



# The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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## Senior Maths Challenge



*“Last week myself, Simon Hague, Tensei Rowden, and Royston Thorndycraft went to Wheatley Park School to take part in the Senior Team Maths Challenge regional finals. It was a really great experience and gave us all a chance to practise and apply a very different style of maths. Despite not winning, I feel that this experience has benefitted us all, and is something to be extremely proud of.”*

**Ellie Matthews – Year 12**

Our team were placed 15<sup>th</sup> in our heats which is an extremely admirable result for our first team challenge and we were competing against most of the Oxfordshire schools, including private schools. This was a great preparation for these students both for next year and the individual UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge, which they took part in this Tuesday. We will have the individual results in the next few weeks. Congratulations to all the students.

**Ms. M MacDonagh – Teacher of Maths**

## Geography Trip

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Year 12 and Year 13 students were offered the chance to attend an A Level Geography Study Day at the University of Oxford Natural History Museum. We attended some university-style lectures on many different and current geographical debates including one about the geological background to shale gas exploration and another focussing on climate change. Not only did this day give us some great insight into which geographical studies are being undergone at the moment, but also a view into what it would be like to go to university.

Ellie Matthews – Year 12

### *Sixth Form Open Evening*

All current Year 10 and 11 students are welcome to attend with parents on

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

6.00pm – 8.00pm

For further information: Email: [sixthform@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk) - Tel: 01865 374971 ext 702

## Part-time work and Work Permits

Students aged between 13 and the end of Year 11 can work part-time such as doing a paper round or working in a shop. There is a limit to the number of hours that students can work which depends on the student's age.

All students require a work permit before they can start a part time job.

- The work permit must be issued in the local authority where children work, regardless of where they live or go to school.
- A Risk Assessment must be carried out by the employer and shown to the child's parents before a work permit is issued.

Further information and an application form can be found at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/employing-children>

Mrs E Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager



*Information*  
**for Parents and Students**

# APPRENTICESHIP

## CAREERS EVENT

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
30 NOVEMBER 2016

EXETER HALL  
KIDLINGTON  
OX5 1AB

*To reserve a space please email  
info@theengineeringtrust.org  
or call 01993 882008*

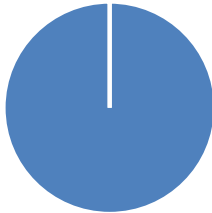
**EXHIBITORS**

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# Year 12 and 13 Parent Consultation Evening Survey

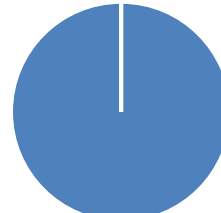
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was the Gosford Hill School Parent Consultation Evening for Year 12 and 13. Below are key points from the parents and carers survey:

My child is happy at this school



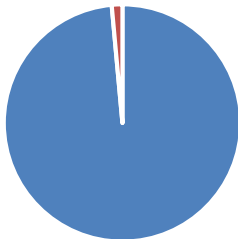
Agree or strongly agree (100%)  
Disagree or strongly disagree (0%)

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



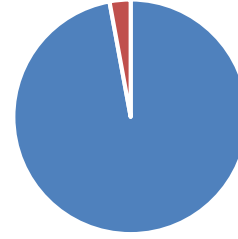
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My child is taught well at this school



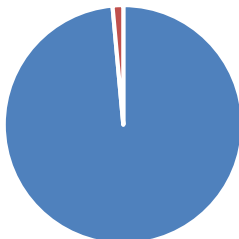
Agree or strongly agree (98.55%)  
Disagree or strongly disagree (1.45%)

My child makes good progress at this school



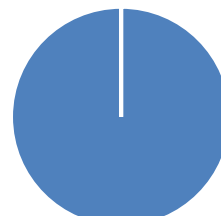
Agree or strongly agree (97.10%)  
Disagree or strongly disagree (2.90%)

My child receives the appropriate homework for their age



Agree or strongly agree (98.55%)  
Disagree or strongly disagree (1.45%)

This school is well led and managed



Agree or strongly agree (100%)  
Disagree or strongly disagree (0%)

Mr J O'Regan - Assistant Headteacher

Calling all GHS past Year 11 students (summer 2015). D&T (food, textiles and resistant materials) coursework can now be collected. Please see Miss Butcher to arrange a time to collect. If you know students outside of the Sixth Form please pass the message onto them. Any work still in school on 1<sup>st</sup> December will be disposed of.

Health and Social Care folders cannot be released due to the different course requirements. For students outside of the Sixth Form please contact Miss Butcher directly to organise a time to collect. This can be done by contacting reception.

Many thanks

**Miss L Butcher – Faculty Leader, D&T**

### **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.**