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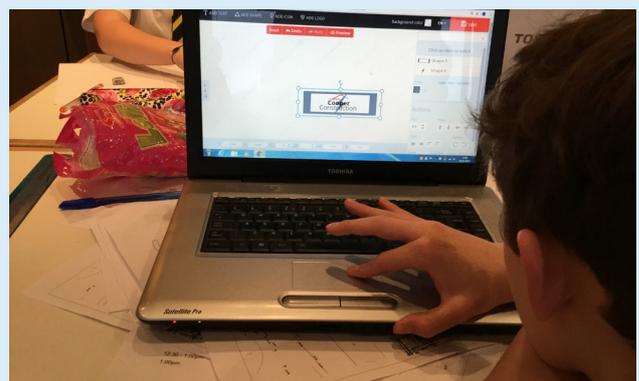
Year 9 OBEA Construction Challenge

On Wednesday 22nd of November and Thursday 30th November from morning to the afternoon students in Gosford Hill School, who were able in the following subjects; DT, Maths, Business and Art, were invited to participate in a construction challenge. Within the challenge they had to compete against other schools (Wheatley Park School and Lord Williams). They travelled to Kingerlee Construction in Kidlington to attend the competition.

The students were given a wide range of activities, which corresponded with certain roles within their groups. Project managers decided the company name, the logo and the detail within the work. Architects had to read maps and carefully measure the size of the total area used. Mechanics had to consider the important factors that must be required within the building like water systems and heating systems. The electrician focused on making the mechanical parts work as well as electric through the whole building and the costs manager focused heavily on making sure the project is within budget plus health and safety. The Year 9's received a task. This was to build a spectacular Formula One headquarters that had to include heating systems, electric around the building, framework etc. The students had to make presentations about the building materials, resources and how it could be built. This presentation was accomplished by visiting other garages. For example, the students visited the Ford garage Kidlington to get inspiration about ideas for the building and other infrastructure. The winning school would receive a cup with their school name engraved on it.

Overall, students achieved ideas on how construction based jobs function. This is a major success for the students as it gives them insight for their future careers and possible work experience ideas. Moreover, other skills were learned, this was how buildings are made, methods or other ideas used by a business to build, how different roles within the construction branch work and how the construction business works.

Joseph Sarbatta, 9TJFR



Year 9 students that attended the competition on behalf of Gosford Hill School:

Joseph Sarbatta
Hannah Mackenzie-Wintle
David Butler
Daniel Butler
Freya Cooper
Tom Underwood

Ypres Battlefields Visit

The next instalment of £36.00 is now due, or you can pay off the final amount of £56.00.

Students can take the payments, in a named envelope to the Finance Office.

The third and final instalment is due Friday 19th January.

Alison Driscoll,
Assistant Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 20th December

In order to raise money for charity, students from all year groups can pay a suggested £1 donation and wear a Christmas jumper to school for the day. Tickets are also on sale for Christmas Lunch on the same day.

Donations will be collected by Sixth Form students on Wednesday 20th December as students arrive in school.

Students who pay to wear a Christmas Jumper do not have to wear a blazer or tie. All other students will wear school uniform as normal.

Students must pay to wear a Christmas jumper. For example, they cannot pay to not wear a blazer and tie without wearing a Christmas jumper, students cannot pay to wear any other items (hoodies, sweatshirts etc).

Thank you for your support.

Richard Belmont,
Assistant Headteacher

Arrangements for the last day of term – Thursday 21st December

- Periods one and two as normal (students performing in the assembly please go to the Sports Hall at the start of period 2).
- After break, go to your form room.
- Leave your bags and coats in the form room. You will then be led to the Sports Hall for an assembly by your tutor.
- Cherwell and Windrush enter by the school changing rooms.
- Evenlode enter by the main Leisure Centre entrance.
- Thames enter by the fire escape by the side of the Sports Hall.
- After the assembly you will return to your form rooms until 12.30pm when you will leave the school site.
- Students will return to school on Monday 8th January 2018. Lessons as normal.

Richard Belmont,
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 6 th September – Thursday 21 st December 2017 <i>Half Term Break: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017</i>
Spring Term:	Monday 8 th January – Thursday 29 th March 2018 <i>Half Term Break: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 16 th April – Wednesday 25 th July 2018 <i>Half Term Break: Monday 28th May – June 1st 2018</i>
INSET DAYS:	Friday 29 th June 2018

TERM DATES: 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term:	Wednesday 5 th September – Friday 21 st December 2018 <i>Half Term Break: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018</i>
Spring Term:	Monday 7 th January – Friday 5 th April 2019 <i>Half Term Break: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 23 rd April – Wednesday 24 th July 2019 <i>Easter Break: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April 2019</i>
INSET DAYS:	Tuesday 4 th September 2018, 5 th October, 26 th November, 15 th February, 29 th June