



# Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

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## Key Dates and Upcoming Events

| Next 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                   |                 |
| 15th - 23rd February | Spring Half Term Break                     |                 |

| Following Week (B)  |                                                            |                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Date                | Event                                                      | Time                               |
| Mon 24th February   | Year 11 Mock Exams begin                                   |                                    |
| Tues 25th February  |                                                            |                                    |
| Weds 26th February  | Year 11 3D Design Practical Exam<br>Year 9 Parents Evening | 1:00pm - 3:00pm<br>4:00pm - 6:30pm |
| Thurs 27th February |                                                            |                                    |
| Fri 28th February   | Oxford Bach Choir Workshop at Centre for Music, Oxford     | 11:30am - 2:30pm                   |

### Reporting Absences – A reminder

**ALL**

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

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](mailto:admissions@gosfordhillschool.org). Thank you.

*Posted by the Attendance Team*

### 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*

### Bring a Grown Up! – FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School

Throughout the academic year, Gosford Hill School is hosting a series of fun family-oriented learning sessions, during which we invite **primary school-aged children in Years 4-6** to 'Bring a Grown Up!' and try something new!

This term have fun using Science to problem-solve or come and explore German language and culture at one of our free family learning workshops.

**ALL**

**Science Workshop – Thursday 27th March – 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

**German Workshop – Tuesday 1st April – 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

[Click here](#) to learn more or to book. Places are limited and are already filling fast, so please book soon to avoid disappointment!

Please note that only one ticket is required to be booked to enable participation for one child and one accompanying parent. Should you need help with ticket booking, please give us a call on 01865 374971.

### Day Loaned Chromebooks from the IT Department

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.

**ALL**

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*

### 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](mailto: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*

## 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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**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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## 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

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Contact Sharon Whittaker - [CAREERS@themarlbroughschool.org](mailto:CAREERS@themarlbroughschool.org)

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





Museum of  
Natural History

# 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.

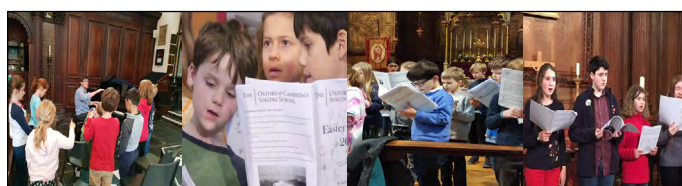
Many participants continue their journey by joining the Museum's youth forum.

**Get in touch by 31 January 2025!**

Email us at [education@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@oum.ox.ac.uk)



Scan for more info!



## 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](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

**7 & 8 APRIL 2025**

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