactics and strategy within their teams.



Students showed tremendous team work throughout and huge self determination to complete all challenges.

St Thomas More ran out eventual winners with just a few points in it at the end.



A big thank you to our Gosford Leaders for their outstanding work with our Primary Schools: Paige Cooke, Harriet Gardner, Freya Bates, Sam Gauld, Joe Mimpress, Ben Helfrich, Joshua Pipkin, Charlie Hopwood, Matthew Bedwell, Harley Firkin, Luca Sykes and Emily Kyle.

Kevin Peake – SSCO



What is it?

WhatsApp is a mobile messaging app which allows users to exchange messages using existing phone contacts without having to pay text message fees. WhatsApp Messenger is available on most mobile devices including iPhone, BlackBerry, Android, Windows Phone and Nokia. WhatsApp users can create groups and send each other unlimited images, video and audio messages.

How much does it cost?

For all phone types, WhatsApp is free to download and try for the first year. Afterwards, you have the option of extending your subscription for **£0.69** per year.

WhatsApp uses an Internet connection using 4G or Wi-Fi to send and receive messages to your contacts. As long as the user hasn't exceeded the data limit or is connected to a free Wi-Fi network, messaging over WhatsApp should not cost extra.

Does WhatsApp have any age restrictions?

As part of its Terms of Service, WhatsApp's **minimum age of use is 16 years old**. By using WhatsApp, a user agrees to provide certain personal information such as their mobile phone number, billing and mobile device information.

If WhatsApp learns that identifiable information of a child under 16 has been collected on the WhatsApp Site or WhatsApp Service, then WhatsApp may deactivate the account.

Should I be concerned about WhatsApp as a parent/carer?

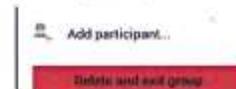
WhatsApp is a great way for young people to socialise with their friends.

Children can only talk to existing contacts on their phone, although this may feel safer, it's still important to remember that some content shared may not be appropriate for children, or they have contacts (strangers) in their phone who they have never met face to face.

Likewise, as with all social media, caution is advised over your child's digital footprint, particularly the content (photos, videos and messages) they choose to share via WhatsApp. Once shared, it can be copied, re shared and posted anywhere online.

Group chats on WhatsApp

WhatsApp also contains a group chat function. The feature lets users chat with up to 100 people in one conversation stream. Each group is set up by one contact who becomes the group admin – they're the only user who can add or remove participants and change/add new group admins.



Group conversations usually take place between friends. But sometimes, users can be added to a group where they don't know everyone else. Even if fellow users in the group aren't contacts, they will still be able to see messages your child posts in the group, and your child will be able to see theirs. Likewise, if they're added to a group with someone they've blocked, the blocked person will be able to contact them there.

Therefore, it's possible they could see or be contacted by someone they don't know and could be vulnerable to content posted by this person.

Group chats - advice

Although a user cannot control who adds them to a group chat, **they can always control their own participation within it** – they can leave whenever they want to.

It's a good idea to advise your child that if they are in a group chat with someone they don't know and are uncomfortable with, they should exit the group and speak to you about it.



How do privacy settings work on WhatsApp?

WhatsApp's default privacy setting allows any other WhatsApp user to view your profile photo, status and when you were last using the app.

You can specify that your child's WhatsApp account (when they were last online, profile photo, status) can be seen by:

Everyone - all WhatsApp users.

My Contacts - the contacts from their address book only. This is the recommended option for most users.

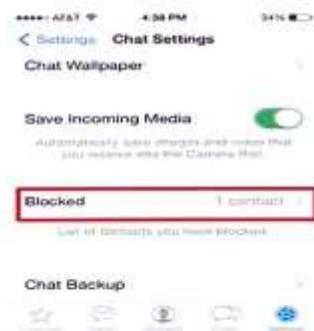
Nobody

Talk to your child about their privacy settings and ask them to adjust to 'my contacts' if they have them set to 'everyone' by following the steps below:

Privacy settings are accessed here:

WhatsApp > Settings > Account > Privacy

How do I report a user to WhatsApp?



There is no direct way to report a user, or specific abuse, other than to block them from sending you further messages. To do this, tap:

Settings > Account > Privacy > Blocked Contacts

WhatsApp messages sent by a blocked contact will not show up on your child's phone and will never be delivered to them. The 'last seen' status information and profile picture will no longer be visible to blocked contacts.

To permanently delete a contact in WhatsApp, you will need to delete them from your phone's list of contacts.

If you have any concerns about grooming, sexual abuse or exploitation on WhatsApp or on any online app or site, Report to CEOP (the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre.

How do I disable a WhatsApp account?

Go to:

Settings > Account > Delete My Account

This will remove all account information from the service including deleting all message history, and removing the user from all WhatsApp group.