



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 24 – Friday 14th March 2025

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 17th March	Year 13 Biology Ecology Practical at Stratfield Brake	1:25pm - 3:30pm
Tues 18th March		
Weds 19th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4) STEM Event for Year 11	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thurs 20th March	3D Design Practical Exam (P3 + P4) A Level Business and Psychology Grade Booster Workshop Trip UKMT Pink & Grey Kangaroo Penalty Shoot Out on the astroturf (in aid of Comic Relief)	8:00am - 5:45pm 9:00am - 10:00am 1:15pm - 1:55pm
Fri 21st March	Non-school uniform day for Comic Relief	

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 24th March	Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Summertown and Cowley	9:30am - 2:00pm
Tues 25th March		
Weds 26th March	3D Design Practical Exam Extra Time Year 8 Parents Evening	8:50am - 10:50am 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 27th March	3D Design Practical Exam Extra Time Bring a Grown Up! Science Workshop	2:15pm - 3:15pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Fri 28th March		

RLT Stakeholder Survey for Parents

ALL

I would like to thank everyone who has already given their time to complete the RLT Parent Survey. We have now received **257** responses which represents **30%** of our parents and carers. So far, Gosford Hill School is the RLT secondary school with the highest percentage of completed surveys by parents and I would appreciate your support in continuing this lead over the coming week!

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete the survey which is [linked here](#). The deadline for survey responses is 6pm on Friday 21st March.

Posted by – Mr Sellars

Change of date for INSET Day 5

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

Posted by – Mr Birchall

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 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

ALL

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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Our Bluesky feeds have now been set up and can be accessed/followed via the following links:

Main School Feed: <https://bsky.app/profile/gosfordhill.bsky.social>

Sport Feed: <https://bsky.app/profile/ghs-sport.bsky.social>

Trips Feed: <https://bsky.app/profile/ghs-trips.bsky.social>

Sixth Form Feed: <https://bsky.app/profile/ghs-sixth-form.bsky.social>

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

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

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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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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

Kidlington Community Singers
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Saturday 5th April at 2pm
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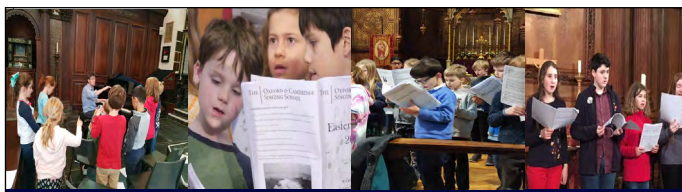
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



SUBJECTS INCLUDE

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

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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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