



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 9th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week	
Tues 10th June	Year 12 Mock Art Exam UKMT Junior Kangaroo	
Weds 11th June	Year 12 Mock Art Exam	
Thurs 12th June	Bring a Grown Up! English Workshop	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Fri 13th June		

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 16th June		
Tues 17th June		
Weds 18th June	Year 5 Welcome Event	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 19th June		
Fri 20th June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly	

The Gosford Award 2025

At the start of last term, students in Years 7 - 10 were asked to take part in the newly revised Gosford Award, which challenges them to achieve bronze, silver or gold awards by completing tasks set out in the table on the next page. As part of our Student Development curriculum, the tasks challenge students to engage in our extracurricular activities & the multicultural world around them.

ALL

In order to achieve the gold award, you will note that students will need to sign up to one of our Gold Award Enrichment activities, details of which will be announced soon. These activities will involve doing something that is not only enriching for themselves but also for others.

Please encourage your children to aim high and go for gold. Awards need to be achieved by the end of the school year and will be received by students at the start of the next school year, in September.

Posted by – Mr La Porte



The Gosford Award



Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Attend an after school/lunchtime club	Achieve a Perfect Week	Volunteer to help at a school event	Receive 10 'Respect' Achievement Points	Take part in a Gosford Award Enrichment Event
Achieve attendance of 97% for a term	Receive 10 'Responsible' Achievement Points	Cook some cuisine from a different country/culture	Receive no 'Homework' Behaviour Points in a term	Engage in some exercise after school/at the weekend
Receive 10 'Resilience' Achievement Points	Pursue an activity or hobby after school/at the weekend	Complete a term with no late registration marks	Complete a term with no negative Behavior Points	Attend an after school/lunchtime club for more than 5 sessions in a term



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

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

Sixth Form Notices

The UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University 2025

Sixth Form

The Parents' Guide to University has been produced by UniTasterDays in collaboration with HELOA to help parents and guardians understand key aspects of university, so they can confidently support those considering university.

Editorial has been provided over 75 university representatives from across the UK, plus expert leaders from outside the sector, such as Martin Lewis from MoneySavingExpert.com.

You can [click here](#) to download the guide.

Posted by – Miss Brimble



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧑 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🥰 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😂 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍲 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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