



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 7 – Friday 18th October 2024

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 21st October		
Tues 22nd October	Year 10 Interform Event (Part 1) Year 8 Interform Event (Part 1) Ghost-ford Hill School	12:15pm - 1:15pm 1:55pm - 3:15pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Weds 23rd October	Year 8 Interform Event (Part 2) Year 7 Welcome Event	1:55pm - 3:15pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 24th October	Year 7 Interform Event	9:50am - 12:15pm
Fri 25th October	Year 9 Interform Event Year 10 Interform Event (Part 2)	8:30am - 10:15am 11:30pm - 12:30pm

26th October - 3rd November	Autumn Half Term Break
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Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 4th November		
Tues 5th November		
Weds 6th November		
Thurs 7th November	Year 11 Mock Exams begin Oxfordshire Book Awards Trip AirBus Awards Ceremony	12:15pm - 4:00pm 2:20pm - 5:00pm
Fri 8th November	Remembrance Ceremony	

Uniform

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Thank you to the vast majority of students who are continuing to support the school's expectations and policies around uniform. Please can we remind parents and carers as we approach half term that trousers must have at least one of functioning pockets, zips, belt loops or buttons. They must not be skin tight.

We have worked with a small number of families whose children had fresh piercings over the summer holidays. Students must not get fresh piercings now and the end of the school year unless the piercings can be removed. Only one pair of stud earrings should be worn. All other piercings must be removable during the school day.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Christmas Fair (if it isn't too early to mention that word!)

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As we return from school after the half term break we will soon be moving quickly towards Christmas. Our Christmas Fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday 7th December. If any parents would like to volunteer to support (or potentially help coordinate) this event, please contact Mr Bateman.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

An appeal for pre-loved board games!

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If you have any board games that are in good condition and you no longer use, please consider donating them to us, as they will go to very good use! Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please bring any donations to Reception, where we will collect them and take them to counselling. Thank you!

Posted by – The PALs Team

Maths Tuition

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I am a maths tutor with over 25 years' experience as a primary school teacher and headteacher. I specialise in working with children who struggle with maths, particularly number skills, and really enjoy helping children see that maths is fun, predictable and achievable. My years of experience have taught me that if a child is missing any of the basic skills, they will struggle to learn new concepts, not because the concepts are hard, but because the child is using too much brain power on simple operations. If the gaps are filled, future maths learning becomes easier.

For children of primary age, I offer a comprehensive initial assessment, and follow this with lessons to address any issues raised. My preferred way of working is to come to your house and work with your child in a quiet space, leaving simple follow up work each week. The sessions will usually be around 50 minutes of tuition (depending on age and concentration span), with parental discussion at the start and finish to ensure good communication.

For children of secondary age, I offer support to GCSE level, and aim to identify any gaps in learning through tracking back whenever issues arise.

Cost (as at September 2024) is £40 per session, payable at the session, with discounts for advanced payment.

I hold a current enhanced DBS certificate (details available on request).

Huw Morgan

HWMorgan@email.com

Posted on behalf of Huw Morgan

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

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

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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Scan here
to register!






Gosford Hill School Admissions Open

for students joining us in September 2025




It's an exciting time to join Gosford Hill School...

- Rated Good by Ofsted.
- Excellent GCSE and A Level results.
- We are the first school in Oxfordshire to be part of the Department for Education's Schools Rebuilding programme.

Apply online now:
www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/admissions
 Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT



Dr South's CE Primary School
Islip, Kidlington

A fabulous school packed with caring staff - Parent, 2022



Open Morning
Monday 21 October 2024
 9.30am - 11.30am

Enjoy a tour to see the opportunities we can offer your children, meet our inspirational and friendly staff and experience Dr South's Primary School in action.



KIDLINGTON FIREWORKS

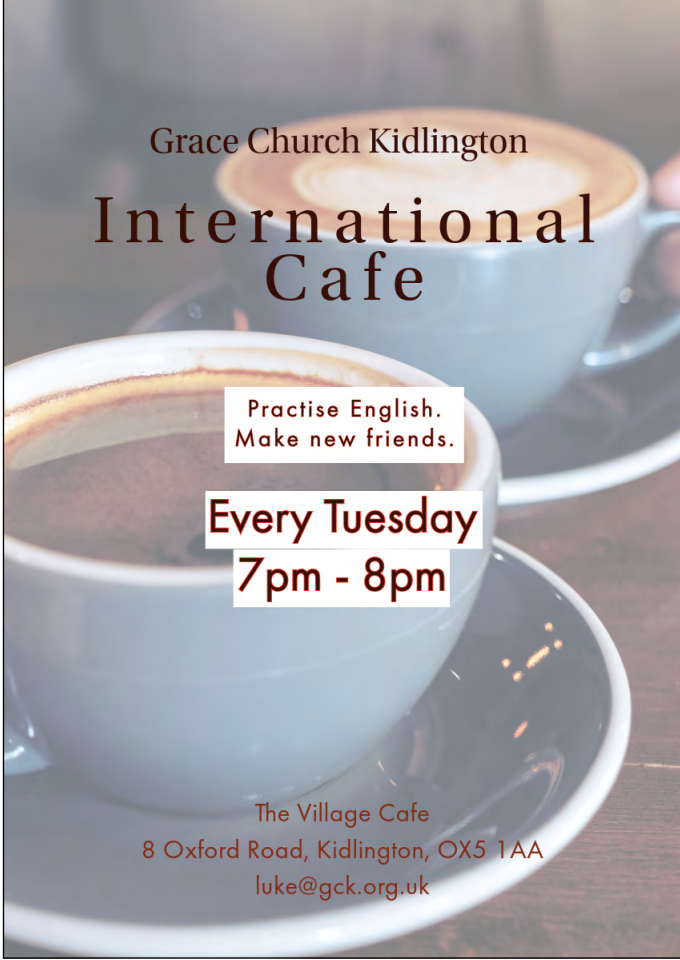
Tuesday 5 November 2024
At Stratfield Brake



Fireworks 7pm Prompt - Gates open from 6pm
Freestyle fire show by Arron - before the display
 No Parking Available
 Low noise and more environmentally friendly

Gosford All Blacks BBQ and Bar
Fun Fair rides and stalls
 (£1 discount for tickets bought in advance from Exeter Hall)

Organised by Kidlington Parish Council



Grace Church Kidlington

International Cafe

Practise English.
Make new friends.

Every Tuesday
7pm - 8pm

The Village Cafe
 8 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AA
luke@gck.org.uk

October Half-Term

26 October - 3 November 2024

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code



26 October - 3 November

- Explore our sensory dark den
- Add to our Halloween mural in our Tudor room
- Spot the ten Halloween monsters hidden in the museum

Monday 28 October – Modroc Mummies (5-11yrs)

Tuesday 29 October – Spooky Science (5-11yrs)

Wednesday 30 October – Let's Celebrate: Diwali Diyas (5-11yrs)

Thursday 31 October – Trick or treat in the oldest building in Aylesbury! Don't forget to dress to impress! (3-11yrs)

Friday 1 November – Young Creatives: Halloween Writing (7-13yrs) & Autumn Collage (3-11yrs)

Saturday 2 November – Spooky Stories & Crafts (3-11yrs)

Show off your best Halloween costumes, enjoy spooky stories and get crafty with our seasonal crafts.

Prices range from £3 - £5 per participant.

Make a day of it and visit the *Roald Dahl Children's Gallery* and the rest of the Museum including the *May The Toys Be With You* exhibition while you're here. We're now open Sundays 12pm - 4pm as well.



May The Toys Be With You on until 3 November 2024
From a galaxy far, far away comes a stellar exhibition of vintage Star Wars toys and original movie posters. A must-see for Star Wars fans of all ages.

Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
01296 331441
discoverbucksmuseum.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you passionate about the big issues affecting children today, and building their resilience for the challenges of tomorrow?

The Oxfordshire's Youth Justice and Exploitation Service (YJES) works with young people aged between 10 - 18 who are going through the criminal justice system.

We're keen to recruit people who can represent the diverse ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds of the young people we work with.



"Getting to help children and families when they are at their most vulnerable, knowing that your input may inspire a change is something so rewarding in life."

KENNEDY, YJES VOLUNTEER

If THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, THEN GET IN TOUCH!

For more information, please contact
YJSVolunteers@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 01865 816500.



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**



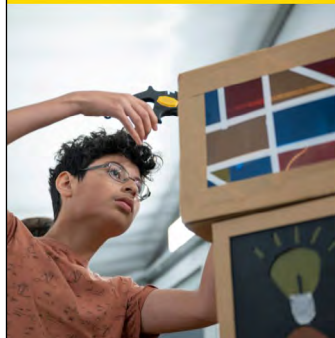
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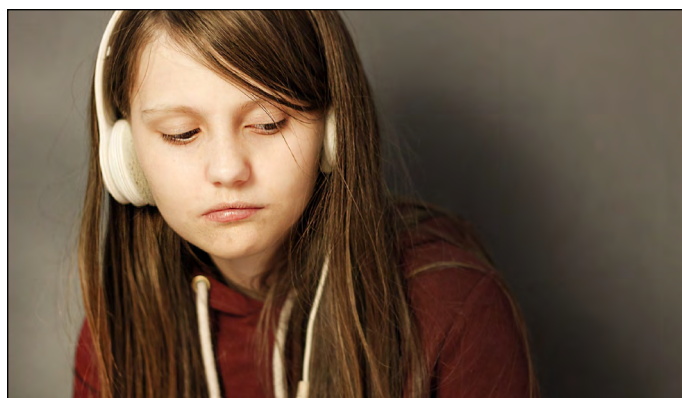
SCIENCE WONDER

**DISCOVERY EVENING
2024**

Begbroke Science Park Farmhouse
Tues 22 Oct 2024
5-8pm

Sign up for your free place at:
bit.ly/sciwonderIF





A Short Course for Parents of Children and Young People with SEND Support Needs

We will be exploring how to look after our own wellbeing, whilst supporting our child with Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities

This four-week course is running at The Kidlington Keystone Hub, each Tuesday between 10.00-13.00. From the 5th - to the 26th Nov

Please note we are unable to provide childcare facilities

A 30 min Options Appointment with a wellbeing worker, is needed **before** you book onto the Course

Contact our information team:

To book an Options appointment and request a place on the course.

Call: 01865 247788 – 9.30-4.30 Mon-Thurs / 9.30-4pm Fri

Email: info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk

Text: 07451 277973



oxfordshiremind.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 261476



Online events especially for parents & carers interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford



The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in July 2024. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

Session 1 For Families - a guide to university Monday the 4 November 6 - 7:15pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated university information and guidance.

In the session, we will focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child's progression to higher education. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university. We will also touch on some aspects of the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process Thursday the 7 November at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process.

In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Please go to our registration form to book both or your preferred option – click [HERE](#)

* Please note this exclusive event is intended for parents/carers of children in **state** secondary schools only.

**Bookings accepted up to 5pm, two days prior to each event