



The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

**WHY BE
PART OF THE
WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING?**

There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to be there for them all.

One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we'll ever have to face.

Our coffee morning is on the Friday 30th September 2016.

It will be held in the Learning Centre during lunch break.

**We will be holding a Cake Off competition for both staff and students, there will be a £2 entry fee.
Please see Mrs Wearing or Mrs Hedges for more details.**



There will be other fun activities to take part in but if like me you just want to try some lovely cakes and chat with friends please come and support this worthwhile charity.



Mrs H Wearing – Learning Mentor

Learn * Lead * Inspire

Dates for CATs

Year 7 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) – Wednesday 5th October.

The tests will take place on Wednesday 5th October. Our Intervention Faculty Leader, Ms Jesior-Tiffert, will write home to all parents/carers about the CATs process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs A Sumner - Examinations & Assessment Data Officer

Year 11 Practice Exams coming up: 10th-14th October 2016

We are running the Year 11 Practice exams earlier than usual this year, so please take note that **Year 11 students will be on 'Study Leave' from Monday 10th October until Friday 14th October 2016.** Students will be issued with an exam timetable and notes for students and parents/carers on Friday 23rd September, and will only need to be in school for their actual exams. We will make provision for students who need to stay at school before, between or after exams if that is required. Students will be required to attend their exams in full school uniform.

Year 11 teachers will be giving out revision tips in the next few weeks, so please support us in encouraging the students to prepare as much as they can for these very important exams.

Thanks

Mr J O'Regan - Assistant Headteacher

We need people like YOU to become School Governors

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

The Governing Body at Gosford Hill School is looking to appoint new Governors with immediate start. The Governing Body needs a mix of skills and experience to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school and its students. This could be your chance to make a real difference.

What exactly do Governors do?

Governors play a vital role in shaping the education of young people by helping set the Ethos, Vision and Strategy for the school.

The Governing Body comprises people drawn from the school's community: parents, school staff and the community as a whole. The Governing Body act corporately and are collectively responsible for decisions.

Why do people become school Governors?

- A great way to make a positive impact on young people's lives and to contribute to issues that you feel passionately about.
- A great opportunity to use and develop your skills in a unique environment that will benefit you personally and professionally.
- Contribute to the community.
- Make an impact on Gosford Hill School's students' lives.
- An outstanding learning and development opportunity to acquire board-level leadership, strategy and team working skills.

Kidlington Fun Run

Sunday 25th September 2016
3pm Stratfield Brake, Kidlington
in aid of



Daybreak

Dementia Day Clubs in
Kidlington and Oxford

**A 5km Race across Sports Ground
and Woodland**



Individual and Team Entries

**Plus a 1km fun run
for all the family**



Enter at www.kidlingtonfunrun.co.uk

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The Clockhouse, Long Ground, Oxford, OX4 7FX. www.daybreak-oxford.org.uk

TERM DATES – 2016 -2017

2016-2017

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December 2016

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

INSET DAYS: Friday 7th October 2016, Friday 2nd December 2016, Friday 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

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.