



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

15th - 23rd February	Spring Half Term Break
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Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 24th February	Year 11 Mock Exams begin	
Tues 25th February	Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Oxford Parkway	10:50am - 3:15pm
Weds 26th February	Sixth Form Art Trip to Oxford	9:00am - 3:15pm
	Year 11 3D Design Practical Exam	1:00pm - 3:00pm
	Year 9 Parents Evening	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 27th February	Year 9 Languages Day at The Queen's College	8:35am - 3:45pm
Fri 28th February	Oxford Bach Choir Workshop at Centre for Music, Oxford	11:30am - 2:30pm

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 3rd March		
Tues 4th March		
Weds 5th March	Year 11 Mock Exams end Year 9 KS4 Options Evening	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 6th March	Year 13 Mock Exams begin	
Fri 7th March	Sixth Form Languages Study Day at University of Oxford	9:00am - 3:30pm

Uniform

ALL

Can we please encourage parents/carers to support their child over the half term holiday to resolve any uniform issues which may have arose over the final weeks of this term (e.g.. broken footwear). A reminder that our uniform policy can be found on our website and we are grateful for the support from parents to help us maintain high standards for our young people.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Attendance

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It is really important as we reach the midpoint of the year, that parents/carers and students keep positive attendance to school in the forefront of their minds. We know that positive attendance to school has a direct correlation to positive outcomes academically and socially so please do everything you can to ensure that your child is attending school all the time.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Importance of Keeping Contact Details Up-To-Date

**Year
11**

Could you please make sure that your home address is up to date with our school records. If you have moved recently and have not let the school know, can you please email our Pastoral Administrator – jkyle@gosfordhillschool.org. Letters for those who have applied to Sixth Form will be sent out after half term, so it is important that we have the correct home address on record.

Posted by – Mrs Francis

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.

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



This February half-term join us at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury for a week of family fun!

15 - 23 February 2025

On every day over half-term:

- Get ready for a paws-itively fun journey on our museum Animal Trail!
- Discover the soothing magic of our Dark Den sensory room.
- Help bring our Animal Mural to life - add your creative touch today!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Saturday 15 February – Wild Science Animal Encounters (5-11yrs)
 Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 February – Animal Science! (5-11yrs)
 Wednesday 19 February – Funky Frames (3-11yrs)
 Thursday 20 February – Step Into A Story: The Gruffalo (3-7yrs)
 Friday 21 February – The Most Enormous Crocodile (3-10yrs)

Saturday 22 February - Fabi Santiago Author reading and book signing (part of our Aylesbury Children's Book Festival) (3-8yrs)

Join us for fun activities every Bucks school holiday!

Hands-on Science and Photography Exhibition

Experiment with lenses, lightning and luminosity and discover brilliant exhibits on colour and optics. Investigate how images merge into moving pictures and how your brain influences what you see. Also on display are the wonderful entries and competition winners in our Bucks Photography Exhibition.

Opening for half-term

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

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



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February Half Term

The North Wall Arts Centre

YouthLab
 Ages 12-17

Dance Masterclass
 17 - 19 February
 10am - 3pm

Join contemporary company **Lila Dance** to create an uplifting closing section for their new show *Fault Lines*, and perform with them as part of **Dancin' Oxford's spring festival**. Create images of rewinding the space, through entwined bodies and expansive flowing sequences.

Tickets £75

NW Inventors
 Ages 8-11

Street Dance Theatre Course
 17 - 19 February
 9am - 12pm

Enjoy learning some authentic street dance moves, find your groove and explore funky freestyle around Hip Hop, Locking, House and Breaking styles before combining this social, soulful dance style with physical storytelling to bring modern, upbeat scenes to the stage! Great music and good vibes guaranteed.

Tickets £60

Full bursaries available
 Email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply

Book now: thenorthwall.com




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F&A

FUN ACTIVITIES FOOD

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

17TH FEBRUARY

AGES 11- 15

EXETER HALL
OXFORD RD,
KIDLINGTON
OX5 1AB

10AM - 2PM

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

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>




OXFORDSHIRE CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY

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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



Scan for more info!

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!



REGISTER - <https://forms.gle/g8t74SU19UNoWdr67>

Contact Sharon Whittaker - CAREERS@themarlbroughschool.org

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

