



The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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Year 11 Prom

For the first time the Year 11 Prom was held at the Jurys Inn, Oxford, which was a suitably impressive venue for such an important and prestigious school event.

With the gorgeous weather and blue skies, the guests started arriving in an array of amazing vehicles ranging from stretched Hummers to Vintage cars. We even had the Princess Horse and Carriage arrival this year!



The Year 11 students have a particular eye for fashion with each dress and suit looking as glamorous and as dashing as the next. Their photos were taken in the beautiful surroundings of the venue as they arrived, with many more parents/carers and friends joining in with the paparazzi!

The evening started with welcome drinks and a delicious two-course meal in a wonderfully decorated dinner suite. This was followed by the award presentations including best arrival, best dressed, best hair, kindest heart and many more. The awards were completed with the announcement of the Prom King and Prom Queen of Gosford Hill School, 2016 – Caitlin Brown and Jeremy Mbararia. The couple received their awards and crowns, cut the hand-made cake and then very elegantly took to the dance floor for their first dance. The dancing for all then started and the photo booth was open! Photos can be viewed by using the following link <http://bit.ly/20Q8dnY>

The students were an absolute credit to the school, their families and most importantly to themselves as they danced the night away at a truly unforgettable evening.

Many staff also joined in the meal and the fun, but Mr Clyne stole the dance floor with his outstanding moves and caterpillar roll during the evening.

A great night was had by all and I cannot thank you all enough for making it so wonderful. A very special thank you to my Prom committee also as they worked tirelessly to help make the event so special.

Thank you and good luck Year 11!

Miss H Curtis – Prom Organiser



Healthy Eating week June 13th – 17th

For the last two years Gosford Hill School has supported the British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating week. This year the event was jointly organised by Mr Green (Team Leader, PE) and Miss Butcher.

Mr Green organised a representative from the leisure centre to come in to assemblies to talk to students about the impact of nutrition and exercise. The school was also lucky enough to have for the second year in a row a 'Smoothie Bike', organised by the school's nutritionist Clare Hedderman, who works for the catering company Chartwells.

Miss Butcher organised a staff competition where staff made pledges to improve their lifestyle for a week. Many thanks to all the staff who supported the event and to Mr O'Regan and Miss Nihill who organised a two lap run of the field Tuesday – Friday lunchtimes. This event was supported by many students joining in the run, it was lovely to see so many students taking an active part in improving their health and wellbeing. I would like to thank all the students and staff who were involved in this event and to those who supported and cheered on the runners despite the weather.

Miss L Butcher – Faculty Leader, D&T



Sainsbury's – Active Kids Vouchers – “Eat well, Move well, Live well”!

Just a reminder that the closing date for donating Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers is Friday 8th July. Please can you bring all your vouchers in to reception as soon as possible or you can find out more and donate on-line at <https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/>

Gosford Hill School is registered as a beneficiary of Active Kids Vouchers and we would greatly benefit from your donations of the Vouchers.

We will let you know how many vouchers we collect!

Ms P Challans - Business Manager



Hockey Champions Trophy Trip

On Tuesday 21st June, 45 girls visited the Lee Valley Hockey Stadium at the Olympic Park in London to watch two of the top Ladies Hockey Teams in the world play. Argentina managed to beat Australia 2-1. The atmosphere at the stadium was electric. The standard of hockey was inspirational especially the 'air' balls over everyone's heads! Watch out next season! The TV cameras captured the girls waving and shouting for all the players. The girls also visited all the commercial stands to eat chips and enjoying the many 'freebies' on offer especially the photo booths! It was a great day out and as ever the girls were exemplary ambassadors for the school. Well done!

Thank you Mr Goldring, Mr Gannon, Miss Green and Mrs Thacker for supporting the trip.

Miss D Green – Teacher of PE



U16s players required.

Kidlington Youth Football club are forming a new U16s team to enter the Oxford Mail Youth League, and we are looking for players of all abilities to join this friendly village club. If you are currently in school Year 10 or Year 9 (and are happy to play up an age group) and are interested in finding out more, please come along to our open training session with a level 2 coach **on Tuesday 5th July 6-7pm** at Evans Lane park, Kidlington. Alternatively contact Graham Day (New Manager and Oxfordshire FA referee) on gday64@btinternet.com

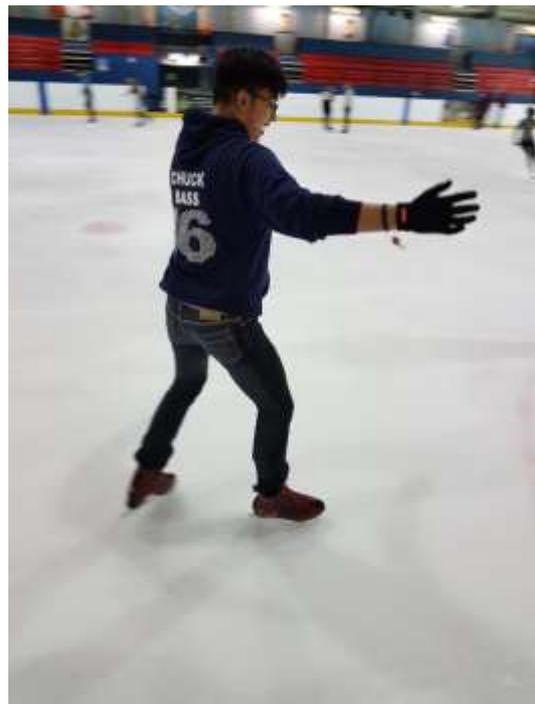
We look forward to welcoming you.

Ice Skating trip for new Sixth Formers

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed our new Year 12 students into the Sixth Form. The two days gave them a chance to engage in a range of A Level lessons, encouraging them to consider carefully their AS level subject choices. Students were able to ask questions about course specifications and experience typical activities in their chosen areas. They were also introduced to our expectations of a Sixth Form student at Gosford Hill and the range of ways in which we aim to help them enrich their learning experience in Year 12.

To round off the final day, the students also took part in a trip to the Oxford Ice Rink. This was a really enjoyable event and we were all treated to an ice skating extravaganza by Jeremy and Marshall. It was fantastic to see our students beginning to experience the strong community atmosphere which makes our Sixth Form so special and the Sixth Form team are really looking forward to working alongside these students when they return in September.

Mr B Whittaker – Head of Sixth Form



Visitors from the Lake School

On Wednesday 15th June we welcomed some European teachers.

The teachers were attending classes at the Lake School of English as part of their professional development.

We ended the tour with English tea and homemade biscuits in the Learning Centre.

Mrs J Humphreys - Senior TA



Gosford Hill Summer Concert

**Wednesday
29th June 2016
in
the Main Hall
7.00pm - 9.00pm**

**Tickets: £4.00
(concessions £3.00)
Available from
Reception**

TERM DATES – 2016 -2017

2015-2016

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Tuesday 19th July 2016

INSET DAYS: 1st July 2016, 20th July 2016

2016-2017

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December 2016

Half Term Break – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016

ILP DAY: Monday 5th September 2016

INSET DAYS: Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2016, 7th October 2016, **2nd December 2016, 30th June 2017**

Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 7th April 2017

Half Term Break – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Summer Term

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July 2017

Half Term Break – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

Please note the Inset days in red are the 2 inset days that have just been confirmed.



SUMMER COURSES

2016

10am-3pm

- **Motorbikes (£130)**

Mon 8th Aug – Thurs 11th Aug

Mon 22nd Aug – Thurs 25th Aug

- **Build a Pushbike (£100)**

Mon 15th Aug – Thurs 18th Aug

Mon 22nd Aug – Thurs 25th Aug

- **Survival Skills (£100)**

Mon 8th Aug – Thurs 11th Aug

- **Rugby Camp (£100)**

Mon 22nd Aug – Thurs 25th Aug

- **Football Camp (£100)**

Mon 15th Aug – Thurs 18th Aug



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Food and refreshments included.

