



The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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Senior UKMT Mathematics Individual Challenge

It is with absolute delight that we announce the results for the Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. 13 of our Sixth Form students participated in the external exam a few weeks ago and we obtained 10 certificates! This is an extremely rigorous mathematics exam and is taken by tens of thousands of students around the country.



GOLD: Year 13 - **Simon Hague** (Best in School and Year) and **Beren Wilkinson**

SILVER: Year 13 – **Emily Robinson** and **Peter Fazekas**; Year 12 – **Jeremy Mbararia** (Best in Year and only one mark away from Gold!) and **Tensei Rowden**

BRONZE: Year 13 – **Daniel Case** and **Matthew Boyle**; Year 12 – **Ellie Matthews** and **Royston Thorndycraft**

Commendations must go to our other 3 participants Robert Sansom (Year 13), Katie Palmer and Nithyaa Eswaran (Year 12) who were only 1 or 2 marks from receiving a Bronze. Outstanding effort from all the students.

Simon Hague did so well that he has qualified for the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad, which he will sit on Inset Day. Many congratulations to him for this exceptional achievement and we all wish him the very best of luck this Friday!

Ms M MacDonagh – Assistant Faculty Leader, Mathematics

Friends of Gosford Hill School Christmas Fair

We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, students and families who supported the Christmas fair.

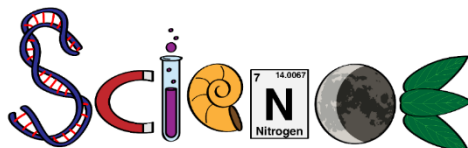
The event was a great success and we raised **£2,100**.

In addition to the support from the school community, the event was supported by many local businesses with prizes and sponsorship and we would like to extend our thanks to:

Bartlett's Butcher
Beauty by Lara
Black Horse Pub
Blenheim Palace
BMW, Mini
Box of Delights
Cherwell Graphics
Co-operative
Costa
Cotswold Wildlife Park
Crocodiles of the World
Freelance Fabrics
Geraldine Jennings Fitness

Gosford Sports Centre
Hair by Laura
Hartwells Kidlington
Hidden Secrets
Isis Clocks and Jewellery
Juvenate
Kirtlington Golf Club
La Patisserie
Magenta Café
Red Lion Pub
Sainsbury's Kidlington
Taurus Training
Übuntü (formerly Michael & Co)





Christmas Club

Science Christmas club will be running on Tuesday 6th and 13th December between 3.30 – 4.15pm. Get into the spirit of Christmas through Science. This club is open to all year groups and will give you a chance to make some Christmas decorations/gifts with a science twist to them. So, if you love Science and Christmas, then sign-up to join the club. The sign-up sheet is on Mrs Williams door (S2), just put your name and year group on the list for one or both days. Please sign up by Monday 5th December so materials will be ready.

If you have any questions, please come see Mrs Williams.

Mrs K Williams – Science Faculty

Music Marathon

Gosford Hill School is raising money for new equipment



Friday 9th December 2016
Sainsburys' Entrance, Kidlington
9.30am – 4.30pm



Please come and support our staff and students who will be playing music through the day.

Many thanks

Mrs R Frankcom – Music Faculty

Christmas Meal – Thursday 15th December

Students are invited to the Gosford Hill School Christmas meal on Thursday 15th December.



There is fresh roasted turkey or cheese, cherry tomatoes and caramelised onion tart with vegetables and all the trimmings. This is followed by Christmas muffins or Christmas tree Ice Cream. Tickets are available from the canteen and are priced at £2.50 which includes free entry to our Christmas raffle.

There will be a normal Café service at break time, including baguettes. **Only the Christmas meal will be available at lunchtime.** Students bringing packed lunches will be located in the main hall as usual.

Key Dates for Parents for December and January

December INSET Day (School closed for students) Fri 2 Dec
Year 12 & 13 Practice Exams (Mon 5 – Fri 9 Dec)
Year 11 Art Practical (Tues 6 – Wed 7 Dec)
Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (Wed 7 Dec)
Year 12 & 13 Art Practical (Tues 13 – Thu 15)
Autumn term ends on Fri 16 Dec at 12.30pm

January Spring term begins on Tues 3 Jan
Report 1, Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Home (Fri 20 Jan)
Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening (Wed 25 Jan)

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 wellbeing.

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.

TERM DATES – 2016 -2017

2016-2017

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December 2016

INSET DAYS: 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