SINGING SUCCESS

Goldington Academy win the Stella Mathers cup for the second year running at the Bedfordshire Festival of Music Speech and Drama.

The Bedfordshire Festival is a highly celebrated local competition with a strong tradition which takes place annually at the Bedford Corn Exchange. We encourage our young performers to rise to the challenge of taking to the stage at such a prestigious event and have been delighted this year with the number of pupils who participated.

Congratulations to all who took part, but a special mention to our senior choir who won their choral class, to William who won a cup in his solo piano class, and Jemma, who won her singing class.

READ ABOUT THE VOICE IN A MILLION TRIP AND BATTLE OF THE BANDS …..
Dear Parents and Carers

Another term has come to completion and our students have achieved so much. We were very proud to once again win the Stella Mathers cup (featured on the front page) and this has been just one of a number of successes this term. For the fifth year running the Year Eight girls have won the hockey County Championship and this year, for the first time, they were joined by our Year Eight boys, who also won the County Championship. Good luck to the hockey team as they tour Holland this Easter. Congratulations to the Year Seven and Eight girls’ cricket team who have just won the County Cricket Final and go through to the Regional Finals later in April. Many other successes have been enjoyed, some of which are recounted in the following pages.

Of course we were disappointed when we finally made the decision to drop our Year Five intake from September 2018. However, we have already begun discussions on how we will spend the £850,000 the Local Authority has released for a capital works project at Goldington and we are very excited about the prospect of a new teaching space here at the school.

I am delighted to be welcoming Miss Hankins back to Goldington Academy after her maternity period, but this sadly means that Mrs Worthington will be finishing her contract at Easter. Mrs Worthington has made an excellent contribution to school in the last couple of years and I am delighted to say she is likely to still be involved with the school in a different capacity from September.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and wish you a very happy Easter period with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing your child return to us on Tuesday 18 April.
Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that Easter is upon us; just one more term before the transition to secondary commences. Governors have been overwhelmed by the support from parents, students and staff regarding our ongoing journey. Parents are solidly voting with their feet with regards to our 2017 Year Five intake and our fabulous Year Eight cohort who have made the decision to stay with us for GCSEs. This demonstrates a real confidence in all the hard work undertaken and dedication shown by Goldington Academy. Our committed staff have worked tremendously hard providing for our existing students whilst simultaneously preparing and planning a superb range of options and opportunities for our Year Eights moving up.

For those parents with students in Year Eight who have chosen to stay with us, can I just say that you are a very special year group. You have the responsibility of setting the example, of being exemplary role models to our younger students. For governors, we have the responsibility to make sure that the school delivers all that you need for you to become all that you can be. This is an exciting time to be serving as a school governor and we look forward to a continuation of our role as critical friends.

Diane Field, Chair of Governors

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ARTWORK

Artwork by Alex Year 7
Our lunchtime gardening club is making great progress in developing the garden area. We have made a start on the bug hotel, tidied up the raised beds ready for planting, seeded some peas and flowering bulbs, and re-vamped the chicken run ready for our new ducklings to use later in the spring.

We were excited to be awarded the Level 1 RHS award and we are now working towards the Level 2 award. Our ambassadors and group leaders – Samiha and Zuzanna, Isma and Nikol, Archie and Miss Griffiths, Fanni and Shanice – are doing a wonderful job of motivating their teams and coordinating their projects, and will be nominating ‘star growers’ each week. Our first ‘star growers’ to be nominated are Izzy and Sophia in 5Y. Well done!

Our project would not be possible without the kind donations of tools, pots and logs/bricks we have received so far from staff, parents and local businesses. Particular thanks go to Mr Galbraith, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Bestwick, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Halford, Mr Burns and Cottage Farm Nurseries.

If you have anything you feel you could donate to our project, we would be delighted to hear from you! We are on the look-out for rakes, sieves, sand, bricks, rocks, compost, cuttings of herbs and flowering plants.

Mrs Sacre and Mrs Oates

How the garden is progressing
Dear parents and carers,

Your continued support in ensuring that your child is properly equipped for school and wearing the correct uniform is much appreciated.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, with hats, scarves, coats and gloves as necessary. Reducing illness helps to improve your child’s attendance.

Our attendance targets for 2016/17 are: KS3 – 96%, KS2 – 97%, and whole school – 96.5%

Our whole school attendance percentage is currently 96.1%; we need a whole school effort to drive this up to reach our target.

Please refer to page 2 of your child’s pupil diary to see our uniform list, or see the uniform and equipment policy which can be found on our website. If for any reason your child is unable to come into school wearing the correct uniform, please put a note in their diary for the attention of his or her form tutor.

Mr Atkinson

Dear students and parents/carers

Please remember that we all have a responsibility to report bullying.

There are many channels in school for you to report bullying, some of these are:

- Form tutor
- Head of year
- Anti-bullying box in every form room
- Anti-bullying ambassadors
- Lunchtime supervisors
- Your trusted adult
- Staff emails via the website

Mr Atkinson
BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Our first Battle of the Bands this year took place back in February. It was wonderful to see the large number of pupils who were able to perform in a really relaxed and supportive environment. There were some fantastic performances, leaving the judges a very difficult job of choosing the winners and runners up.

The winners were able to perform their song again at the Bedfordshire Battle of the Bands. This was held at the impressive new theatre at Redborne Upper School. Our young musicians were treated to a fantastic event, competing with a range of bands representing schools across Bedfordshire.

The runners up of our Battle of the Bands will be visiting The Sound Garage to have their song recorded professionally. Mrs Lodder

VOICE IN A MILLION

45 members of our junior choir took part in the “Voice in a Million” concert held at the SSE Arena, Wembley. This was one of a series of events staged across the country to support and promote the work of the charity Adoption UK. We had a fantastic time singing and performing a range of different songs (with dance moves!) in an amazing venue. It was great to be part of an event which helped to raise awareness of the millions of orphaned or abandoned children who need a loving and secure family for life.
ULLA’S ODYSSEY

On Wednesday 22 March, Miss Donley’s Year Six English group visited ‘The Stables’, a theatre in Milton Keynes, to watch an opera aimed at pupils in Key Stage Two. The opera was called ‘Ulla’s Odyssey’ and was loosely based on the works of Homer (Greek poet) and the true-life story of Laura Dekker, the youngest sailor to ever sail solo around the globe. It was a great performance, effectively combining song, actions, speech and musical instruments to tell the story. Prior to the trip, ‘Opera Up Close’ (theatre company) visited us in school and the group took part in a workshop introducing them to the themes/characters/musical instruments used in the show. Now that we have returned to school, we are following up the visit with a study of Homer’s Odyssey and a written recount of the event. Miss Donley

UK MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 23 March 4 Year Eight pupils were selected to represent the school in the Regional Final of the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Team competition. The four pupils (who are also our maths ambassadors this year) were Alisha, William, Ahnaf and Lewis. We went to the Centre of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cambridge for the day to compete against 30 other schools. The competition was designed to be entered by 2 Year 9’s and 2 Year 8’s from each school.

The competition had 4 rounds each lasting 45 minutes; a group challenge; a cross number puzzle; a shuttle round and then a relay race. Our team scored well on every round – doing particularly well in the cross number with 50 / 56 marks. The rounds required good problem solving skills, high standards of numeracy and tested the group’s teamwork and communication skills as well.

Overall, we finished 12th, which was an excellent result. The British School of Brussels came first – they had come over on a residential trip especially to enter! Those pupils who have been attending Maths Club this year have been working on some past questions from these competitions and 70 pupils will be entered for the individual competition later in the year.

Example Questions
Crossnumber: A 4 digit prime number whose digits are consecutive primes in order.
Group Round: When a 1 is placed after a five-digit integer the result is three times as large as when a 1 is placed before it. What is the five-digit integer?
ENGAGING MINDS. NURTURING SUCCESS. INSPIRING FUTURES.

GYM AND DANCE SHOW 2017
PERSONALISED LEARNING PROGRAMME

During this half term, Year Eight students have continued with their Personalised Learning Programme, which is helping them make their GCSE option choices for Year Nine.

For this programme, each Year Eight pupil has chosen to participate in three subjects over the year in areas that develop their interests and aspirations for the future. The option choices available are: advanced science; computer science; arts college; product design; sports science; dance; drama and Spanish.

This half term has seen guest speakers for Advanced Science from Lockheed Martin. Sports science and arts college have had off-site visits to The University of Bedfordshire and The Higgins Gallery respectively to supplement their learning. All the students will begin their last rotation next term.

Next term the current Year Sevens will receive the information they need to make their choices for the Personalised Learning Programme which they will start at the beginning of Year Eight.

DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A third of children say their parents/guardians do not really know what they get up to online. Only half of children who see something online that they wish they had not seen have spoken to a trusted adult about it.

As our young people become more adept at using the varied and ever changing technologies with which they come into contact it is vital that we are aware of how best to safeguard them. Therefore, we would like to invite you to a parent information evening about digital safeguarding, led by representatives from Bedfordshire Police, on Thursday 20 April 2017 in the school hall. The session will begin at 6.30pm and last approximately an hour, refreshments will be provided.

The session aims to answer some of the following questions:
- What are Snapchat, Instagram, Omegele and Oovvoo?
- How safe are Apps in general? Do I need to monitor them?
- At what age should I let me child use social media?
- Why are GTA and COD not suitable games for children?
- Should my child have a mobile phone?
- Can my child get past the parental controls I have set?
- What tricks do online offenders use? The session will also have a specific focus on unwanted contact, cyberbullying and peer to peer self-generated indecent images (sexting).

Please note that the evening is suitable for adults only due to the nature of the content. We hope that you will see the value in this session and look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Roopnarain
This year’s house art competition was based on the theme of ‘faces and portraits’ which saw some excellent entries from Years Five, Six, and Seven.

Well done to Alessia who won the Year Five competition, closely followed by Lola in second place and Tia in third place.

In Year Six Poppy was the winner with Donya in second place and Tanvi in third and finally our Year Seven entries were Jasmine in first place, Georgia in second place and Lola in third. The competition was judged by the Year Eight house captains who were very impressed by all the entries.

In addition to the house competition, Year Five and Six artwork was entered into the Bedford Modern Junior School Art Competition held for all the local schools in Bedford. I am very pleased to say that three pupils were selected by the school to receive a highly commended prize; a huge achievement by all three girls. The girls were invited to attend a gallery presentation at Bedford Modern School where they thoroughly enjoyed seeing other entrants’ work in the competition. Mrs Worthington
YEAR FIVE NETBALL

The Year Five netball club have two teams and have been playing in league matches this half term as well as taking part in the district tournament. The A team have been put into the A league, which has provided them with some tough matches, but they managed to improve with every match. The B team are in the C league and have won one match and lost two.

The A team took part in the Bedford District Tournament. The team started slowly before playing some good netball and reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately they lost this to Bedford Modern School which led to a play-off game with Lincroft. Some excellent shooting and defending saw them take the lead and gained them a much valued bronze medal.

YEAR SIX NETBALL

The Year Six netball club has also had two teams in the District League. The A team are in the A league and are currently battling for a top three finish. The B team are in the C league and are winning and losing matches in equal measure.

YEAR SEVEN & EIGHT NETBALL

This year Goldington Academy entered the County Netball Tournament for the first time. Both the Year Seven and Year Eight teams played very well. Despite some stiff opposition, Year Seven came 4th overall in their category.

Well done to everyone who has played netball for the school this year – I am looking forward to seeing everyone transfer their skills onto the rounders pitch in the summer term. Many thanks to Mrs Worthington for all her coaching and umpiring this year.
PE DEPARTMENT

HOCKEY

It has been another busy half term for all of our hockey teams with both our Year Five and Six mixed teams and Year Seven and Eight girls’ and boys’ squad having qualified for the Level 3 County Finals.

Congratulations to both our Year Eight girls who were crowned County Champions for the fifth consecutive year, as well as our Year Eight boys who also received gold medals as County Champions.

The Year Eights have also entered the U16 hockey league this year to help prepare them for 11-a-side fixtures and have had some great results against teams such as Samuel Whitbread, Redborne and Biddenham.

The Year Five and Six boys’ hockey team qualified for the U11 Regional Hockey Championships. After beating Bedford School in the county rounds, they went on to represent Bedfordshire at Gresham’s School, Norfolk on 1 March. The Year Eight boys’ hockey team also qualified for the U13 Regional Hockey Championships and enjoyed some tough opposition in their pool.

Finally, thirty four of our Year Eight hockey players are preparing for their exciting residential sports tour to Holland at the end of the month. Pupils have been busily fundraising to purchase a team kit, extra goalkeeping equipment and to fund extra excursions whilst away. Thank you for everyone’s support in helping to raise monies for the team.

MARATHON CLUB

This term over twenty five pupils rose to the challenge of completing the distance of a half or full marathon over six sessions. Despite some very cold evenings, pupils turned out eager to participate. Congratulations to Max (Year 6) who amazingly managed to complete the gruelling twenty six miles in just four sessions! All pupils worked extremely hard and, on completing the distances, received a well deserved medal and certificate.

Thanks must go to Mr Llewellyn for kindly helping Ms Fearon run the sessions.
Star Rowing Club have been coming into school to work with our Year Eight boys this half term with the aim of getting out onto the river very shortly. Star Rowing Club are running taster sessions on the river for Goldington Academy over the Easter holidays for Year Eights. See Mrs Chapman for details.

Next half term Year Eight girls will have the opportunity to try the Olympic sport of rowing. Mrs Chapman

This half term, Goldington Academy hosted a lower school sports festival for over 200 children. The class of 8S acted as leaders on the day, running activities in sportshall athletics, scoreball and football. Mrs Chapman

The Year Five and Six mixed tag rugby team finished a very credible third in the Bedfordshire Tag Rugby Competition. Despite very wet and windy conditions in Luton, the team moved the ball around, scoring lots of free-flowing rugby. Unfortunately we lost a very tight semi final against the eventual winners. Thank you to the whole squad for their hard work and effort. Mr Llewellyn
GIRLS’ CRICKET

We have been fortunate enough to have a qualified cricket coach come into school thanks to the Sportivate Project. We have had a good turn out from Year Seven girls in particular, and it has been great to see so many girls developing their skills. Goldington sent a team to the district tournament, where they were undefeated and will now represent Bedford at the county championships in Luton. **Mrs Chapman**

BADMINTON

Huge congratulations to the Year Seven and Eight boys’ badminton who were runners up at the county competition at the Bunyan Centre. They played fantastic badminton, comfortably winning their group as well as the semi final. We took a two sets to nil lead in the final, but unfortunately were pulled back by the eventual winners Bedford School. All the boys were a credit to the school. **Mr Llewellyn**

FOOTBALL

This half term has been busy with both the Year Seven and Eight football teams playing fixtures in their respective district leagues. The Year Sevens are unbeaten, sitting top of the league with one fixture remaining. The team has scored lots of fantastic team and individual goals which has been pleasing to watch. The Year Seven B team are also unbeaten in their league. They have beaten two A teams from other schools and have passed the ball around really well. Other teachers from numerous schools have commented on how well they play.

The Year Eight football team have had mixed results so far in their league campaign; however, their attitude and effort has been excellent. The results so far are: Goldington 0 St Gregs 3; Goldington 3 Beauchamp 1; Goldington 0 Lincroft 4; Newnham 2 Goldington 2. They have a couple of fixtures still to play, so we wish them good luck in those matches.

The Year 6A football team will continue their season after the Easter holidays. They have qualified for the county finals which are in late April/early May. **Mr Lodder/Mr Millie**
AMBASSADORS

Key stage 3 pupils have been identified by staff, or nominated themselves, to act as subject ambassadors this half term, working on a range of exciting mentoring projects, competitions and clubs within school.

The science ambassadors have had a particularly successful half term with five different weekly peer-mentoring sessions running to support younger pupils in the subject, as well as a new ‘astronomy’ club launching this week.

Ambassadors also helped to run the recent ‘Unilever’ workshops which ran during National Science Week for all Year Six pupils.

As part of raising the profile of STEM within the school, pupils from all year groups were encouraged to attend one of our lunchtime ‘drop in’ careers workshops, which included a vet, a computer scientist and electrical and robotics engineers as our guest speakers.

Mrs Spencer

CELEBRATING DANCE

Pupils studying dance this term as part of the Year Eight personalised learning programme and members of the Goldington Dance Academy, were invited to the University of Bedfordshire dance open day earlier this month. The day was filled with exciting practical sessions that explored new contemporary dance techniques and included a performance technique class. We also had the opportunity to perform in the afternoon to a selection of other schools and see the university students perform. The schools locally brought their GCSE and A level students to participate in the day, so, as the youngest participants, we were nervous; however, the performances were flawless, and the university staff praised the excellent work and performance skills of our students. It was a very proud day for dance at Goldington.

Mrs Mahoney
HUMANITIES

The humanities ambassadors in Years Seven and Eight produced an informative display about the Holocaust, to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January 2017). During the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day pupils in all years were encouraged to reflect on the terrible events of this period in European history, by discussing a series of questions and issues in morning registration. Following this, the ambassadors were each given a different aspect of the Holocaust to research and present back on, which could be added to the overall display in room 32.

Mr Fehrenbach

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2 March World book day helped to encourage a love of literature by creating a buzzing atmosphere during break time when students were able to spend their book swap tokens. Thank you to all the parents who supported this idea and were able to get rid of unwanted books in exchange for new reading material. During book week, students were also read a section of a story each day during registration rather than the usual independent reading time. By the end of the week, every student had experienced the enjoyment of being read a great story.
What’s going on?

Key Stage 2: Year Five are getting to grips with hand tools and learning all about Ettore Sottsass! Year Six are well on their way to producing some awesome moving cars (with their very own motors). When they are not in lessons, key stage 2 pupils are busying making acrylic key rings in the workshop!

Key stage 3: Year Seven have put in the ground work of essential research to inspire their creations for a vacuum formed game. Watch this space. Year Eight are heavily involved with CAD and CAM having completed initial stages of modelling and quick thinking creative tasks with the building blocks! We even run a CAD club on Monday lunchtimes for all of Key stage 2!

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At different times through their education, lots of children can experience challenges and difficulties with their learning. The reasons children experience these difficulties are wide and complex, and each pupil is an individual.

At Goldington Academy we support children with their learning and their social and emotional development in a number of ways. Some of these include:

⇒ Additional adult support in lessons  
⇒ Differentiated teaching resources in class to match ability  
⇒ SoundsWrite phonic support  
⇒ One to one reading daily  
⇒ Handwriting intervention  
⇒ Additional spelling groups  
⇒ Lexia reading  
⇒ Powerof2 maths coaching  
⇒ Specific dyslexia support

Each pupil identified as having additional needs has a profile, which all staff have copies of. The profile contains strategies to help the child make progress at school.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child’s learning, please contact me at school by email or phone. Alternatively, there is a drop in session on Thursdays after school until 5 pm, when parents can come and see me without an appointment. I encourage parents to act quickly if there is a concern, as we can plan steps that help your child achieve his or her potential and be happy in school.

Miss Thompson, SENDCo
Year Eight product design pupils were treated to a great afternoon on Friday 10 February from the team at Santa Pod raceways. The team were given an in-depth presentation about all aspects of drag racing, from the science behind the engine, to the material which the drivers wear.

“It was an action packed afternoon with detailed facts and interesting information on drag racing. We even got to go inside one of the speedy racers!” Will

“It was a great afternoon with SANTA Pod and the really sick car that reaches a speed up to 330 mph. An absolute best day!” Elliott

“The visit was very enjoyable and informative. We found out a lot about the car (top drag) and what happens at Santa Pod. I have been before and would like to go again!”. Ahnaf

“I want to go to Santa Pod!”- Alex

“Today David came into school and talked about SANTA Pod. We got to sit in a dragster!”. Rhys
Did you know … just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out!

The government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a ‘Pupil Premium’. Your child will receive pupil premium for SIX years after registering (even if you no longer qualify for free school meals.)

For every child registered, Goldington Academy gets £1,320 a year to spend!

With this money we could offer your child 1:1 tuition, or small group support in school. If you are registered for free school meals, you could also get help with the costs of school events, trips or music tuition. The money also supports the cost of the additional learning support staff in your child’s class.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure that your child and others in his or her class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list at the bottom of this page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact our office staff who will help you.
3. If you want your child to have a free school meal at lunchtime, then he or she will get the free school meal (saving you more than £300 a year), plus additional benefits and the school will receive £1,320 extra a year for 6 years whilst your child is in our school.
4. If you don’t want your child to have the free school meal, they do not have to have one; as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the £1,320 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for pupil premium and a free school meal if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
On Thursday 2 February and Thursday 2 March 2017 our French penfriends came to visit. They arrived at 10.15 am and we met them in the hall at 10.20 am. First of all we introduced ourselves to our penfriends and then we both did a questionnaire. Our questionaire was in French and the penfriends would reply in French, however, the penfriends’ questionnaire was in English and we replied in English. This was a bit tricky as we did not understand some of their answers and they did not understand some of ours, but we wrote it down for each other so that made it easier. In the questionnaire we asked questions such as: how old are you?; when is your birthday?; what do you enjoy doing?. After we had completed both of our questionnaires, we exchanged some recipes, we gave them scone, and toad in the hole recipes and they gave us croque monsieur and madeleine recipes. In addition to this, we also looked at each other’s photos and gave each other some chocolate and biscuits. Then we had breaktime; some of us stayed in the hall with our penfriends and some of us went outside.

After break we had to make imovies with our penfriends. Again this was very hard because we had to communicate with our penfriends and try to explain to them what to do. I think this was the trickiest part of the day. At 12.15, we all queued up for lunch and then ate it with our penfriends. After this we had our normal lunchtime where some of us went to the sports barn with our penfriends and some went outside.

When we had finished lunch we came back into the hall and played some games. I found this the most enjoyable part of the day as we both understood what we were doing and did not have to worry about not understanding each other. First we played Pictionary (we had to draw French words and they had to draw English words) then after this we went outside to play boules and another traditional French game. Next we packed up and came back inside. Most of us said our goodbyes and left; however eight of us stayed to give the penfriends a tour of the school. During the tour, we went round some of the classrooms and showed our penfriends what our school was like. When the tours finished, the rest of us said our goodbyes and then the penfriends left. It was an enjoyable day and I would definitely want to do it again in the future.

Charlotte

I think it was a great experience and it really gave us a chance to broaden our understanding of the French language and culture.

Hugo

When I first saw my penfriend we smiled at each other. Hopefully, I will stay in contact with her in the future and once we both develop the other language even more, we can keep talking about new things for times to come.

Tilly
NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Buy Online
The new school uniform goes on sale online from Tuesday 18 April 2017. You can visit the school shop at: https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/goldingtonacademy

Please remember to ensure you order the correct sized garments, as postage has to be paid on returns. If unsure, there are samples at the school office which children may try for size before you order.

Pop-up Shop
There will be an opportunity for parents to buy the new uniform at a pop-up shop in the school hall, where students may try before you buy. Payment for purchases at this event may be made by cash, cheque or card. Please see the opening times below that relate to your child(ren):

- **Tuesday 13 June**
  - Current Year Five and Year Six 3.30 to 5.00 pm
  - Current Year Seven 5.15 to 7.15 pm

- **Wednesday 14th June**
  - Current Year Four and Year Eight 3.30 to 6.00 pm

Support for Low Income Families
The school will be supported by the Harpur Trust to offer a subsidy scheme for the purchase of school uniform, for families who are claiming free school meals. More information is available from Mrs Henderson, who can be contacted on hendersonj@goldington.bbvle.com

Key Reminders
- A full list of the new uniform can be found on the school website.
- All pupils will be required to comply with the school’s new uniform dress code from September 2017.
- In September 2017 the new blazer will be required to be worn by Year Nine pupils only and the school will fund the purchase of the blazer, for existing Year Eight pupils, in June 2017.
Earlier this month, year 8 took a terrifying trip to see the long running West End show “The Woman in Black. Students were surprised by the power of the production. Indeed, without an orchestral score to add suspense and tension, the children were surprised at about how effective only simple sound effects and a play, only performed by two actors, could be. The set design and use of props was also very simple but the show was still very powerful and introduced new dramatic techniques to our students. There were certainly more than a few jumpy moments, especially when the Woman in Black herself took a walk right through the seats of the audience and ones which we are sure will be remembered for a very long time. Watching literature brought to life can only help to inspire a love of literature that will hopefully last a lifetime.  Miss Bennett

HOLY WEEK EVENT

MESSY CHURCH

at St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane, Bedford
on Friday 14 April, 10.00 am—11.30 am

Primarily aimed at under 13s and their families.

Come along and join in the Holy Week activities taking place, including arts and crafts and singing. Enjoy a hot cross bun plus a drink in a welcoming atmosphere.

There is no charge.
When an invitation to The Ball arrives at the Ash girl’s house, from Prince Amir, she can’t bring herself to believe that she, like her sisters, can go. With her mother dead and her father away, she must learn to fight the monsters that have slithered and insinuated their way into her heart and mind. In this wondrous drama Timberlake Wertenbaker explores the beauty and terror inherent in growing up.

We will be performing at The Place Theatre on the 12th and 13th of July 2017.

More details available soon.......
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