



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 15 – Friday 20th December 2024

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

21st December - 5th January	Christmas Holiday
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Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 6th January	INSET DAY	All day
Tues 7th January	Spring Term begins	
Weds 8th January	Year 13 Parents Evening	4:00pm to 6:30pm
Thurs 9th January		
Fri 10th January	Year 8 Human Library	8:30am - 10:15am

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 13th January	Bring a Grown Up! – Music Workshop	4:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues 14th January		
Weds 15th January	Sixth Form Open Evening	5:30pm to 7:30pm
Thurs 16th January		
Fri 17th January		

Collection of Summer 2024 Examination Certificates

Summer 2024 examination certificates will be available to collect from Reception during the following dates and times:

Monday 13th January – Friday 24th January 2025 (between 9:30am and 4:00pm)

Candidates may arrange for certificates to be collected on their behalf, or posted via recorded delivery (at a cost) by completing the form on the 'Exams Information' page of our website:

<https://gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/information-for-parents/exam-information/>

Authorised persons must provide photographic ID evidence on collection of certificates.

We recommend that you collect your certificates as soon as possible. Gosford Hill School will keep your certificates for a maximum of one year. After that, they will be destroyed. Please look after your certificates, as some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service.

Posted by – The Exams Team

River Learning Trust Annual Reports

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Please find via the link below the RLT Annual Report to Stakeholders: December 2024. This report provides a brief review of the past year across the River Learning Trust.

<https://riverlearningtrust.org/464/report-to-stakeholders-2024>

Two other annual 2023-24 reports for Sustainability:and for Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion are available via the following page on the Trust website:

<https://riverlearningtrust.org/324/annual-reports-strategy-documents>

Posted on behalf of Paul James, Chief Executive of The River Learning Trust

Versantus Academy Hack Day – Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February 2025

Versantus Academy (based at Frieze Farmhouse near Kidlington) are hosting a two-day 'Hack Day' event on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February 2025 for students in Year 10-13 who are interested in Computing. Whether your child is curious about Artificial Intelligence or eager to create something innovative, this hands-on event is the perfect opportunity for them to explore, build, and showcase their ideas.

What to Expect

Day 1: Introduction & ideation

- Learn about AI through engaging talks and hands-on sessions.
- Explore tools like ChatGPT and DALL·E.
- Team up to brainstorm creative AI project ideas.

Day 2: Build & showcase

- Bring your ideas to life with mentor support.
- Present your project and compete for fun awards

Why Join?

- Hands-on experience with AI tools and platforms.
- Collaborate with peers to create meaningful projects.
- Lunch will be provided both days!
- Learn, have fun, and win prizes!

Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your spot by completing the [registration form](#).

Posted on behalf of Versantus Academy

Oxfordshire Junior Chess Tournament – 4th and 5th January 2025

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Oxfordshire Junior Chess is excited to announce that we will be holding the annual County Junior Chess Tournament on the weekend of 4th and 5th January 2025 at Cumnor Primary School. As in previous years, there will be U9, U11, U13, U15/18 sections. The online entry form link is [linked here](#) from which full tournament information and rules can be accessed. The tournament caters for first time tournament entrants all the way through to experienced junior players. Queries are welcomed by email to Anna Bishop at oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com.

Posted on behalf of Oxfordshire Junior Chess

Festive Family Day at Oxford City FC

Oxford City Football Club are excited to invite families to 'The Big Festive Matchday' at Oxford City Football Club on Saturday 21st December, at The MGroup Stadium!

This special double-header event promises a day packed with football and festive fun for all ages:

11:30am: Oxford City Women vs. Oxford United Women XI

3:00pm: Oxford City Men vs. Spennymoor Town

Plus, enjoy:

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- A Christmas Market featuring delicious treats like crepes and coffee
- Activities for kids, including a Reindeer Trail, Face Painting, and a visit to Santa's Grotto
- Live festive music in the 1882 Bar from 5pm, followed by the Big Fortitude 50/50 Draw at 6pm

Free Tickets for School Families!

We are thrilled to offer school families FREE entry using the promo code FREESCHOOL.

This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, enjoy top-class football, and soak up the festive spirit. More information on the Oxford City FC website here: <https://oxfordcityfc.co.uk/>

Posted on behalf of Oxford City FC

Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 15th January 2025 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Year
10 & 11**

Join our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 15th January where you can explore our Sixth Form Centre and find out more about studying A Levels at Gosford Hill School. Hear from our Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form, meet current students, and discover the benefits of a personalised education at GHS. You will also have the opportunity to discover our dedicated enrichment programme and how we prepare students for post-18 options. We look forward to seeing you there!

Posted by – Miss Brimble

Safeguarding

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During the school holidays, if you have any safeguarding concerns about a student, please contact our local MASH Team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 050 7666**.

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Sixth Form Notices

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

**Sixth
Form**

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a free 100-page digital guide for Year 12 and Year 13 students, their parents, and careers professionals at schools & Sixth Form colleges.

The new guide explains how degree apprenticeships can provide Sixth Form school-leavers with a debt-free university degree – and a guaranteed graduate job in sought-after professions such as accounting, engineering, banking & finance, law and technology.

You can read the guide now through this link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/548515636/>

There is also a special 30-minute programme to watch on The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships that you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QN7GWVwuJB8>

Posted by – Miss Brimble

Recruiting Kidlington's Local Area Coordinator

Oxfordshire County Council and partners are recruiting a paid worker called a 'Local Area Coordinator', to be based here in Kidlington.

The Local Area Coordinator's role will be to help people and families figure out what a good life looks like for them and work towards making it happen. They will meet people directly or through introductions from friends, community groups, or services. They will also work alongside local groups and organisations to support the great work going on here, making connections along the way.

Please help us recruit your Local Area Coordinator!

We're looking for people who know and care about Kidlington to join us for a 'speed meet the candidates' session where you can have your say on who would make a great Local Area Coordinator. This will take place at **Kidlington Baptist Church** (High Street, Kidlington, England, OX5 2DS) on the **22nd January** from **10am - 1pm**.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Jenny Cummings from the council for more information on Jenny.Cummings@Oxfordshire.gov.uk or 07904 011762.

To find out more about the Local Area Coordination approach, please visit <https://www.communitycatalysts.co.uk/lacnetwork/>.

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The path to your future starts here...



GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 15th January 2025
5:30pm to 7:30pm



Dedicated
Sixth Form facilities



Bespoke
pastoral support



Consistently
outstanding grades



www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/sixth-form



01865 374971

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS The Teenage Years

Common sense, jargon free information & ideas
to help you to engage with your children &
boost your relationship

When: Thursday 30th January - 13th March 2025

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Where: St Andrew's Church, Linton road, OX2 6UG



More information and to sign up head to the website
www.standrewsoxford.org/parenthub or scan to the QR code.



St Andrew's
LIVES TRANSFORMED BY JESUS

THE BIG *Festive Matchday*

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER | THE MGROUP STADIUM | FROM 11:30



DOUBLE HEADER



11:30AM
OXFORD CITY WOMEN
VS OXFORD UNITED XI



3:00PM
OXFORD CITY MEN
VS SPENNYMOOR TOWN



LIVE MUSIC FROM RICH SNOW | SANTA'S GROTTO | CHRISTMAS MARKET
THE BIG FORTITUDE 50/50 | CREPES O'MANIA | JERICO TRADERS COFFEE
REINDEER TRAIL | FACE PAINTING



OXFORD ATHLETIC FC

COME AND TRY A
WEEK IN THE LIFE OF
AN OAFc PLAYER

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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SWAN SCHOOL

TRAINING

6 JANUARY 6 PM



HORSPATH SPORTS GROUND

ACADEMY TRAINING

9 JANUARY 6 PM



TBC

MATCHDAY

12 JANUARY 10 AM

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