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Year 10 Science Trip to Thorpe Park



On Friday 15th September the science faculty took a group of Year 10 pupils on an exciting and physics based trip to Thorpe Park! Pupils learnt how rollercoaster architects designed magnets to stop the fastest rollercoaster in the park, as well as the reasons behind the corkscrew design of Colossus and the use of g-force in Zodiac – the rollercoaster without seatbelts! They also calculated the gravitational potential energy of Stealth – that tallest rollercoaster in the UK! And of course they got to try out the rollercoasters for themselves!

Miss Hamdy and Mr Moss

Photographic Prints



A last opportunity to purchase photographic prints from:
High School Musical and **Year 11 Ball**.

To view the images and purchase please email:
info@ceretadrewettphotography.co.uk

Please state which photographs you would like to view and the correct link will be forwarded.

Cereta Drewett

European Day of Languages
26 September

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES
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CENTRE EUROPEEN POUR LES LANGUES VIVANTES
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Upcoming Opportunities to find out about careers and jobs

BMW GIRLS GO TECHNICAL PROGRAMME – APPLY NOW! Years 11 to 13

BMW are again running their popular Girls Go Technical Programme, aimed at young ladies between the ages of 15 and 24 who are considering a technical apprenticeship within the manufacturing industry to commence in September 2018.

“Participants will experience the day-to-day challenges encountered by our engineers and technical apprentices in our fascinating world-class factories through this exciting and unique opportunity”

A limited number of places are available on the scheme which will run during the October half term holiday from Monday 23rd October through to Thursday 26th October 2017.

Upon completion of the programme, participants will have gained:

- An in-depth awareness of manufacturing and engineering processes
- An insight into the range of careers available including technical roles
- Enhanced interview and job application skills.

To apply for the Oxford area:

https://bmwgroup.jobs/en_gb/job?ref=170000Q4&default=true

For further information including videos, posts, etc on GGT and other BMW programmes please visit us at:

www.facebook.com/bmwcareersuk

Deadline for application is **Sunday 24th September**.



ALL YEARS: DIRECTING DRAMA WEEKEND - “change the way you look at every script”

14th and 15th October 2017

Directing Drama for Film & TV covers the principles of directing drama for the screen and shows students how to apply them in practice. It is run by filmmaker Simon Hook, who made several award-winning shorts before going on to direct broadcast television drama for the BBC and Channel 4. He demonstrates the principles of directing drama through analysis of film and television clips and follows them up with practical exercises with the camera.

Directing Drama for Film & TV is a weekend course for students wishing to learn or develop their directing skills. Experience of working on short films and/or completing training courses such as Shooting Video is desirable.

E-mail: office@filmoxford.org

or go to: <https://www.filmoxford.org/course/directing-drama-weekend/>

CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE INFORMATION - Years 10 to 12

800 healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with students who are interested in:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary Medicine
- Biomedical Sciences
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Psychology
- Dentistry

at the National Healthcare Weekend on the **18th and 19th November** taking place in London, Cardiff, Birmingham, Nottingham and Lancaster: Over 30 conferences on different specialties on the same day!

It is a highly valuable opportunity for students to network with a variety of healthcare professions, learn about work experience opportunities and how to make a successful application.

Registration is £25 for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each specialty. Students can register on the Medic Mentor website and find out more about the events here:

<http://medicmentor.co.uk/about/events-2/>

WORKING IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IT - Years 10 to 13

Vodafone are offering an 'Insight Day' at their HQ in Newbury on Thursday 2nd November.

The day, which runs from 10:00am – 2:15pm is aimed at providing 14-18 year olds with key skills in areas such as digital awareness, CV & interview techniques and a general insight into the world of work.

There will also be a session on Vodafone's apprenticeship and graduate programmes, useful for those interested in the Communications Industry.

Alison Driscoll
Assistant Headteacher

Friends of Gosford Hill School Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Gosford Hill School AGM will be on Monday 25th September at 7:00pm, at Gosford Hill School, in the Learning Centre (library).

Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and we'll start planning our next event.

Sarah Ewart
Friends of Gosford Hill School

Please make sure you are using Show My Homework

Dear Parents,

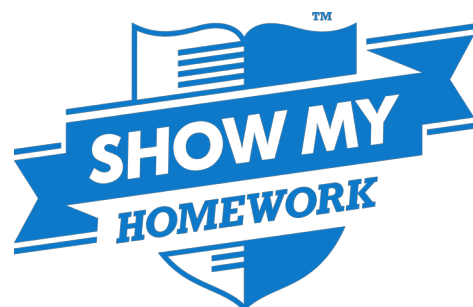
As you know Show My Homework is the method we use for setting home learning. We know that many parents use it regularly to ensure that their child is keeping up to date, so thank you. If you are not using it then please make an effort to log on and personalise it to your needs. The address is simply www.showmyhomework.co.uk

All students have been issued with letters either on ILP day or if they are in Year 7 they should have received it this week.

Also, **if you are having technical difficulties logging on to Show My Homework** then please go to the following site, <http://status.showmyhomework.co.uk/>, which will let you know if there is a problem with their website. And they are happy for parents to contact them directly if they are having issues logging on, please contact them using <http://help.showmyhomework.co.uk/>. They advise that Show My Homework will only work on the latest internet browsers, so if you are having a difficulties it may be due to not having the most up-to-date browsers installed on your device.

Many thanks,

Mr J O'Regan
Assistant Headteacher



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) 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: 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 6th September – Thursday 21st December 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017

Spring Term:

Monday 8th January – Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term Break: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Summer Term:

Monday 16th April – Wednesday 25th July 2018

Half Term Break: Monday 28th May – June 1st 2018

INSET DAYS: Friday 6th October 2017, Monday 27th November 2017, Friday 29th June 2018