



# Parents' Newsletter



Dear parents

The exam season is now in full swing for Year 11 – and of course that means the sun is back out! 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. A number of Year 11 came up to school the evening before and decorated the Quad, with balloons and a chalk wall. It was a lovely 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. 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.

Year 7 have 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 and 10 students have also been out and about on their Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions – Bronze and Silver this year! The assessors commented on how well they worked together as teams, and their willingness to keep going when the going got tough.

With Year 11 almost leaving us, we have a two new Head Students in place: Kitty Powell and Connor MacKenzie. I very much look forward to working with them.

I was very pleased to attend the recent Mayor Making ceremony. Glen Lambert has just completed his year as Mayor. As you know, he chose Gillotts as one of his three charities for the year. I was presented with a cheque for £3000, which will go to support the Lodge, Gateway and Learning Support. 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

## 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/>

## Cycling to School

We welcome students who wish to cycle to school and use our onsite cycle storage; however, we would like to politely remind parents to ensure that students have a bike lock and that it is used every day. We cannot accept responsibility for any bikes.

## Henley Festival Family Fun Day – Sunday 14 July

For the first time the Henley Youth Festival is delighted to be part of the Henley Festival Family Fun Day at Henley Festival on **Sunday 14th July**.

They will have an exhibition of the art from the schools workshops, photos and also more amazing **free workshops** between **10am and 2pm**.

<http://henley-festival.co.uk/2019-programme/family-sunday/henley-youth-festival>.

## Henley – on – Thames to Celebrate Exact Day and Time of the Moon Landing

50 years ago at 9:17pm on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1969 science fiction came face to face with science fact, when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land on another celestial body. This event will be in celebration and funds raised will go to Gillotts. We are also organising a science competition in school to link with the event.

The Gillotts School 'Moon Lander' science prize will be awarded by Dr Baker at exactly 9:17pm - the winning team presented with a page from a checklist that landed on the moon inside the Apollo 17 lunar module.

**Date:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

**Where:** Market Place, Henley on Thames.

**Who:** Henley residents and visitors

**Programme:**

- 19:00 to 19:45 – music from Holst's 'The Planets' (audience bring own chairs to Market Place)
- 19:45 to 22:10 – audio-video event

**Price:** Entrance is free. Voluntary donations collected during the event in support of Gillotts School

The narrator for the evening is Dr Michael Warner, a Henley resident and collector of rare Apollo mission historic artefacts. He will be accompanied by special guest Dr David Baker, a British space scientist and former NASA employee during the Apollo mission era, including a member of the NASA team who improvised emergency procedures to rescue the crew of Apollo 13.

I do hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very exciting event indeed!

## Gillotts win Young Enterprise award

Gillotts School entered into the Young Enterprise competition where they competed against approximately 12 other schools from south Oxfordshire. They designed a sustainable and environmentally-friendly product, upcycling crisp packets and converting them into pencil cases. The students did this to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the impact of plastic waste. This was a great success and resulted in the team winning a manufacturing award.

Mr Whitehouse, the Business Studies teacher, said "the students thoroughly enjoyed Young Enterprise and developed many employable skills such as teamwork, communication and organisational skills."



## Skern Lodge Challenges Gillotts Year 7

130 Gillotts Year 7 students developed a new range of skills this weekend at Skern Lodge Activity Centre in the beautiful Devon countryside. High ropes including a leap of faith, a climbing wall, and abseiling provided a formidable test for students to achieve ambitious heights and conquer fears. Surfing and archery were new skills for many, and tricky to master especially in the high winds. The zip wire was fun for all and there were lots of opportunities to develop team working skills in the assault course, pool Olympics and scavenger hunt. Students returned home tired but buoyant after an action packed weekend which demonstrated to them that they can aim high and succeed in different challenges.



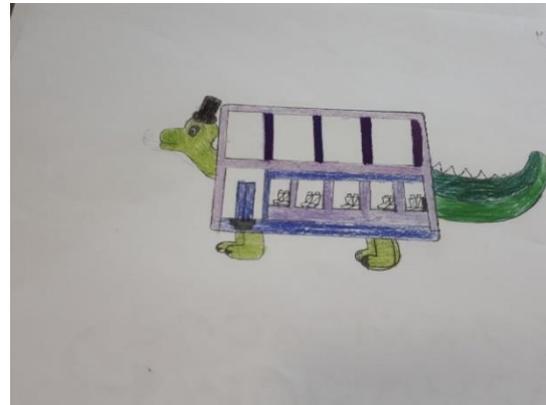




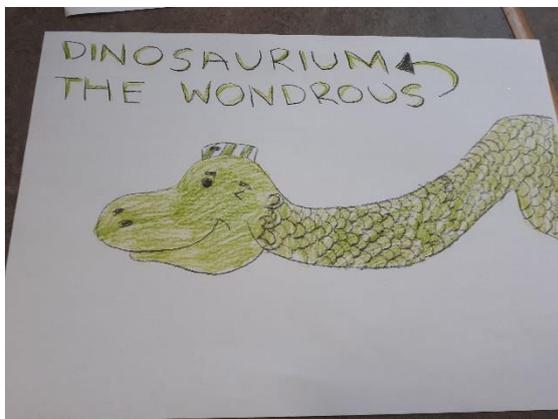




What to do if your House is a Zoo,  
by John Kelly and Steph Laberis;  
word cloud by Chloe Foster



The Wondrous Dinosaurium, by John  
Condon and Steve Brown;  
a Double Deckersaurus by Maddie Hepworth



Artwork by Charlotte Fane-Barrow

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the 82 students who passed their assessed expedition recently, travelling through beautiful countryside from Farnham common to Chalfont St Giles in Buckinghamshire. It was a warm weekend with some rain in the night. Leaders were impressed by the teamwork and navigation skills shown although some took longer than others to complete the hike. A very big thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekend to support the students.

Well done to those who have now completed all sections of the award. Nearly all are well on the way to completing and those who have yet to finish should try to do so as soon as possible and get their assessor reports uploaded to receive their award soon. If needed, sections can be continued next year but the award can only be achieved once all sections are complete.

We hope that many students will be carrying on to take their Silver award next year.



## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards

Eleven students completed the practice expedition in the area around Tring in Hertfordshire over the bank holiday weekend at the beginning of May. Students did well to cope with having to put up tents and cook supper in the rain on the first night after a demanding day's hike in hail and freezing overnight temperatures. Leaders and teachers were impressed by the grit and determination that was shown to reach the end and still have energy to play Frisbee.

The assessed expedition takes place from 21 - 23 June near Cheltenham.



## Sports Results – May 2019

Below is a brief summary of the results we have achieved in PE over this academic year

### Winter 2018

#### Hockey

Year Group	Against	Result
Year 11	Area Tournament	1st - Won all 4 games
U16 Squad	Shiplake College	Won 12 - 0
Year 10	Area Tournament	1st - on goal difference - lost 1, drew 1, won 2
9	Cranford House	Cancelled by CH
9	Langtree	Won 3 - 0
Year 9	Area Tournament	1st - Drew 2 0 - 0, won 2 3 - 0 and won one 3 - 0
Year 8	Area Tournament	A team were 1st - winning all 5 of their games and the B team came 5th
8 A and B	Langtree	A team won 6 - 0 and the B team won 8 - 0
Year 7	Area Tournament	Both teams won their tournaments - the A team won all four of their games and the Bs won all 3 of theirs - an excellent result
10	Langtree	Won 1 - 0
Year 8 A and B	Wallingford and Icknield	A team won 6 - 4 and B team won 2 - 1
7 A and B	Langtree	Played one match - mixed A and B together - won 9 - 1
11, 10 and 9's mixed	Cranford House	Won 3 - 2
Year 11	Wallingford	Won 8 - 0
Year 8 A	Cranford House	Won 3 - 2
Year 7 A	Cranford House	Won 10+ - 0
Year 10	Wallingford	Lost 0 - 2
11, 10 and 9's mixed	Cranford House	Won 3 - 2
Year 9	Wallingford	
Year 7 A and B	Wallingford	
Year 7 County final	Whole of Oxford	1st
Year 8 County final	Whole of Oxford	2nd

**Other results for events this term**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Result</b>
8/9 and 10/11	Area Schools tri-athlon	8/9 Girls and boys both 3rd 10/11 Girls 3rd and boys 4th
7 - 11	Area Cross Country against all local schools	Year 7 A Girls - 1st Year 7 B Girls - 2nd Year 7 C Girls - 5th Year 7 A Boys - 1st Year 7 B Boys - 5th Year 7 C Boys - 8th Year 7 D Boys - 9th Year 8/9 Girls - 3rd Year 8/9 Boys - 3rd Year 10/11 Girls - 4th Year 10/11 Boys - 3rd
U13 and U15 Mixed Indoor Rowing	Area schools	U15 Won U13 2nd

**Rugby**

<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Cancelled fixtures</b>	<b>Any other additional comments</b>
9				0	Won the Abbey festival and came second in the reading league.
8				0	Came third in the Reading league
8	8		0	0	They made it to the Reading league final and won
7	7		0	1	They made it to the Reading league final and won

**Spring 2019****Netball**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Result</b>
Year 10 and 11	Langtree	postponed due to the weather
Year 10 and 11 A B and C	Shiplake	A team won 22 - 17 B team won 14 - 8 C team won 25 - 9
11 A and B teams	Area tournament	A team won 6 games and drew one - winning the tournament and qualifying for the county event for the second year in a row B team won

10	Area tournament	A team won 5 and lost 2 - came 3rd overall B team won 4 and lost 3 - came 6th overall
9	Area tournament	Came 2nd equal on points - but 3rd on goal difference - won 5 games and lost 2
11	Icknield & Lord Williams	beat Icknield 19 - 8 beat LW 12 - 7
10	Icknield & Lord Williams	lost to Icknield 4 - 14 lost to LW 7 - 21
8	Langtree	Won 18 - 4
Year 8 and 9	Langtree	Won 20 - 11
8 A and B teams	Area tournament	A team won 5 games and lost 2 - came 3rd overall  B team won 2 and lost 2 - came 3rd overall
7 A and B	Langtree	A team won 9 - 1 B team won 9 - 1
7	Area tournament	Postponed and moved to 26th March
9 A and B	Icknield	A team won 29 - 6 B team won 13 - 5
11 and 10 A and B and C	Cranford House	A team won 35 - 24 B team lost 18 - 35 C team lost 22 - 35
9 A and B	Wallingford	A team won 29 - 6 B team lost 9 - 11
8 A and B	Icknield	A team 22 - 9 B team won 11 - 5
9 A and B	Cranford House	Year 9 A team lost 19 - 28 to their Year 10 A team Year 8/10 combined drew with their Year 10 B team 18 - 18

	8 Cranford House	Year 9 B team lost to their Year 9 A team 10 - 17
7 A and B	Area tournament	A team came 3rd B team 2nd
Year 7 A and B	Icknield	A team won B team drew
Year 7 A and B	Wallingford	Both teams won
8 A and B	Wallingford	Both teams won
Year 11 County Tournament	Whole of Oxfordshire	2nd

### Football

Year group	Teacher ic	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Cancelled fixtures	Any other additional comments
7	HJR	4 A games	2	1	1		
		2 B games	1 game and 1 tournament				
		1 C game	tournament				
8	MGD	4	1	1	2	Lord Williams - LW couldn't raise team	
9	LUH	3	1	1	1	Lord Williams - LW couldn't raise team	
10 and 11 together		3	1	1	1		1 still to play this week

## **Summer 2019**

### **Rounders so far**

Year 11 Area tournament - 1st  
Year 10 Area tournament - 3rd  
Year 9 Area tournament - 3rd

More games and tournaments still to play after half term

### **Cricket so far**

Year 9 Area tournament - 2nd  
Year 8 Area tournament - 2nd

More games and tournaments still to play after half term

### **Athletics**

Area event:

Year 7 Boys - 1st  
Year 7 Girls - 1st  
Year 8/9 Girls - 2nd  
Year 8/9 Boys - 2nd  
Year 10/11 Boys 3rd  
Year 10/11 Girls - 3rd

Still to happen are the year 7 quadkids and the year 8/9 Super 6's and year 10/11 super 6's at Gillotts after half term.



## Darwin News Tutee of the Term



DABY Leo Schlaefli	DREW Jessica Wilson
DJAS Elsa Horne	DGS Tom Bonser
DFD Annabel Smyth	DPJY Izzie Holden
DFMW Molly Mulaniff	DROM/DGB Evie Belle Wilson
DHJR/DSEL Tom Vockins	DCHA Jasmine Barrow
DJLG Olivia Atkinson	DGLW Maria Korsunova

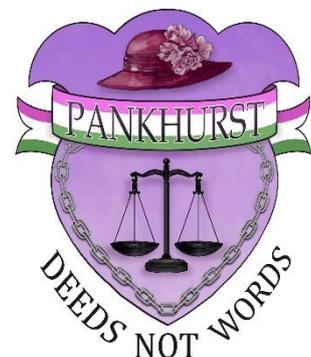
## Orwell News Tutee of the Term



OAB / CST Teddy Evans	OGMO Reuben Wallis-Robinson
OACM Rosie Hallett	OJDG Bethan Toward
OBEG Mark Gledhill	OJSK Lottie Sarson
OCG Nell Prestly	OLEP Phivi Jackson
OCH Joe Norris	OPCM / EJB Natasha Bryant
OGDL / ELD Chrissie Berry	OTWN Tom Brandis

## Pankhurst News Tutee of the Term

PKLO - Matilde Bastos	PCAD/ND - Josh Smith
PHJ/JJB - Joe Turner	PCD/LS - Rhianna Banescu
PGDM - Daisy Stevens	PACF - David Wallace
PSMS/HLM - Matilde Byrne	PFH/HJS - Rufus Tubb
PTAG - Ben Hoskins	PREA - Maddie Watt
PSJW - Thanbir Khan	PCMR - George Lamin



## Parents' Association News

### SUMMER PARTY!

Next term sees the Parents' Association Summer Party take place on **Friday 28th June, 5:30-8:30pm** on the school field - all parents and students are very welcome!

It is a really relaxed, fun evening - hopefully in the sunshine - for all parents and students to catch-up and enjoy a drink, some BBQ, music and the obstacle course inflatable!

We will be inviting our new Year 7s to join us, with their parents, and it is a really nice way to welcome them to our fantastic school.

Last year we raised nearly £900 from the BBQ, so please come along and celebrate the end of the school year with us.

Tickets are available on the day - £5 for an adult & child ticket, additional adults £4, additional children £2. Children under 5 are free.

Access is via the school field and children over 5 have unlimited access to the inflatable included in their ticket.

### IMPORTANT:

All children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. We are unable to accept responsibility for unaccompanied children and they will not be able to enter.



FUN - FOOD & DRINK - FUNDRAISING  
**SUMMER PARTY!**  
 FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

BRING A RUG OR A CHAIR, SOME FRIENDS  
 AND JOIN US FOR A RELAXED CELEBRATION  
 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

MUSIC: **GILLOTTS SCHOOL FIELD**  
 5.30pm onwards

BBQ INFLATABLE FUN RAFFLE PRIZES

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
 AT THE SUMMER PARTY!

  
 Gillotts  
 NON NOBIS SOLUM

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:

[gillotspa@gmail.com](mailto:gillotspa@gmail.com)

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Moon Landing Celebration

### **SAVE THE DAY - Saturday 20th July, 7pm onwards**

The Parents Association are really excited to be supporting the very special event planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, being held in the Market Place at the exact time of 'touch down' on the moon 50 years ago - Saturday 20th July - from 7pm.

I'm sure many of you will want to attend & entrance is free! Voluntary donations on the night will be generously donated to the school. Look out for more details over coming weeks.

**If you would be interested in supporting the PA to help with the marshalling of the event, please let us know as we will be putting together a small team to help on the night. Contact: [gillottspa@gmail.com](mailto:gillottspa@gmail.com)**

### **School Funding**

We are aware that many parents, ourselves included, are deeply concerned about the impact school funding cuts are having on our school and the impact this has on our children's education - many of you signed the petition organised by local campaigners. A march is planned to highlight our very real concerns and show the level of concern in the local community. Once details are confirmed we will share them via our Facebook page & encourage you to show your support.

### **Help needed!**

Finally, as outlined in our last Newsletter update, we are desperately short of a few new members to help run PA events - especially as our children move on from Gillotts. Our purpose is primarily to raise funds for the school, but also to be a point of contact and support to the school community. The commitment isn't as much as you may fear! Many parents support us by attending events or by offering to help behind the bar for a few hours, others source raffle or auction prizes - these contributions are hugely appreciated by school and by us all. If you would be interested in joining our group of 'helpers' please drop us a line at [gillottspa@gmail.com](mailto:gillottspa@gmail.com) or get in touch if you'd like to be more involved with the committee - we are all working parents & try really hard to make sure we can manage the commitment alongside everyday life!



## Paid Internship Programme for Teaching

Are you in your **penultimate year** of study of a STEM degree? If yes then we have a paid work-experience programme that might be just right for you!

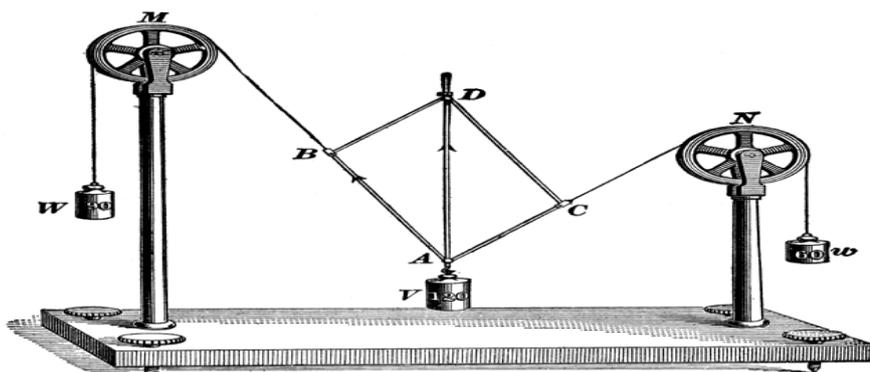
We have won a DFE grant to offer teaching internships running from the 24th June-19th July 2019 in state secondary schools across Oxfordshire. Interns will receive a bursary of £300/week.

The programme is designed to give you a realistic picture of what teaching maths or physics would be like and includes the chance to be involved in:

- structured training, shadowing and lesson observation, opportunities to jointly plan and deliver lessons
- running science projects, offering support for children who are struggling, and helping with experiments
- one to one mentoring sessions with experts in their field

Take a look at our website to find out more of what Gillotts as a Teaching School is offering:

<http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-school/teaching-school-overview/>





## Teaching School Update

We have been a **National Teaching School** since June 2017 in recognition of our work in teacher training, supporting other local schools and continued professional development for our staff and local networks.

As part of the Teaching School role, we work alongside Oxfordshire Teacher Training (OTT) in training potential teachers at primary and secondary level. The current year's cohort are just about to graduate and all of them have been successful in securing teaching jobs for September. We welcome the new cohort in June and the Southern Hub will officially open as we aim to meet the recruitment needs of schools across the south of the county. This builds upon the work we have done across Oxfordshire in recruiting potential teachers and offering them the classroom experiences they need to inform their training choices and support their applications.

If you are interested in training to teach or know anybody who might be, please contact/encourage them to contact us at [teachingschool@gillotts.org.uk](mailto:teachingschool@gillotts.org.uk) for more information. Alternatively, take a look at our website to find out more of what the Gillotts Teaching School is offering.....<http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-school/teaching-school-overview/>

### **Sarah McHugh**

Teaching School Director



## 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
<b>Autumn Term</b>	04 September - 19 October	34
October half term	22 October - 26 October	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	29 October - 21 December	40
Christmas holiday	24 December - 04 January	
<b>Spring Term</b>	07 January - 15 February	30
Spring half term	18 February - 22 February	
<b>Spring Term</b>	25 February - 05 April	30
Easter Holiday	08 April - 22 April	
<b>Summer Term</b>	23 April - 24 May	23
Late Spring half term	27 May - 31 May	
<b>Summer Term</b>	03 June - 24 July	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

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<b>Autumn Term</b>	4 November - 19 December	34
Christmas holiday	20 December - 03 January	
<b>Spring Term</b>	06 January - 14 February	30
Spring half term	17 February - 21 February	
<b>Spring Term</b>	24 February - 03 April	30
Easter Holiday	06 April - 17 April	
<b>Summer Term</b>	20 April - 22 May	24
Late Spring half term	25 May - 29 May	
<b>Summer Term</b>	01 June - 21 July	37
<b>Total</b>		<b>195</b>

### INSET days

The school will be closed to students on:

Monday 2 September 2019

Friday 27 September 2019

Friday 3 July 2020

Monday 20 July 2020

Tuesday 21 July 2020

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4 May 2020 is the May Day bank holiday.

### Early closures (12.30pm)

Thursday 26 September 2019

Staff and students preparation for Open Evening

Thursday 19 December 2019

Friday 17 July 2020