



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 27th January	Voco Oxford Takeover Day	9:00am - 2:45pm
Tues 28th January		
Weds 29th January	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge Sports Tour Information Evening	6:00pm - 6:45pm
Thurs 30th January	Yr 10 Mock Health & Social Care Exam Sociology Trip to Oxford Crown Court Schools Cross Country Competition	8:30am - 2:00pm 11:50am - 4:00pm
Fri 31st January		

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 3rd February	Year 13 Drama Exam	
Tues 4th February	Year 11 Drama Exam	
Weds 5th February	Year 10 Parents Evening	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 6th February	Year 11 History Trip to Cornerstone Arts Centre	8:30am - 1:30pm
Fri 7th February	Year 8 Human Library	8:30am - 10:15am

Change of date for INSET Day 5

ALL

A reminder that INSET Day 5 (initially arranged for Wednesday 19th March) has been rescheduled to Wednesday 30th April.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Extra-curricular Clubs & Activities – Spring Term

ALL

Distributed with this bulletin are lists of extra-curricular clubs and activities available to students through the Spring Term.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

**Year
11**

A reminder that applications for our Sixth Form close on Wednesday 29th January. The online application form can be found on the school website [here](#).

Posted by – Miss Brimble

Day Loaned Chromebooks from the IT Department

ALL

In circumstances where a student needs to borrow a Chromebook, we have a small number of loans available from IT as day loans. Students are able to borrow a device on a day loan basis if theirs is being repaired, or they have accidentally forgotten their device.

In order to ensure loan devices are well looked after and returned at the end of the day, students will be required to leave their phone, stored securely, with the IT Team as a deposit for the loan Chromebook.

Students will be able to collect a loan device between 8:00am and 8:30am – no loans will be issued after this time. Devices will need to be returned no later than 4pm on the same day.

Chargers will not be issued for loan. As there are a limited number of devices, loans will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Posted by – The IT Team

School Health Nurse Newsletter – Term 3

ALL

Please [click here](#) to read the latest SHN newsletter, which is now in 'Microsoft Sway' format.

Your School Health Nurse for Gosford Hill School is Jules Toogood and their contact details are:

Email: cyp019@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Mobile (text messages): 07312263084

You will also find further information regarding the services of your School Health Nurse on the school website [here](#).

Posted on behalf of the School Health Nurse

Old Art and Photography Coursework

ALL

If your child finished their GCSE/A Level Art or Photography course last year, please remind them to collect their coursework before the February half term break (if they haven't already), as any old coursework left in the Art Department after we return from half term will be disposed of.

Posted by – Mrs Marencic

Careers Information

Year 11

Apprenticeship application support: A number of students have expressed an interest in starting an apprenticeship after Year 11. Whilst opportunities are being made available now (Google "apprenticeships near me"), we have organised a session with an apprenticeship adviser from the ASK programme to support those making applications. The session will take place next Friday 31st January during PSHE (8.30am to 9.15am). We will advertise with tutors, but please encourage your Year 11 student to attend to increase their chances of success. You may also be interested in an apprenticeship awareness webinar for parents/carers that on 11th February from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Register [here](#).

Year 10

Careers Fest Parents/Carers Session: Booking is now open for the twilight session for parents and carers at Careers Fest 2025, held at the Kassam Stadium, with 80+ exhibitors. The event will take place on 19th March between 4:00pm and 7:00pm at the Kassam Conference & Events Centre. More information here: <https://tinyurl.com/3ybbxh2j>

Posted by – Mrs Zajac

**Year
10 & 11**

Safeguarding

ALL

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

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

careers fest Oxfordshire

Twilight Session
19th March 2025
4:00pm-7:00pm

Kassam Conference &
Events Centre, Oxford,
OX4 4XP

This session is for students and parents/carers. All families are welcome but we believe this will be most useful for students in Year 9 and above.

Careers Fest is an opportunity to meet a range of Oxfordshire employers, further education colleges, universities and training providers.

- Over 80 exhibitors offering information, advice and guidance on future pathways and careers from a varied range of sectors.
- Find out about post 16 and 18 options to help you support your young person



Register to attend:
<https://bit.ly/cf2025twilight>



Watch last year's highlights:
<https://bit.ly/cf2024highlights>



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Apprenticeships webinar for parents and carers

Careers  Live

11th February 2025
6:00pm-7:00pm

Like to know more about apprenticeships to help support your young person with deciding on their best next step?

During National Apprenticeship Week, Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with Careers Live to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers. Students are encouraged to attend too!

- Find out everything you need to know about apprenticeships
- Get advice on finding and applying for apprenticeships
- Hear from apprentices and employers from Airbus, Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire County Council and Williams Racing
- Ask all your questions via the chat



Register at <http://bit.ly/41qArOY>

Click on 'Upcoming events' and scroll down to click on 'Register now'

AIRBUS

**WILLIAMS
RACING**


BLenheim PALACE

 **OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Investigators

Explore Your Passion for Nature!

Join us this Spring!

Program starts 1 March 2025

Who We Are:

Natural History Investigators is a vibrant group designed for 14-16 year-olds eager to explore the wonders of nature. We offer a unique chance to conduct your own projects with museum specimens, all in your free time.

Why Join Us?

- **Hands-On Experience:** Go beyond the classroom and dive into real scientific exploration.
- **Inspiration Abounds:** Utilise the museum's incredible collections for your projects.
- **Develop Core Skills:** Enhance your scientific skills through planning and practical work.

Who Can Join?

This is for students who are 14-16 years-old. Whether you hear about us at the museum, during a school visit, or via our teacher network, apply independently and start your journey into natural science!

Program Highlights:

- Enjoy talks from scientists, group activities, and work on your own projects.
- Meet like-minded peers and professional researchers in a relaxed setting.
- Gain insights into scientific research, and enhance your curiosity and creativity.

Many participants continue their journey by joining the Museum's youth forum.

Get in touch by 31 January 2025!

Email us at education@oum.ox.ac.uk



Scan for more info!

Natural History Investigators

For Y9, 10 and 11 students
Every Saturday from 1st March until 22nd March 2025
2-4pm

Taster Session Saturday 1st March

Take part in a series of free interactive workshops
Explore nature using museum specimens
Meet experts
Explore your interests and devise your own investigations



Museum of
Natural
History

University of Oxford



Are you interested in
becoming an investigator?

If so, please contact
education@oum.ox.ac.uk
by 31st January 2025 for
more information.

Parent Support Groups

Peer support groups for parents of adults or teenagers who have additional needs and/or mental health concerns.

These are parent-focused groups, facilitated by a professionally accredited therapist (UKCP/MBACP), providing a safe and supportive space to share and talk through the challenges you may be facing with your adult child or teenager.



When? **Mondays** 6.30 - 8pm
Parents of adult children

Tuesdays 6 - 7.30pm
Parents of secondary school aged children

Where? St Mary's Church Hall
Church Street
Kidlington OX5 2AZ

Cost? Free!

Empowering parents through shared experience and professional support

If this sounds like the group for you, please get in touch with Rachel on 07514007374
Alternatively email rachelreahub@gmail.com and leave your name and number for a call back

