



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 4 – Friday 27th September 2024

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 30th September	Open Morning	9:15am - 10:15am
Tues 1st October	Open Morning Information Evening for Parents and Carers of Sixth Form students UKMT Senior Maths Challenge	9:15am - 10:15am 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Weds 2nd October	Open Morning Year 10 Parents Information Evening Year 11 Parents Information Evening	9:15am - 10:15am 4:30pm - 5:30pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thurs 3rd October	Non-school uniform day for YoungMinds (Details below)	
Fri 4th October	Year 11 Art and Photography Trip to Blenheim Palace	9:00am - 2:00pm

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 7th October		
Tues 8th October		
Weds 9th October	Sixth Form Icebreaker Event (Hall)	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 10th October	Non-school uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Details to follow)	
Fri 11th October		

Non-School Uniform Day – Next Friday 4th October

As many of you will be aware, Thursday 3rd of October marks the second anniversary of the sad passing of one of our pupils. As part of Gosford Hill School's memorial arrangements, students will not be required to wear school uniform on this day and are encouraged to wear an item of pink, the student's favourite colour.

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Students will be collecting donations in aid of YoungMinds, a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents, aiming to ensure all young people can get the mental health support they need.

On this difficult day, for pupils and staff alike, please rest assured that appropriate support will be available for those that need it.

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Smart Phone Use

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In July, all RLT schools issued a statement about smartphones, and asked parents and carers to complete a short survey regarding the impact of smartphones on our children and young people. Over two thousand parents across our primary and secondary schools shared their views (562 Primary, 1,555 Secondary) - thank you. The results of the survey are attached, which includes a link to the original letter sent in July.

Posted by – Mr Sellars

Behaviour, Attendance and Punctuality Update

We are really pleased with how the vast majority of our students are responding to increased expectations in school this year.

- So far this year we have already given out nearly 5500 achievement points. This in addition to our thank you slips, which are new for this year.
- We have started to make a significant shift to improving attendance, and thank parents and carers who are supporting their child to attend school regularly and on time. Our current attendance percentage is nearly 3% higher than last year. In the week commencing Monday 16th September we had over 650 students in school every day, not missing a second of learning!
- We have a significant proportion of our students doing the right thing every day, without receiving a single warning or sanction, and being here on time every day. In the week commencing Monday 16th September, this was 370 students across the school.

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In order to keep supporting your child, please continue to:

1. Ensure that they attend school every day, on time.
2. Ensure that they have the right equipment for school (Black pen(s), pencil(s), ruler, eraser, sharpener, protractor and compass, calculator, Chromebook (fully charged), practical equipment (eg. PE kit or DT equipment as necessary), reading book).
3. Ensure that they are fully dressed for school (School blazer, white shirt (tucked in), school tie, black trousers or pleated skirt and black leather footwear. No jumpers/hoodies, a single pair of earrings, no other piercings, unnatural hair colours or nail varnish).

Our detention system this year has moved to lunchtime, for only 20 minutes, to act as a sanction, whilst also recognising that all young people (and adults) will occasionally make mistakes from time to time. Taking responsibility for checking their emails/Bromcom app and attending their sanction is doing the right thing.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Learning a Musical Instrument at Gosford Hill School

We have a team of instrumental teachers teaching a variety of instruments at Gosford Hill. If your child would like to start having lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, keyboard, drum kit, guitar (electric or acoustic) or singing this academic year, please sign up at the link below:

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<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest>

Or if your child would be interested in learning piano, please ask them to speak to Mr Purtell (Head of Music) directly for our piano teacher's details. Students in receipt of Free School Meals can apply for reduced fees.

Posted by – Mr Purtell

Ghost-ford Hill School – Tuesday 22nd October (4:30pm to 6:00pm)



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This spooky season, children in Years 4-6 are invited to wear their best fancy dress and explore our classrooms in search of sweets and treats. But who knows what Ghouls and Goblins roam the Ghost-ford Hill School corridors at night-time? Parents and carers are welcome to accompany or sit back and enjoy tea and coffee.

Please complete this short Google Form to register your interest in attending: <https://forms.gle/Wz166tVAuDe9jwSS7>

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Upper Phase Parent and Carer Information Evenings – Wednesday 2nd October

**Year
10 & 11**

A reminder that we are running parent and carer information evenings for Year 10 and Year 11 on Wednesday 2nd October. Please sign up to this event using the link on the letter which was emailed out last week.

Posted by – Mr Gannon

Safeguarding

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Please remember that if you have a safeguarding concern within school hours, please send a message to the following email address: safeguarding@gosfordhillschool.org

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school hours please contact our local MASH Team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 050 7666**.

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Sixth Form Notices

Information Evening for Sixth Form Parents and Carers – Tuesday 1st October

**Sixth
Form**

A reminder that we will be running an information evening for parents of Sixth Form students on Tuesday evening from 5pm-6pm in the Sixth Form Centre. We will be covering information about UCAS and how to support your child's wellbeing throughout their time at Sixth Form. Please sign up [here](#) so that we have an idea of numbers.

Posted by – Mrs Francis

AUTUMN FAIR

19 OCTOBER

10:00 TILL 17:00 | LAST ENTRY 16:00

HARCOURT ARBORETUM
TALKS & TRAILS, LOCAL MARKET
FOOD & DRINK, HAWK DISPLAYS
ARBORIST DEMOS, FAMILY CRAFTS

SCAN FOR TICKETS







Gosford Hill School Open Events

for prospective parents and their children in Year 5 and Year 6

Open Evening

Wednesday 25th September
(6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Open Mornings

Monday 30th September
Tuesday 1st October
Wednesday 2nd October
(9:15am to 10:15am)




Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/open-events 01865 374971



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Presents
GARNIVAL
A Family Concert

Exeter Hall, Kidlington
Sunday 29th September
at 2pm
ADULTS: £5
UNDER 16: FREE

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Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
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FREE SESSIONS	
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	26 SEP
Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Calling all brave students in Year 4-6!



Join us for a spooktacular night
of trick-or-treating at

GHOST-FORD HILL SCHOOL

(Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington)

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to register!

