



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 19 – Friday 31st January 2025

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next 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 Sociology Trip to Oxford Crown Court	8:30am - 10:15am 8:30am - 2:00pm

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 10th February		
Tues 11th February	Year 11 Art and Photography Trip to Oxford	9:00am - 3:15pm
Weds 12th February	Year 12 Parents Evening	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 13th February		
Fri 14th February	Year 8 HPV Immunisations	

Reporting Absences – A reminder

Please remember that all absences from school **must** be reported daily, each morning before 9.00am, either via email (attendance@gosfordhillschool.org) or the Absence Line (01865 855378).

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Also please note, we **cannot** accept notification of absence from the student directly. Only notification from the parents or carers registered on our system will be accepted. If you have any changes in your contact details, please update us via the MCAS app or email: admissions@gosfordhillschool.org. Thank you.

Posted by the Attendance Team

Change of date for INSET Day 5

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

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Careers Information

It is **National Apprenticeship Week** from Monday 10th to Friday 14th February. Lots of in-person events will be held by employers in Oxfordshire to showcase the apprenticeships that are available locally. If your child has any interest in following this path after GCSEs or A Levels (and they are in Year 10, 11, 12 or 13) this would be very worthwhile to attend, to find out more information and for tips on how to make a successful application. Employers holding Open Days (6pm onwards) include:

Monday 10th Feb – XDS (Oxford) and Ercol Furniture (Princes Risborough)

Tuesday 11th Feb – AFE (Carterton) and Norbar Torque Tools (Banbury)

Wednesday 12th Feb – Barrus (Bicester) and Navtech Radar (Wantage)

Thurs 13th Feb – Fortesque Zero (Kidlington), Lucy Electric (Thame) and Laing O'Rourke (Oxford)

Click on link to find out more as well as virtual events and other employers: <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/naw2025>

NHS Careers Cafe and Apprenticeship Event at Tingewick Hall, John Radcliffe Hospital:

Monday 3rd March 2025 (4pm - 6.30pm). If your young person is potentially interested in a career in healthcare:

Year 10 - 13

This event from Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust at the John Radcliffe Hospital is for Year 10-13 students to meet a range of healthcare professionals, explore NHS career pathways and participate in hands-on practical sessions. There will be a talk on work experience and apprenticeships at 5:00pm and a careers question time at 6:00pm.

Careers Fairs Years 10-13: It is so worthwhile to go to a careers fair, as it can help inspire those who don't know what their next step is after school, as well as provide useful insights and contacts on pathways into careers of interest. Two important careers fairs coming up:

Apprenticeship Fair at The Marlborough School, Woodstock (Thursday 13th March at 6pm):

If your child is or might be interested in an apprenticeship after school, attending this fair will help them understand more about what specific apprenticeships are on offer, what they are like to do and also tips on applying. With over 40 local employers attending, and all keen to talk to your children about their exciting future career opportunities, don't miss this opportunity!

Careers Fest Parents/Carers Session at Kassam Conference & Events Centre (Wednesday 19th March, between 4pm and 7pm):

The annual careers event for Oxfordshire with over 80 exhibitors: Oxfordshire Careers Hub at the Kassam Stadium Booking is now open for the parents and carers session at Careers Fest 2025, which will take place on <https://careersfest2025twilightsession.eventbrite.co.uk>

Posted by – Mrs Zajac

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

School Health Nurse Newsletter – Term 3

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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

Day Loaned Chromebooks from the IT Department

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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



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. And, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

7 & 8 APRIL 2025

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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.



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

**Drop-in/open
session
Tuesday 28th
January**

**Free trial
session**

**From
6 - 7.30pm**

For parents of secondary school aged children

**Empowering parents through shared
experience and professional support**

For more information email Rachel at
rachelreahub@gmail.com or call 07514007374 and
leave your name and number for a call back



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'

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DON'T MISS OUR ...

APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT FAIR JOB FAIR for STUDENTS INFORMATION for PARENTS

The Marlborough Church of England School

THURSDAY 13th March 2025 @ 6pm

An opportunity for you to:

- Meet with Employers offering apprenticeships at all levels
- Visit 40+ stands offering employment and careers information
- Speak to Training providers, Advisers and College staff
- Engage with Apprentices and employees

MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE!



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Contact Sharon Whittaker - CAREERS@themarlbroughschool.org

THE MARLBOROUGH C of E SCHOOL, Shipton Road, Woodstock, OX20 1LP



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.



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>.