



## Dear Parents

We have finally reached the end of another hectic, enjoyable and successful year. As ever, this term is all about hellos and goodbyes. Year 11 certainly went out in style at their Prom. It was a lovely occasion for both staff and students, and we were all very proud to see how grown up they have become! They were a pleasure to celebrate with and it was lovely to have so many of you with us to see their arrival in the many and varied forms of transport! The fireworks at the end seemed a very fitting send off. Once again, we have run five very successful Pioneer weeks for all Year 6 students joining us in September. Feedback from the students on the weeks was very positive. Favourite things included using Bunsen burners in Science and icing cakes in Food, and of course the choice in the canteen and the space on the field. At the end of the week, parents told us that the worries had been allayed and their children 'couldn't wait' for September! It was lovely that many of our Pioneers and their parents joined us at the Parents' Association Summer Party last Friday – the perfect weather made the Mansion block lawn the perfect setting!

There have been many other excitements this term. Year 9 made their regular visit to Woodlands, with 60 students taking part in gorge walking, caving, canoeing and climbing. Our Germanists also enjoyed their trip to the Mosel valley. As ever, we have done incredibly well in all the Oxfordshire and South Oxfordshire inter-school sport competitions, with an outstanding outcome in the Athletics at Tilsley Park being of particular note. Our Year 10 girls are also the county rounders champions for the fourth year running – the team are undefeated right through from Year 7 onwards, quite a feat! We are looking forward to the last events of term - a music concert on the last night, and then our final assembly, including academic prizes, on the last day.

Inevitably there are some staff goodbyes too. All those who are leaving us will be much missed and we thank them heartily for the way they have contributed to the overall success of the school.

We look forward to welcoming back Year 7 and Year 10 on Wednesday 5 September and all other students on Thursday 6 September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all the support you give the school and wish you all a very happy and refreshing holiday.



Catharine Darnton  
Headteacher

## School Fund

The staff and governors of Gillotts would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have contributed to our School Fund since we launched in June 2017.

Unlike many schools, Gillotts had not had a tradition of regular individual donations to support the school. However, as you will have seen from recent media coverage, the financial climate for all schools has become increasingly difficult. School funding has not been increased since 2010 in spite of steadily rising costs so in real terms, our income has been falling. This has gradually made it harder for the school to deliver the consistently excellent teaching and learning we aspire to.

We anticipate that, by 31 August 2018, you will have donated the amazing total of £30,975. We will spend the funds on ensuring all curriculum subjects are well resourced, including with the additional new online resources (GCSE Pod, Maths Watch, Vocab Express etc) that we know students and their parents value so much. This will enable us to support students to continue to make the outstanding progress that has become the norm in recent years.

We thank all the parents who have given so generously this year, and who will continue to give each month over the coming year. If you would like to set up a regular donation, you can find the necessary form at <http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/parents/parents-association>, and it is also being sent out with the newsletter.

Thank you once again for your support for the school.

## 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/>

## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On 25th May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force.

The GDPR requires public authorities and businesses to identify the lawful basis for storing personal data, audit information we already hold and take a 'data protection by design and default' approach to personal data. This means as data controllers and processors, Gillotts must implement appropriate measures to manage data protection principles and comply with the new legislation.

It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on all our pupils to fulfil our legal obligations. It also introduces new individual rights relating to personal data, such as the right to erasure and the right to rectification.

We have published on our website a new Data Protection Policy which includes a Privacy Notice for students' data which gives detail on the GDPR regulations, and your rights as parents and students for your further information. Children are recognised as having their own Data Protection rights from the age of 12.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>.

## Introducing Our 2018-2019 Head Students



My name is Lulu Broadbent and I am very proud to have recently been made one of the Head Students here at Gillotts. Throughout my time here, I've been involved in all sorts of activities, ranging from sports to maths competitions; helping out at primary school events and open evenings to being a DofE ambassador.

My focus for next year will be rejuvenating the school council so that it becomes more productive and influential. I consider myself a very approachable and friendly student, so please feel free to stop me for a chat if you have anything on your mind.

Hi my name is Felix Butterworth. I am a fun, friendly and approachable person.

In my year as head boy I want to give every pupil at Gillotts a voice so the school works for everyone.



I'm Lauren Leach-Scrivens. This year I am extremely excited to work with the creative arts departments to increase the number of students partaking in creative subjects, and to encourage everybody to do something new and something they love to do. I am also going to be focusing on individuality; inspiring the student body to be who they truly are inside, and to encourage wider acceptance and pride in anything they and others do. I would also love to spread a sense of community within Gillotts, and the surrounding areas. I cannot wait to work with the rest of the student leaders and the teachers to accomplish many projects in the upcoming year!

## DARWIN NEWS

### Tutee of the Term

DABY - Josh Hamilton

DCHA - Jasmine Barrow

DFD - Amber Fan-Barrow

DFMW - Albert Butler

DGS - Rose McEwen

DHJR - Will Bonser

DJAS - Natalie Schoenmakers

DJLG - Jason Gurung

DLN - Abby Brooks

DPJY - Jude Lyden

DROM/GB - Keira Green

DYF - Gabby Chaplin



## ORWELL NEWS

### Tutee of the Term

OAB/ELD - Krissy Cintra

OACM - Molly Jones

OCH - James Edwards

OCLV - Alisha McArthur

OFH - Mitchell White

OGDL - Beccy Barry

OGMO - Millie Roper

OJAW - Pati Gwiazda

OJDG - Arnrun Gudjohnsen-Mitchell

OJWZ - Aaron Billurcu

OLUH - Charlie Strachan-Jarvis

OTWN - Kitty Powell

## PANKHURST NEWS

### Tutee of the Term:

PCAD/ND - Barney Clark

PCD - Sofia Coderque

PCMR - Will Verran

PGDM - Dominic Baum

PHRW/GL/TL - Clara Husser

PHS/CW - Yana Feys

PLOS - Charlotte Green

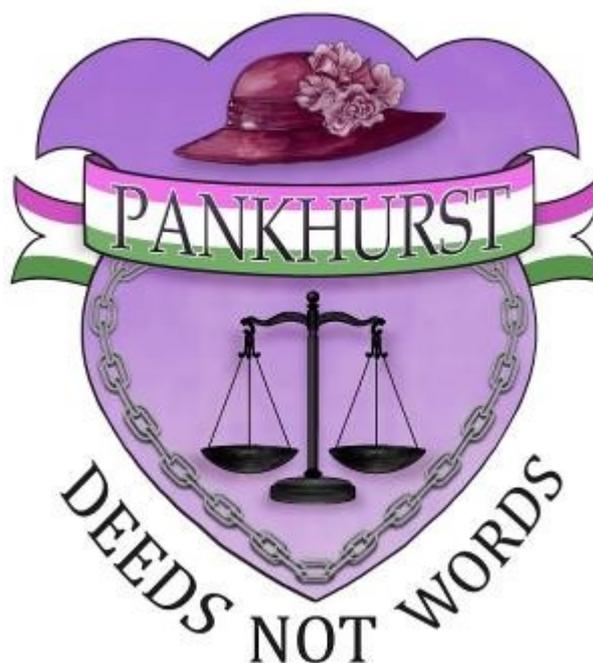
PLSS - Rufus Tubb

PKLO - Izzy Young

PKJS - Daniel Green

PSJW - Christopher Matthews

PTAG - Archie Barker



## Woodlands

I really enjoyed Woodlands for a variety of reasons. We got into groups of 12 and did a different activity every day, which were; gorge walking, mountain walking, high ropes, caving and canoeing. I think my favourite activity would have to be caving because although it hurt your hands and knees crawling through the small tunnels, I really liked how everyone helped each other squeeze through the small spaces and how everyone took turns to lead the group, making everyone feel involved. It was really hard to pick a favourite though since all the activities were fun yet really different. One of my favourite moments of the entire trip was on the first day, when my group was doing the high ropes, Zuzu was too scared to climb the totem pole. The totem pole was a thin log about 30 metres tall which you had to climb to the top of and jump off, letting the instructor belay you down. Anyway, she had promised to climb it if everyone else did (which they did) so we picked her up by the harness and attached her to the rope and started to push her up. When she still refused to climb some boys in our group along with our instructor Dan, pulled the other end of the rope, pulling Zuzu into the air. They managed to pull her to the top! It was very funny and it made our group a lot closer for the rest of the week.

A big part of the trip was teamwork, especially in our activities as you really needed to trust everyone, but when we were on site we needed to work together in our duty groups, doing things like laying tables and washing dishes. In the mornings, everyone who slept in the annex woke up to Mr Snell playing songs on his speaker like 'Single Ladies' and 'Shake It Off' which was a fun start to the day. So overall I would really recommend going on Woodlands even if you aren't particularly sporty or outgoing as everyone is really encouraging and welcoming.

Charlotte Reay



## Gillotts Rounders Champions

Gillotts Year 10 girls claimed the County Rounders championships last week. Competing against schools from across all of Oxfordshire, the Gillotts girls played 8 games to retain their title for the fourth year. This follows a very successful year for the Gillotts girls teams. They had already won the South Oxfordshire Area Championships for hockey, also for the fourth year running, and they also won the County Netball Championships this year for the first time. Head of PE, Hayley Rogers, was delighted with the girls' performance. 'I am so proud of this achievement. To retain the title for 4 years is very impressive, she said. Later this year, for the first time, the Gillotts hockey and rugby teams will be going on tour in Italy.



## German Exchange

Germanists in Year 9 travelled for the fourth time in June to our exchange school, a grammar school in Lohne, Lower Saxony. The students had a chance to visit Bremen and Hanover as well as spending time in school with their partners. Lohne is a lovely quiet town but close to many famous cities. The German in the area is also better for our students as they don't speak with a strong accent. The German school returned a few weeks later and we enjoyed showing them Oxford, Bath and Reading.

The teacher who runs the exchange was my Foreign Language Assistant in my first year of teaching in Lymm in Cheshire and a friend for over 38 years so its been lovely having the opportunity for our two language departments and students to get to know each other.



Many thanks to Mrs Valler for doing all the organisation this year and hosting along with Mrs Shipton.

Mrs Davidson

## Fun and Football in the Mosel

40 Gillotts Year 8 students have just returned from a wonderful trip to the Mosel Valley in Germany. The students stayed in a youth hostel in Traben Trarbach with other visiting students from Luxemburg and Colombia, which made watching the World Cup quarter final match with England an interesting experience! During the trip, the students visited Cochem Castle and the Roman city of Trier where they saw the Roman amphitheatre and the cathedral. They also toured a winery, and went on a boat trip to Bernkastel-Kues, a very pretty village on the Mosel. The students had plenty of opportunities to practise their German and learned lots about the area and its history.



## SkillForce Residential

The Skill Force group has recently gone on a residential to Far Peak activity centre in the Cotswolds and we did things like a four mile walk, putting up tents, climbing and bouldering, cooking on a Trangia, campfire, low ropes and orienteering. I think overall the most popular part of the trip was the bouldering (in door low level climbing) because it was easy and hard depending where you climb and we didn't need any harnesses and instead we had a crash mat. The cooking was the most interesting of all because it was surprisingly easy to cook noodles and pasta on a Trangia cooking stove outside.

Ryan Davidson



## Winchester Science Trip

A second group of 77 Year 7's went to Winchester Science centre on Tuesday 17th July. We had a very space themed day. We started by finding out how rockets fly, looking at possible fuel and the effect of weight before building and testing our own rockets outside. After a quick look at some of the hands-on exhibitions we went downstairs to listen to Michael Foale explain how he had decided at the age of 6 to be an astronaut and how he had worked and kept on trying until he achieved his goal, completing 6 missions in space. We then got a chance to ask lots of questions including, "Does space smell?", "Did you ever think something would go wrong?" and "How do you sleep in space?" (You can watch his presentation on the Winchester science centre youtube channel). Finally we went to the planetarium to go on our own space mission travelling through the universe looking at various planets and the vastness of space. A busy, but fun packed day.



## Former Students Come Back to Visit After 40 Years!

On Saturday 9 June a small group of ex-students met in Henley to celebrate 40 years since they left Gillotts. The 'class of 1978' had a walk around the school and playing fields whilst reminiscing about past events.



## Year 11 Leaver's Prom 2018

At the end of last month, Year 11's celebrated the end of their time at Gillotts and of GCSE exams with the annual Prom. This year was themed on 'A Night at the Oscars'. The Year 11s arrived in a variety of vehicles, including a tractor, vintage sports cars, motorbikes, and military vehicles. Friends, families and onlookers cheered as they arrived. Students then enjoyed a disco in the hall (that had been decorated that day by the prom committee) and the evening concluded with the traditional firework display.

Catharine Darnton said, "We had a wonderful evening celebrating with Year 11. Given the demands of the new GCSEs, it has been a particularly tough exam season for them and it was great to see them looking relaxed and happy again. As ever the outfits and their modes of arrival were a delight, and the fireworks a perfect end to a summer's evening."

Photo credit to Henley Herald. A DVD of over 100 images is available to purchase via [www.henleyherald.com/gillotts-prom-dvd-order/](http://www.henleyherald.com/gillotts-prom-dvd-order/)



## Not by Ourselves Alone

Further to the letter sent out earlier in the term, there is an exciting programme that we will be implementing at Gillotts School from September to all year groups, called 'Not By Ourselves Alone' which is a translation of the school motto 'Non Nobis Solum'. Throughout your child's years at Gillotts, we work to ensure that they leave school with the best grades possible, but also that they leave as more rounded individuals equipped with the knowledge and life skills needed for the next chapter of their lives. Key values such as being respectful, kind and not doing harm to others are central to many of the messages we give to students on a daily basis. Through our membership with PiXL (Partners in Excellence; a non-profit partnership including 1600 secondary schools that share best practice and raise standards) who have also identified the importance of these key values through their 'Them and Us' programme, we will be placing an increasing emphasis on these values through our tutor programme, assemblies and wider school community from September. Resources provided by PiXL (powerpoints, assemblies, projects) will give students the opportunity to engage in sessions that help to educate them in understanding these key values better, while also giving them the opportunity to promote the values through their everyday experiences in school. The programme will grow and evolve over time and we will be reviewing regularly to ensure that the messages we are giving to students are still relevant. It is apparent that students at Gillotts regularly uphold these values in their experiences at school, whether that be through supporting younger students, raising money for charity or contributing to school events. It is hoped that by putting a particular emphasis on the values, we can ensure that students, parents and visitors to the school are regularly reminded of what a positive community we are. Please look out for the logo!



## Gillotts School Twitter Account

Gillotts School now has a Twitter account! The address is @gillottshenley so if you are a parent with a twitter account, please follow us to keep yourself updated with any relevant information (parents evenings, academic reviews, information evenings) and to read about all the great things that are happening in school on a daily basis. The account will not be used as a line of communication between home and school, so please continue to use the normal formats for contacting school.

## Summer Reading List 2018

Get the word out – take a book with you.

Boredom busters, armchair adventures and journey fillers are all included in the list of new books recommended for students in years 7-10 in reading lists in the updates for parents section on the school website.

For parents or older siblings the goodreads website has a suggested list.

If more suggestions are needed, Mrs Seddon (the school's librarian) will be very pleased to help and is always happy to discuss books and receive suggestions for the OLC.

## AmazonSmile: How it Works

Gillotts School Parents Association is now registered with AmazonSmile. This is a service operated by Amazon with exactly the same products, prices and shopping features as amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from any eligible AmazonSmile purchases (which most are) to the Parents Association. Any money raised this way will be available for new resources for students at Gillotts.

I would be REALLY grateful if you would consider selecting Gillotts School Parents Association as your chosen charity and using AmazonSmile each time you shop with Amazon.

To complete the one-off set up you need to:

- 1.) Visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
- 2.) Sign in with your normal Amazon account details
- 3.) You will then be asked to choose a charity: 'Select an organisation or pick your own' – pick your own by searching for Gillotts School
- 4.) Select Gillotts School Parents Association as your chosen charity

AmazonSmile will now remember your preference (which you can change to any other charity enrolled with AmazonSmile should you wish to). You will receive a Welcome to AmazonSmile email, this will include a link to Install Amazon Assistant on your browser should you wish to, as a helpful reminder to use AmazonSmile.



Important – you must always start at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/) for purchases to be eligible.

Unfortunately, purchases through the Amazon App on your mobile are not eligible. One option is to use the app to add items to your basket but finish the checkout process through [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/). Alternatively, you can:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in your mobile browser (eg Safari)

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You have just created a shortcut to the AmazonSmile page to easily navigate to from your phone

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Planning an Amazon purchase? From 15-29 June they are running a TRIPLE DONATION RATE!

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Don't forget – always shop with a smile!

## Advice and Guidance

### Oxcentric

[www.oxme.info/opportunities](http://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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://www.adviza.org.uk/)



[shop](#)

### 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 2018 - 2019

The dates set out below are the confirmed school term and holiday dates from September 2018.

Term	Dates	Number of days
Autumn Term	4 September – 19 October 2018	34
<b>October holiday</b>	22 October – 26 October 2018	
Autumn Term	29 October – 21 December 2018	40
<b>Christmas holiday</b>	24 December 2018 – 4 January 2019	
Spring Term	7 January – 15 February 2019	30
<b>Spring half term</b>	18 February – 22 February 2019	
Spring Term	25 February – 5 April 2019	30
<b>Easter holiday</b>	8 April – 22 April 2019	
Summer Term	23 April – 24 May 2019	23
<b>Late Summer half term</b>	27 May - 31 May 2019	
Summer Term	3 June - 24 July 2019	38
<b>Total</b>		<b>195</b>

### INSET days

The school will be closed to students on:

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Friday 28 September 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

Wednesday 24 July 2019

**Note** that only Year 7 and Year 10 (and Year 11 Leaders) are required to attend on Wednesday 5 September 2018. The remainder of the school returns on Thursday 6 September 2018.

6 May 2019 is the May Day bank holiday.

### Early closures (12.30pm)

Thursday 27 September 2018

Staff and students preparation for Open Evening

Friday 21 December 2018

Friday 19 July 2019