



The Gosford Times

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Year 7 Rounders North Oxon Level 2 Tournament

On Wednesday 14th June Gosford Hill Year 7 rounders' team played in the North Oxon qualifying tournament for the county finals.

The squad of 12 students rotated fielding positions for each game with outstanding play from Lucy Hayes, Tara Nickfarjam and Isabelle Thacker getting many players out at first and second base. Out of five games played, the team managed to get the whole side out in every game within six minutes. They showed a true 'masterclass' in rounders to the rest of the schools present. The results: Pool A Blessed George Napier won 7 ½-1 ½: Banbury won 9 ½ - 2: Sibford won 7 – 1 ½. The team won Pool A and met the runners up from Pool B in the semi-final. We played Chenderit and won 5 – 2 ½. In the final we met Banbury school again and won 4 -1. Gosford Hill therefore came 1st in the Year 7 North Oxon Rounder's tournament.

This therefore qualifies the team for the county finals at Horspath on the 4th July. This is the 4th county final the Year 7 girls have qualified for this year. They finished 2nd in the Netball, Hockey and Football tournaments before Easter 2017.

Congratulations to all the players. Player of the tournament, voted for by the students: Lea Hague.

Miss D Green – PE Faculty



Year 7 Rounder's Team 2017

Tara, Nickfarjam, Lucy Hayes, Taylor Jenkins, Rebecca Pegden, Chloe Upellini, Lea Hague, Ellie Sanderson, Alessia Ilie, Phoebe Pipkin, Isabelle Thacker, Darla Merry, Faith Toon

Year 9 Rounders North Oxon Level 2 Tournament

On Tuesday 20th June the Year 9 Rounders' Team competed in the North Oxon Partnership Rounders' Tournament 2017. Despite temperatures above 25 degrees, the girls kept their cool during their seven matches against the other North Oxfordshire Schools. Going into their final match against Blessed George Napier the girls knew they were in with a good chance having won all of their matches except one draw with Chenderit. It was during this final match that it seemed that the hot weather had taken its toll on the girls as some costly fielding errors led them to lose 5-3 ½ rounders. Despite this disappointing result in their last game of the evening, the girls were hopeful that their consistent performance in their previous games would be enough to secure them the trophy.

Gosford Hill School's Year 9 Rounders' Team was presented with the trophy for coming first place in the North Oxon Partnership Rounders' Tournament 2017. Some fantastic batting, fielding, teamwork and determination during the evening had secured them 1st place with BGN coming 2nd scoring only **one** rounder less across all seven games. This therefore qualifies the rounders' team for the county finals at Horspath on July 4th. The second county final for the Year 9 team this year. Congratulations!

Player of the tournament for some outstanding rounders' despite her injury; Harriet Symes.

Miss D Green – PE Faculty



The Year 9 Rounder's Team

Lexie Horn, Lizzie Sulley, Libby Giles, Ella Littlewood, Georgia Sanderson, Rebecca Preston, Claudia Upellini, Laura Bateman, Amy Lawrence, Olivia Thacker.

Oxfordshire Gymnastics Competition Level 3

The Oxfordshire Gymnastics Competition took place at Abingdon Gymnastics club on Sunday 25th June 2017. This was a level 3 Junior Oxfordshire County Finals. Poppy Whitford, Year 7, came 1st on vault by over two marks with her Tsukahara vault, 2nd on beam, 2nd on bars and 3rd on floor. The overall result was 1st for Poppy. A fantastic achievement!

Poppy achieved a high enough score to qualify for the Southern Regional Finals Competition in October 2017. Poppy has also been selected for the regional team's competition next Sunday, 2nd July. Poppy trains over 10 hours a week with Abingdon Gymnastics Club top squad.



Poppy Whitford
1st Place

Online Safety Update



The latest update (last week) to Snapchat includes a searchable map feature which shows the location of users down to the level of which house they are in. You can access the map mode by pinching the screen in camera mode. You can then choose to share your location with friends, selected friends or publicly. To stop this you need to choose to be in 'ghost mode'. Whilst ghost mode is the default setting, there are concerns that many young people will just enable location sharing and forget they've done it.

Mr C. Hall - Head of Computing Business and Languages

Summer 2017 Enrichment Days

Please note that on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July we will be adjusting the normal timetable day in order to involve students in summer enrichment activities as outlined below:

Enrichment Day – Thursday 20th July

Year Group	Faculty leading activities	Activity
7	Computing Business & Languages	Animations; Dragons Den; Fun with Languages
8	Science	Harry Potter Science
9	Humanities	PSHE / Moral scenarios / Drama presentations
10	English	Oxford Literature Landmarks trail – Trip*
Cross Years	Creative Arts & PE	Creative Arts Trip to Lake Garda
Cross Years	Design & Technology	Practical activities for selected students
12	<i>Assisting faculties</i>	<i>Community support assisting faculties</i>

Structure of the day:

Session 1	9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.
Break	10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Session 2	11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Lunch	12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Session 3	1.30 – 3 p.m.

N.B. School will finish at 3pm. If students need to stay until 3.20pm they will be supervised in the learning centre

The following letter, from Mr. Belmont, outlines the programme for the Wednesday (19th).

Mr D Ward- Deputy Headteacher

Arrangements for Enrichment – Wednesday 19th July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the Enrichment programme on Wednesday 19th July.

- Students are to arrive in school wearing Gosford Hill PE kit. This will be worn all day
- Please bring hats/caps/suncream/bottles of water with snacks
- Please bring a fully charged mobile phone if you have access to one
- All student will register in the sports hall at 8.50am
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Programme for the day

9am Sponsored walk to raise money for the House Charities.

Each house has a different route of approximately 10km. Students will be accompanied and supervised by staff at all times. A mobile phone number will be issued on the day if students need assistance.

Each student is expected to secure sponsorship of £5. **Please use the form attached to the end of this Newsletter to record sponsors. As it is near to the end of term, money should be brought to school on Thursday 20th July.**

12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch The school canteen will be open

1.30pm Lock Down simulation

OFSTED and The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board now require schools to run through plans for lockdown. You may have read that a school in Oxford had to carry out these plans due to an incident outside the school.

Assemblies will be taken on Monday 17th July to reassure and explain the rationale to students why this is necessary to help keep our school safe.

2pm Road and Water Safety plays / House Quizzes

On the eve of a long summer holiday, students will attend assemblies to highlight road and water safety. There was very positive feedback from staff, parents/carers and students when this was piloted last year.

There will also be feedback from the lockdown simulation.

Students will attend assemblies two houses at a time – the other houses competing in an end of year quiz.

School will finish at 3pm. If students need to stay until 3.20pm they will be supervised in the learning centre.

Mr R Belmont – Assistant Headteacher

Gosford Hill Sponsored Walk Wednesday 19th July

All proceeds go to House Charities

Name of student: _____

Name of Sponsor	Amount	Paid

Please try and raise a minimum of £5. If everybody in the school achieves this, it will make a big difference

Bring sponsor money to school on Thursday 20th July.

Your tutor will collect it.