



The Gosford Times

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Former Students win OAA Apprenticeship Ambassadors of the Year

We have some lovely news to share with you all regarding two former students.

Olivia Buckingham and Mat Thomas left Gosford Hill School to take on roles as apprentices. Olivia is a Youth Ambition Apprentice at Oxford City Council and Mat is an Electrical Apprentice with Darke & Taylor. They have both been back to Gosford Hill School to take part in Human Libraries and workshops to help inspire the next generation of Apprentices, as well as taking part in lots of careers events and activities in schools across the county.

Both Olivia and Mat were the proud winners of 'Apprenticeship Ambassadors of the Year' at the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony held at Blenheim Palace. You can see the full news story by visiting the following link: <http://ow.ly/LQDY30klc3O>

It is wonderful to see how well some of our former students are doing, and hopefully this will inspire our current students to believe they can do anything they want if they put their mind to it.

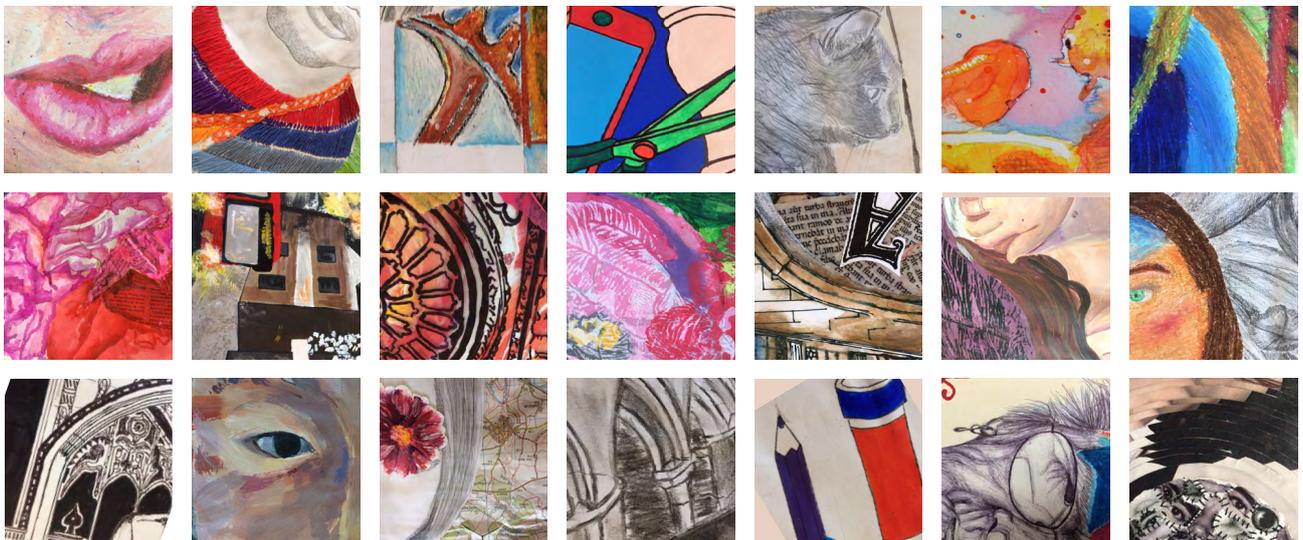
Congratulations Olivia and Mat, Gosford Hill School is very proud of you both!

Vikki Franklin, Careers Education Co-ordinator



Gosford Hill School GCSE Art Exhibition

Tuesday 19th June, 3.30pm – 5.30pm



Year 11 GCSE Exams Timetable, June 2018

Day	Period	Exam	Revision Session
Monday 11th June	1	Biology	
	2		
	3		Maths/Geography
	4		Maths/Geography
	5	Geography	
Tuesday 12th June	1	Maths (Calculator)	
	2		
	3		Chemistry
	4		Chemistry
	5		
Wednesday 13th June	1	Chemistry	
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
Thursday 14th June	1		Resistant Materials/Food & Nutrition
	2		Resistant Materials/Food & Nutrition
	3		Physics
	4		Physics
	5	Resistant Materials/Food & Nutrition	
Friday 15th June	1	Physics	
	2		
	3		German
	4		German
	5		

Day	Period	Exam	Revision Session
Monday 18th June	1	German Listening/Reading	
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
Wednesday 20th June	1		
	2		
	3		German
	4		German
	5		
Thursday 21st June	1	German Writing	
	2		

Will you help us build
for a better society?

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Apprentice Highways Operative opportunities

We are looking for enthusiastic people who love to work outdoors to join our apprenticeship programme in Highways Services, learning to conduct the main duties of either a Highways Maintenance Operative, or a Supervisor.

Our Oxfordshire opportunities are based in Deddington and Drayton.

Find out more at www.skanska.co.uk/careers. Click 'search & apply for jobs' and type 'apprentice' in the search box.

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16-18 Year Olds Wanted for Flexible Summer Work!

Looking to earn some cash over the summer holidays?

We are currently looking for 16-18 year olds to take part in a Mystery Shopping mission on behalf of the National Lottery.

Pay rates are around **£55 per day** based the number of calls completed, a great way to earn some extra cash over the summer and great experience to put on your CV and uni applications!

All you need is:

- To be aged 16-18 between June and September
- To be no taller than 5"5 (females) or 5"6 (males)
- To be able to work at least one day per week over the summer holidays (but you can do more if you want!)
- A valid photo ID

For more information or to apply, please contact us at recruitment@cosineuk.com

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School Nurse

Following the promotion of Ruth Spencer, her full time replacement will start in the final two weeks of term. Until then, students who wish to have school nurse support should go to student services for advice. Mary Marshall will be on site every Thursday from 9am - 3.30pm.

Parent/carers or students should continue to make appointments directly with GPs and nurses at their own surgery where necessary.

Thank you.

Richard Belmont, Assistant Headteacher

Careers News

THE YOUNG LAWYER PROGRAMME AT UCL - SATURDAY 14th JULY 2018

We write to provide you with an exciting announcement about The Young Lawyer Programme, which will be held at UCL on July 14th.

For the first time ever, two barristers will conduct a mock criminal trial on stage, with actors being cross-examined live. Students will have the ability to contribute to the cross-examination through strategic pauses in the simulation; and to play the role of the jury.

Overall, this programme will give students a dynamic immersion into the life of a lawyer through a mixture of case-studies, interactive exercises and personal networking time. Lawyers in attendance will include:

- Former human rights legal adviser to the current Prime Minister

- Barristers specialising in serious criminal cases
- Senior commercial lawyer from a 'Magic Circle' law firm
- Family lawyer working on high-profile divorce cases

Moreover, an entire session will be dedicated to coaching students on their journey to a top legal career; starting now. This session will be run by the head of graduate recruitment at a top City law firm, along with a leading barrister. If you are reading this newsletter online, click [here](#) for further information and to book your place.

THE YOUNG POLITICIAN PROGRAMME UCL - SUNDAY 15th JULY 2018

We are delighted to announce that a former speech-writer for Tony Blair will be coaching our students in the art of public speaking at The Young Politician Programme this July. This session will prepare students for a live afternoon parliamentary debate in which they will be challenged by a current MP on a gripping international relations issue.

The Young Politician Programme therefore represents a unique opportunity for students to experience the whirlwind life of a politician. The programme will begin with a live news bulletin and students will be involved in a series of real-life political simulations resulting from that. The simulations will include debating with Lobbyists and being grilled in a 'Newsnight'-style interview. In attendance will be high-profile figures from the world of politics, including:

- A former Cabinet Minister
- A current MP
- A former speech-writer for the Prime Minister
- Lobbyists
- Policy Experts
- Parliamentary Aides

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APPRENTICE HIGHWAYS OPERATIVE – 2018 PROGRAMME

Our apprentice programme is a great opportunity to gain a recognised academic or vocational qualification from college, with on-the-job training giving you the chance to earn while you learn, whilst employed full-time at Skanska. As a Highways Operative Apprentice, you will learn and conduct the main duties and tasks of a highways maintenance operative.

What you'll do:

- Complete various tasks in order to support the project team
- Locate underground services, including gas and power cables, working safely around them
- Carry out maintenance to the highway to keep roads safe and traffic flowing
- Install, maintain and work within temporary traffic management
- Work with a wide range of power tools and plant to repair potholes, replace pavements and lay new surfaces

Who you are:

- Ready to work towards a Level 2 NVQ
- No previous experience in construction is required but you will want to help us shape the future and build for a better society
- Happy to work outdoors in all weathers
- A good team player
- Have a degree of work-readiness, including punctuality, an understanding of safety in the workplace, and willingness to adhere to rules and regulations

- Hold a driving licence or be willing to obtain this as soon as you are able – some sites are remote and driving will be an important part of the job

What we offer:

- The opportunity to volunteer as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award
- A structured career path support, helping you realise your potential

Programme start date: September 2018

A career with us means you'll have the freedom to develop your skills and leave your mark on the communities in which we work. Our competitive benefits package will help to enhance your life outside work, too.

We would like you to perform at your best at every stage of our recruitment process. Please contact us if you require any adjustments that would support you throughout your application.

We thrive through embracing differences, whether they be social backgrounds, ethnicity, disability, gender, age, religion, sexuality and any other protected characteristic – we know that diversity opens a rich potential for new ways of thinking, helping us to build successful and winning teams. We call it Naturally Skanska.

APPRENTICE SUPERVISOR (OXFORDSHIRE) – 2018 PROGRAMME

Our apprentice programme is a great opportunity to gain a recognised academic or vocational qualification from college, with on-the-job training giving you the chance to earn while you learn, whilst employed full-time at Skanska.

As an Apprentice Supervisor you will work as part of a team undertaking a range of highway maintenance activities. You will be assigned to one of our Oxfordshire depots and be required to work across the county, supporting Depot Supervisors to plan, organise, direct and manage operations, ensuring work is delivered safely, to a high standard and within financial targets.

What you'll do:

- Provide IT support to the Highway Supervisors in their day-to-day duties.
- Enter works into our programming software package, and allocate to gangs.
- Check output performance data on a daily basis, highlighting performance issues.
- Review cost data.
- Order plant and materials.
- Promote health & safety culture and be responsible for undertaking works in a safe and compliant manner.

Who you are:

- Studying to achieve or having achieved Level 2 English and Maths (GCSE A*-C or equivalent).
- Willing to work at nights or weekends when required
- No previous experience in construction is required but you will want to help us shape the future and build for a better society

What we offer:

- Support to achieve a Level 3 Team Leader/Supervisor qualification.
- The opportunity to volunteer as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award.
- A structured career path support, helping you realise your potential.

Programme start date: September 2018

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TERM DATES: 2017 - 2018

Summer Term: Monday 16th April – Wednesday 25th July 2018

INSET DAYS: Friday 29th June 2018

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Autumn Term: Wednesday 5th September – Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term Break: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018

Spring Term: Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term Break: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term: Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July 2019

Half Term Break: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 4th September 2018, 5th October, 26th November, 15th February, 28th June

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.