



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 23 – Friday 7th March 2025

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 10th March	Sixth Form Interviews for GHS students Year 10 Art & Photography Trip to Blenheim Palace	8:50am - 3:15pm
Tues 11th March	Sixth Form Interviews for external applicants Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Amersham Field Studies Centre	8:30am - 3:00pm
Weds 12th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4)	
Thurs 13th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4) Year 12 Theatre Trip to 'Hamlet' at Royal Shakespeare Theatre	11:15am - 5:30pm
Fri 14th March	Year 13 Mock Exams end Deadline for Year 9 Options to be submitted Year 8 Human Library	8:30am - 10:15am

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 17th March		
Tues 18th March		
Weds 19th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4)	
Thurs 20th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4) A Level Business and Psychology Grade Booster Workshop Trip UKMT Pink & Grey Kangaroo	8:00am - 5:45pm 9:00am - 10:00am
Fri 21st March	Non-school uniform day for Comic Relief	

RLT Stakeholder Survey for Parents

ALL

As you will already be aware, we value the feedback of parents and carers in making improvements to the quality of education that we provide to our young people in school. The RLT Stakeholder Survey for Parents and Carers is now live and we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete it please. Last year, we were proud to be the RLT Secondary School with the highest percentage of parental responses, so I'm hoping that we can maintain that record this year! Here is the [link to the survey](#). In addition, there is a [video](#) from Paul James, CEO of RLT. The deadline for survey responses is 6pm on Friday 21st March.

Posted by – Mr Sellars

OxWell Student Survey

ALL

A reminder that in addition to our annual River Learning Trust Survey, we have signed up to take part in the OxWell Student Survey, which aims to understand health and wellbeing in young people and help schools better support students' mental health. Please read the attached [Information Sheet for Parents](#) for details about the survey. You can also find more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, on the research team's webpage: <https://oxwell.org/>. Students will complete this survey in PSHE lessons on Friday 14th March.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Have you thought about volunteering to become a Governor at your child's school?

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Did you realise that you can develop your skills, both personally and professionally by becoming a Governor to support your local school? We have two Parent/Carer Governor vacancies at Gosford Hill School, suitable for parents and carers who wish to develop their skills around governance and strategic leadership. A background in education is not essential.

We are particularly interested in anyone with a Health and Safety or Facilities background for one of the roles and for the other we are interested in anyone with professional, business or practical skills (finance, marketing, communications, legal and business administration) and are always interested in candidates with a broad mix of skills and/or experience.

Interested? Please read more in the document attached to this bulletin or by [clicking here](#).

Deadline for applications/nominations is **Monday 31st March 2025** (Interviews to meet candidates will take place after Easter).

Posted by – Mrs Johnson

Red Nose Day 2025 – Friday 21st March

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On Friday 21st March we will be holding a non-school uniform day for Comic Relief. Students can be encouraged to wear red as part of their outfit. If students have PE on that day, they will still be required to bring their PE kit, and their normal equipment for lessons. The suggested donation is £1, which can be [paid online through ParentPay](#) or collected on the day.

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Social Media Update

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Following overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and carers, we will proceed to move our school's X (formerly Twitter) feeds to Bluesky. A benefit to Bluesky is that you do not need to join the platform (or set up an account) to view our school's feeds. You can access/follow the main school feed by clicking on the link below:

<https://bsky.app/profile/gosfordhill.bsky.social>

Feeds for GHS Sport, GHS Trips and GHS Sixth Form will be set up over the coming week and we will share links to these feeds in the next Parent Bulletin.

We will continue to post onto our X feeds up until the end of the March, after which they be closed.

Remember that we are also on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) too, if you are a user of any of these platforms.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

School Health Nurse Newsletter – Term 4

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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

Donations of Unwanted School Uniform / P.E Kit

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If you have unwanted uniform at home which your child has outgrown or is no longer used, please consider donating it to us. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it in a plastic bag to the school reception.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

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.

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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



SEND TOGETHER

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN

- Workshops and Information Sessions
- Panel Discussion and Q&A
- SEND Advice Clinics
- SEND Marketplace

**THURSDAY
13TH MARCH
9AM - 3PM
THE KINGS CENTRE,
OX2 0ES**

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT

BOB Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System

OXFORDSHIRE PARENT CARERS FORUM A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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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CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS &
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COMPANY

OXLEP
Skills

TRINITY OXFORD NETBALL

U13 SR/Performance Squad Trials

Trials are open to all players currently in Y6 or Y7 that wish to play South Region netball in September 2025.

Please note that players selected will still be able to play for their existing club in the OJNL on a Sunday.

Saturday 15th March 11.30am—1pm

John Mason School, Abingdon

£3 per player

Email janette@resultland.com for more information.

www.trinitynetball.com

Calling all crafters

Craft Room Clearout

Sale of craft supplies and equipment
- papercraft, knitting, fabric, craft books, kits and so much more!

Looking to sell your excess craft supplies or equipment? Tables £10 each.

Saturday 8th March 2025 10.00am to 1.00pm

Kidlington Methodist Church
53 Oxford Road, OX5 2BP

Admission free. Refreshments available.

For more information e-mail kmccordinator@gmail.com
www.kidlingtonmethodists.org.uk  [@kidlingtonmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/kidlingtonmethodist)

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

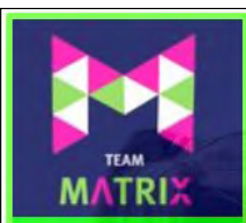
MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE!



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

Contact Sharon Whittaker - CAREERS@themarlbroughschool.org

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



Team Matrix Netball Club Regional Trials

We are looking for performance
netballers to join our U13, U14 & U16
Regional Teams!

**Trials are being held on Tuesday 18th March at
The Manor Preparatory School, Abingdon.**

Current Years 7 & 8: 6.00-7.30pm

Current Years 9 & 10: 7.30 – 9.00pm



**Sign up via our website
www.teammatrix.club**





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PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.



CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

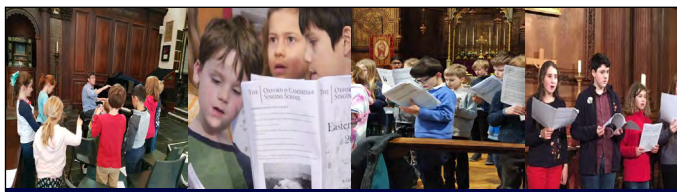
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS



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

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, JERICHO, OXFORD

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