



Dear Parents

The exam season is now in full swing for Year 11 – and of course that means the sun has come out at last! Students and staff have been working very hard to prepare and we are looking forward to celebrating the students' success in August. We wish the students the best of luck and we would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for all their support – especially in ensuring that those revision timetables are stuck to over half term!

Before the written exams got underway, we held the Leavers' Celebration for Year 11. About 20 of Year 11 came up to school the evening before and decorated the Quad with a wonderful chalk mural. It was a stunning sight to greet the rest of their Year and all other students the next morning. After a morning of hard revision, they then 'altered' their uniform for shirt signing on the lawn. Finally, there was the annual trip down memory lane as the Heads of House shared photos of the students in their younger days. Many thanks to those parents who made the occasion by supplying us with 'baby photos' to add to the embarrassment. An additional highlight this year was a video of staff and students talking about their experiences of Gillotts, made by one of our Head Students, Kiri Cheesman. It was a lovely event and the students once again reminded us that

we are right to be very proud of them. We look forward to celebrating the end of the exams with them, at the Prom.

The Year 11 Football team certainly went out in style by winning the Vale Cup – with a score of 3-1 in the final against Wallingford. Year 7 also had a very successful weekend at Skern Lodge. The staff were very impressed by their willingness to participate and work together as a team. Year 9 students have also been out and about on their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. The assessors commented on how well they worked together as teams, how tidy they kept their campsite, their willingness to keep going when the going got tough (and in the heat of the weekend it certainly did). We believe 50 students passed.

With Year 11 almost leaving us, we have a three new Head Students in place: Lulu Broadbent, Felix Butterworth and Lauren Leach-Scrivens. I very much look forward to working with them.

I was very pleased to attend the recent Mayor Making ceremony at which one of our parents, Glen Lambert, became Henley's new mayor. We are also delighted and very touched that he has chosen Gillotts as one of his three charities for the year. Such support from our local community is much valued.

I hope you will enjoy some time with family and friends during the half term – but, Year 11, stick to those revision timetables!

Best wishes



Catharine Darnton
Headteacher

Reminder - dropping off and collecting students from Gillotts

The best places to drop your child off/ collect them by car are:

Makins Road – there is a network of footpaths that give access to the site. Please however do not park on the pavements or block residents' driveways; please also remind your children to respect residents' property as they walk in.

Leisure Centre car park – a one way system operates around the car park to ease the process. Please note that there is a 'give way' line as you leave the car park, giving priority to vehicles leaving or entering the school.

Please do not use the bus bay, any area of the school site beyond the turning into the Leisure Centre car park or Gillotts Lane.

The bus bay – we have a large number of buses and coaches, some of which need to reverse to get in or out. Please do not use the bus bay, the school cannot be held responsible for any accidents that may arise. Additionally, apart from the obvious danger this poses to all students, it is likely that your insurance will be invalidated if the clear signage is ignored. Teachers are on duty at the end of the day to ensure students who are waiting for the buses remain behind the barriers. Please do not drop off/ collect or park in the bus bay.

The school site – because there is limited space for turning on the site, and because of the number of students, please do not bring your car onto site at the beginning or end of the day.

Gillotts Lane – parents waiting by the kerb on Gillotts Lane effectively reduce the road to single track and this can lead to grid lock. Please avoid parking in this area if you can.

We do understand that there are some difficulties because of the location of the school but if all parents follow the above advice, previous experience indicates that all will go smoothly.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

Parent View

Parent View is an online questionnaire for parents and carers to feed back to Ofsted on their child's school. It is now the main mechanism that Ofsted use to gather parents' views at the time of an inspection. There are just 12 questions to answer. The questions look at the key areas such as happiness, safety, progress, quality of teaching, behaviour and school leadership. The final question asks if you would recommend the school to another parent. Everyone's responses are put together and are available to view on the Parent View website. In order to minimise the risk of abuse, you are required to register and create a password. We would be very pleased to have your ongoing feedback of what you think of the school – please visit <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Holidays in term time

You should be aware that amendments have been made by the Government to the regulations concerning pupil attendance at school. These amendments came into force on 1 September 2013. Headteachers do have the discretion to grant leave, but they should only do so in exceptional circumstances. If a headteacher grants a leave request, it is for them to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school. This leave is unlikely, however, to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Whilst we have always refused requests for leave in term time if we felt the reason for the request for not sufficiently strong, this change means that granting leave in term time will really only be in exceptional cases.

DARWIN NEWS

Tutee of the Term

DABY - Kitty Horne	DJAS - Will Lawrence
DCHA - Wendy Mcloughlin	DJLG - Katie Rosier
DFD - Charles Chan	DPJY - Izzy Holden
DFMW - Katie Knight	DROM/GB - Hannah Leach-Scrivens
DGS - Georgia Hunter	DYF - Olivia Jones
DHJR - Ashleigh Poolan	



ORWELL NEWS

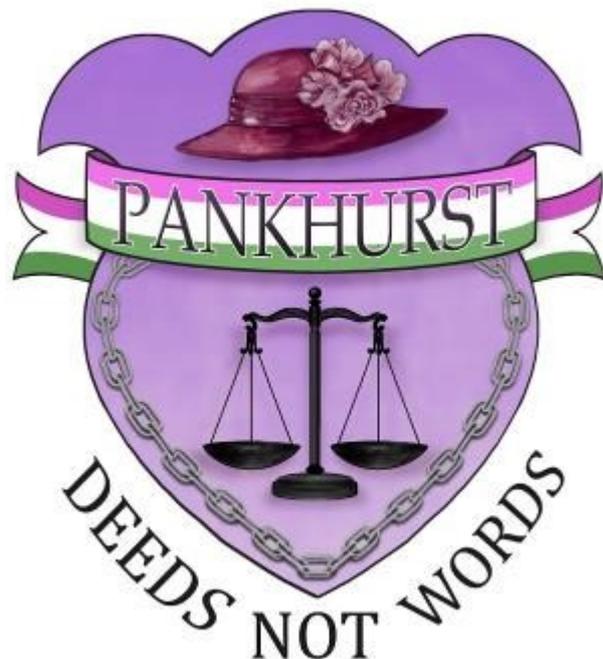
Tutee of the Term

OAB/ELD - Ceri-Ann Isaac	OGDL - Aimee Smith
OACM - Melody Luscombe	OGMO - Tom Letts
OCH - Jamie Hudson	OJAW - Neave Jordan
OCLV - Alexander McDonald	OJDG - George Partridge
OFH - Ishka Smith	OJWZ - Beth Griffin
	OLUH - Scarlett Steel
	OTWN - Louisa Alvey

PANKHURST NEWS

Tutee of the Term:

PCAD/ND - Valery Pereira
PCD - Felix Butterworth
PCMR - Sienna Wright
PGDM - Tyler Folley
PHRW/GL/TL -
PHS/CW - Anabelle Hoogenburg
PLOS - Alessia Doran
PLSS - Meg Hearn
PKLO - Connor Botha
PKJS - Charlotte Ely
PSJW - Nell Collings
PTAG - Ben Hoskins



Pictures from Year 11 Leavers Day (Shirt Signing)



Mock Interviews and Careers Day

For the final PSHE day of the year, Yr 10 students were suited and booted for the the mock interview day. In preparation for the day students were given the task of writing a CV. The majority of students completed them before the deadline and had their CV sent to the interviewer for feedback, but some missed the cut off point and had to turn up to the interview and explain why they hadn't submitted their CV. This has hopefully given all the students a real insight into the importance of meeting deadlines!

Mr Geoff Bull who is in charge of Advice and Guidance at Gillotts said "I was delighted with the maturity and enthusiasm displayed by all the Year 10 students during the mock interview day. Some were a little apprehensive, but they soon relaxed and dealt with the process in a professional manner".



Lauren Perks (Y10 Student) said " It was really helpful to gain the experience of having a formal interview and get detailed feedback on my performance. It has boosted my confidence and know I will be better prepared for future interviews".

The interviewers were also very complimentary about the way the students dealt with the interviews, especially as it isn't something they have done before. One interviewer said "the students are a credit to the school and I noticed a huge improvement in the quality of engagement and calibre of interviews this year."

The experience has given the students an insight to life after Gillotts and will hopefully inspire them to act on the advice given by the interviewers.

Air Cadets

Earlier this week, the 447 Henley Squadron Air Training Corp were assessed by the Thames Valley Wing Commander in an annual inspection. The cadets (which include some of our Gillotts students) displayed excellent behaviour, and Tristan Martin received the Best Cadet Shield.

Warrant Officer S. Miller expressed his pride over the cadets' performance during the inspection. "I don't think this is about winning or losing," he said. "More than anything, it's an opportunity for staff officers to interact with the cadets once a year.

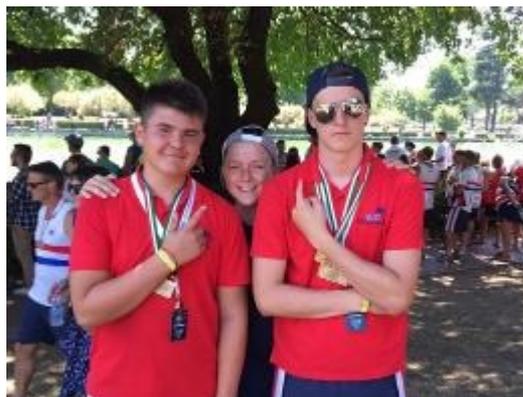
And it's an opportunity for the cadets to strut their stuff." The cadets had put in a tremendous amount of effort in preparation for the evening, and a few of them had only joined a week ago. "You have no idea the amount of work that goes into this," noted Warrant Officer Miller, "it's weeks of practice."



Sam Chamberlain

Sam Chamberlain in year 11 has been selected for the GB team for the Dragon boating European championships in Germany this summer. This achievement has taken many hours of training and dedication, Sam has often shared tales of travelling through the night for training and trials in cold and choppy water so the place is very well deserved.

We wish Sam the best of luck in the championships this summer and for his future in Dragon boat racing when he leaves Gillotts.



Gateway Guitar Club

A big goodbye to some of our original Gateway Guitar Club members. They have blossomed over the years and played some wonderful music for us to enjoy with their teachers Katie Greene and Jim Maving. Abdulaziz Teves and Sian Page will be very missed, as will the other year 11's. We would like to wish them lots of luck with their GCSE's and congratulate them on the GCSE music pieces written and performed by them. Thankyou for the music over the years!

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

We are so proud of all of the 52 year 9 students who took part in the assessed Duke of Edinburgh expedition, walking from Farnham Common to Chalfont St Giles over 2 days in temperatures of up to 23 C. They camped at Paccar camp over night. During the weekend some were noting what wildlife they saw, others were surveying the amount of litter around, each group had a different aim that they were concentrating on. The assessors were really impressed with the way in which each group worked together as a team, navigating their way from place to place. They were particularly impressed with their camping skills and how clean and tidy they left the campsite on Sunday morning. The students all arrived at the pick up point with relieved smiles on their faces and cheers from those already there. Some of the students have now only got to complete their presentations following their expedition, others still have to complete one of their other sections, which include up to 6 months each of volunteering, learning a new skill and improving their fitness in some way.

We will be running the Bronze award again next year for year 9 students, but will also be offering the silver award for year 10 students. If you are interested at all, come and talk to either Mrs Michael or Dr Omar.



Skern Lodge 2018

Skern Lodge was AMAZING! We got there and instantly got onto activities and started having so much fun. Everyone had a fantastic time. An activity that everyone loved was surfing because of the adrenaline rush when you catch a wave. Most people conquered their fears by getting to the top of the high ropes and climbing up the steep climbing wall.

We also did team building activities so that we got to know our peers better while solving puzzles. Overall we had a BRILLIANT time!

Nel Priestly and Sophia Frasca-Martin



Gillotts Win Cup Final Against Wallingford

The Year 11 Gillotts team win an unforgettable cup final in a dramatic extra time victory against a previously unbeatable Wallingford team.

Having failed to beat Wallingford in their previous 5 years of local rivalry, the Gillotts team saved the best until last in their final outing for the school in the Vale of White Horse district schools cup final. In the match hosted at Henley Town's Triangle Ground, Wallingford used their physical presence to force a scrappy game in the first half, taking a one goal lead into half-time when their forward was put directly through on goal with a long pass that was lobbed over the on-rushing **Josh Le Beigge** in the Gillotts' goal. But as the second half progressed, the better technical ability and possession football of the Gillotts' team, along with their team spirit, began to see the momentum of the match swing in their favour.

Gabriel Langford and **Marco de Sousa** in the centre of midfield were undeterred by the continual fouling from the opposition that resulted in Wallingford collecting a number of yellow cards and conceding free-kicks in dangerous positions. One of these was struck by **Tumelo Makobe** from the corner of the area, leaving the Wallingford keeper with the cross bar to thank for keeping them ahead in the tie.

But this was just the start of things to come...

The match turned into a real end-to-end cup tie. **Sam Butler**, now in the Gillotts goal, had to make a number of key stops to keep the score at 1-0. But Gillotts were creating the better of the chances and finally got their just reward when **Kyra Hannibal** met yet another quality cross from **Pawel Kaczorowski** to smash the ball home and take the tie into extra time. In extra time, there was only ever going to be one winner. The critical turning point came in the first-half of extra time when **Jake Jones** was put through one-on-one and calmly slotted the ball underneath the Wallingford keeper to put Gillotts deservedly ahead for the first time in the tie. The Gillotts' defence of **Ed Lawrence**, **Ethan Pearce**, **Christian Oswald** and **Seemit Gurung/Sam Clark** were authoritative in repelling anything Wallingford had to offer and able to play out from the back to support the dynamic running of **Max Gaskin** on the left flank.

The killer blow came in the final minute from a Wallingford corner. With their entire team, including the keeper, up in the area for a last ditch attempt to salvage a draw, Gillotts were able to clear the ball away to **Charlie Douglas** to run the length of the field unopposed and put the tie to bed, much to the delight of the home supporters! While everyone in the team contributed to this match winning performance, **Man of the Match** was **Marco de Sousa** who was instrumental in pulling the strings in central midfield and standing up to the physical pressure imposed on him by the away team.

Fantastic way to finish 5 years of school team football. Mr Jansen was very proud of the teams' achievements and wishes them all well for the future.



Berkshire College of Agriculture Visit

A wonderful day was spent in the sunshine surrounded by 400 acres of Berkshire Countryside.

It was the perfect setting for Gillotts students to help BCA Agriculture students clean out the sheep pens, making them spotless for the arrival of all the new born lambs with their mums!

Gillotts Success at Area Athletics Trials

70 Gillotts students have just returned from the Area Athletics Trials. This was a major event for the Gillotts students as they were competing against teams from Chiltern Edge, Langtree, Icknield, The Oratory, Wallingford, Didcot Girls, Wheatley Park, Cranford House and St. Birinus. The Gillotts Year 7 and Year 10 / 11 girls teams took first position overall with some outstanding individual performances. In Year 7 Sienna Wright is a name to watch. Sienna claimed 1st place in the 100m, 200m, and long jump and then was part of the winning Year 7 relay team. Georgina Ashby (Year 8) came second in the 100m and long jump. Daisy Weiser (Year 9) put in another great performance taking 1st in the 100m.,200m., long jump and again was part of the winning Year 8/9 relay team. The Year 10/11 girls relay team also swept aside the competition for an easy win. Lulu Broadbent and Becky Barry were in the top 100m and 200m places with Lulu also taking first in the long jump. Katie Knight was second in the 300 metres, Poppy Priestly took 1st in the shot putt with Freya Meeks 2nd, and Morgan Hanson managed to fit in 2nd place in the 800m. in the middle of her GCSE exams. For the boys there were strong performances from Gabriel Gierczyk, and Sergej Vujosevic in the shot putt, Gabriel also took second in the discus and Sonny Martin in the 100m and 200m. The Year 8 /9 boys relay team were 2nd and the Year 10 / 11 boys relay team 3rd. Winning athletes will now be invited to compete in the Oxfordshire county trials in June.



Chelsea's Choice Presentation



Gillotts School welcomed AlterEgo to perform for year 9's, 'Chelsea's Choice', an internationally renowned, hard-hitting production that has proven highly successful in raising awareness around the issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The play, which has now been seen by hundreds of professionals and over 800,000 young people throughout the UK, is followed by an actor facilitated post-show talk exploring the issues raised.

It tells the story of a group of three students who discover the diary of a girl called Chelsea. Chelsea was a 15 year old girl who, having fallen out with her friends and family, met a guy called Gary. Gary was kind,

understanding, had a nice car, had his own flat and listened to her. Unfortunately Gary was not what he seemed to be! Chelsea's story is played out and examined by the three students who, along with their teacher, attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea and how it could have been prevented.

The play has been seen by thousands of young people & hundreds of professionals & has proven highly effective at covering:

- What makes a Healthy Relationship
- What makes an Unhealthy Relationship
- Safe Internet Use/Sexting
- What is Consent
- The Grooming Process, Child Sexual Exploitation & the differing models & methods
- Where to go for help & advice

For adult audiences it also:

- Raises awareness of 'The Warning Signs of CSE'
- Raises awareness of the journey that young people may have been on that has resulted in them being exploited – a journey that can all too easily make it seem as though they have 'made their own choices' and can leave them not seeing themselves as victims and fighting against any intervention.



"Raising young peoples' awareness of child sexual exploitation is key in helping to prevent them from becoming victims of this crime. AlterEgo's safeguarding drama, 'Chelsea's Choice', does this by creatively tackling the issue of child sexual exploitation, exploring the different ways that young people can be drawn into abusive relationships and illustrating some of the consequences." Nathalie Walters, Chief Executive, Safe and Sound Derby



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SUMMER PARTY!



The Summer Party is organised by Gillotts Parents Association. The Parents Association exists to raise money to fund extra resources for our children, the students at Gillotts school.

We would welcome any support you are able to offer with planning or running future events. If you are interested in any way, you can find details of our next meeting on the school website, or sign up at:

gillottspa@gmail.com

Naming Belongings

Please make sure all items of uniform and other belongs are clearly named.

If named items are found they can then be taken to the relevant housebase and given back to the pupil.

Letting the School Know about Absences

Any attendance related issues (ie: medical appointments, absence requests, sickness) are dealt with by the attendance administrator. You can let her know of any issues via attendance@gillotts.org.uk or by leaving her an answer phone message on 01491 636 812.

Thank you.

Science revision guides

Many students have been ordering the CGP KS3 and GCSE revision guides over the past couple of years and have been finding them very useful for their revision. There will be further opportunities to later in the year for anyone who still wants to order guides. Information will be in student notices about this.

Book amnesty - when the books are finished with, the science department would very much appreciate donations for use in class, partially completed workbooks included.

Year 11 students, when you finish your exams, come for a chat to let us know how it all went and drop off your books.

Please hand books to your science teacher or to the science technicians. Many thanks.

Henley Roundtable - Donation to the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association has been given a very generous donation of £700 to support its work. This comes from the Henley Roundtable Charitable Trust, which is making donations to all the state schools in Henley. They raised this money through events which were supported by the generous people of Henley and the surrounding area and the group has always sought to put charity money raised into initiatives that would support local people.

The PA are currently supporting a Music Team project to purchase class sets of guitars and ukuleles and this additional funding will enable the project to go ahead.

We are very grateful to the Roundtable for their support.

Credit to Henley Herald for photos of mock interviews and air cadets.

Advice and Guidance

Oxcentric

www.oxme.info/opportunities

This website is regularly updated with opportunities around Oxfordshire. It is suitable for young people looking for work, apprenticeships, training, volunteering and much more.

Webchat: you can contact The Opportunities Team on 01865 328460, by email opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk or online. You can chat to the team about jobs, opportunities and other issues go to the Oxcentric homepage and find the icon on the right of the page.

Resources and tips: download worksheet on interview techniques, CV writing and much more from your first job (put into search bar) section of Oxcentric.

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx> - this offers information and professional advice about education, training and work to people of all ages. The website, helpline and web chat offers confidential and impartial advice supported by qualified careers advisers. The telephone number is 0800 100 900

National Apprenticeship Service

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/> - this supports, funds and co-ordinates the delivery of Apprenticeships throughout England.

Adviza

Adviza is offering a **Parent Adviza** service. Their careers advisers are able to work through a range of concerns with parents to help them support their son or daughter. Appointments are for one hour and are delivered one-to-one with a qualified and experienced Careers Adviser at a convenient time and location. A fee will be charged for this service, please see the Adviza website for details:

www.adviza.org.uk

Adviza is also offering a **Graduate Adviza** service which is designed to help those students who have graduated in the last five years, and those about to graduate, to take their next step. Sessions are for one hour and are delivered one-to-one with a qualified and experienced Careers Adviser at a convenient time and location. For further information and to book go to www.adviza.org.uk/



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eCLIPS

eCLIPS is an easy-to-use online careers resource that provides regular updated information on over 1,000 jobs and careers.

Please contact Mr Bull for the login.



Term dates for 2017 - 2018

The dates set out below are the confirmed school term and holiday dates from September 2017.

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Autumn Term	4 September – 20 October 2017	35
October holiday	23 October – 27 October 2017	
Autumn Term	30 October – 19 December 2017	37
Christmas holiday	20 December 2017 – 3 January 2018	
Spring Term	4 January – 9 February 2018	27
Spring half term	12 February – 16 February 2018	
Spring Term	19 February – 29 March 2018	29
Easter holiday	30 March – 13 April 2018	
Summer Term	16 April – 25 May 2018	29
Late Summer half term	28 May - 1 June 2018	
Summer Term	4 June - 25 July 2018	38
Total		195

INSET days

The school will be closed to students on:

Monday 4 September 2017

Friday 29 September 2017

Monday 23 July 2018

Tuesday 24 July 2018

Wednesday 25 July 2018

Note that only Year 7 and Year 10 (and Year 11 Leaders) are required to attend on Tuesday 5 September 2017. The remainder of the school returns on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

7 May 2018 is the May Day bank holiday.

Early closures (12.30pm)

Thursday 28 September 2017

Staff and students preparation for Open Evening

Tuesday 19 December 2017

Friday 20 July 2018

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Thursday 27 September 2018

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Friday 21 December 2018

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