



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 14th July		
Tues 15th July	Creative Arts Trip departs	
Weds 16th July		
Thurs 17th July	Enrichment Day 1	
Fri 18th July	Enrichment Day 2 Year 7 Residential Trip to France departs	

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 21st July	Enrichment Day 3 Year 12 Punting in Oxford Year 7 Residential Trip to France returns Creative Arts Trip returns	
Tues 22nd July	Summer Term ends	School finishes at 12:30pm
Weds 23rd July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	
Thurs 24th July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	
Fri 25th July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	

23rd July - 2nd September	Summer Holiday
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Unwanted Uniform or PE Kit

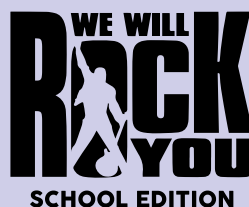
Year 7-11

If you have unwanted uniform or PE kit, please consider...

1. Donating it to the school by dropping it off at main reception
2. Visiting the School Uniform Clothing Swap in partnership with the Cherwell Collective and WISH (Please see the flyer below for further information).

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Gosford Hill School presents... We Will Rock You!



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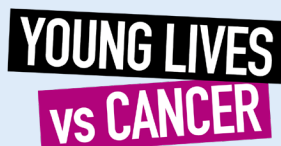
Have you ever wanted to **break free** from the everyday and the mundane? Do you sometimes feel **under pressure** and just need **somebody to love**? Do you crave for **a kinda magic** that you just can't find anywhere else? If all you can hear is pure '**ga ga**' on the **radio** and you still **want it all** - well, you can!! Grab a last minute ticket - only £8 - to Gosford Hill School's sweltering summer musical 'We Will Rock You' and prepare to have your socks and rocks permanently blown off [stage]!! See you - be there or be disappointed...

Limited tickets still available to purchase online at...

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gosford-hill-school>

Posted by The School Production Team

Young Lives vs Cancer



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As part of this year's Enrichment Programme, Gosford Hill School will be raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer: www.younglivesvscancer.org.uk

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you can access the school's Just Giving account [here](#).

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Exams Results – Summer 2025

Just a reminder that exam results may be collected from the Hall between 9:00am and 11:00am on results days, as follows:

Thursday 14th August – A Level, AS Level and Level 3 BTEC Results

Thursday 21st August – GCSE and Level 2 BTEC Results

Results are the property of the candidate and, as such, **must not** be handed out to a third party without the candidate's permission. If students would like someone else to collect results on their behalf, consent forms are available from Reception. **Please remember that all third parties collecting results must bring a suitable form of ID with them on results day, and examples are given on the form.**

Alternatively a stamped, self-addressed envelope may be left at reception and results will be posted. Please ensure the student's current year and form group is written in the top left-hand corner to assist with sorting into year groups

Members of staff will be available on results days, to provide advice and assistance with any questions or concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Exams Team.

Certificates will be available to collect from November onwards.

Posted by – The Exams Team

Year
11&13

Friends of Gosford Hill School

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We are really keen to re-establish our 'Friends of Gosford Hill School' as we enter the new academic year. If you are interested in joining us to support fundraising for improving the additional experiences and opportunities for our students, please get in touch via: office@gosfordhillschool.org.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

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

Sixth Form Notices

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

**Sixth
Form**

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a free 100-page digital guide for Year 12 and Year 13 students, their parents, and careers professionals at schools & Sixth Form colleges.

The new guide explains how degree apprenticeships can provide Sixth Form school-leavers with a debt-free university degree – and a guaranteed graduate job in sought-after professions such as accounting, engineering, banking & finance, law and technology.

You can read the guide now through this link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/548515636/>

There is also a special 30-minute programme to watch on The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships that you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QN7GWVwuJB8>

Posted by – Miss Brimble

 Gosford Hill School Presents

WE WILL ROCK YOU
SCHOOL EDITION

Music and Lyrics by
QUEEN
Story and Script by
BEN ELTON

★ **TICKETS £8, AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!** ★

9TH - 11TH JULY 2025 ★ 7:00PM ★ MAIN HALL
Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2NT
www.gosfordhillschool.org

"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), www.theatricalrights.co.uk

End of year
SCHOOL UNIFORM
Clothing Swap!




Wish, 4 The Parade, Kidlington, OX5 1EE
**30 July 2025
10 am - 4 pm**



Bring in your child's outgrown uniform, swap it for a pre-loved one for the upcoming year, or pay what you can if you have nothing to swap.

Please drop off any unwanted school uniform at WISH the week before commencing 21st July

School holidays just got more exciting!
Fresh air, freedom and adventure!







Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8-16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events





Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:
£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

Book now and join the adventure
www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events
✉ activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk
📍 Scout Adventures Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD



KIDLINGTON GALA DAY



SATURDAY 19 JULY

11AM - 3PM

**EXETER CLOSE
FREE ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!**

Fun for all the family

ORGANISED BY KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
NO PUBLIC OR DISABLED PARKING AVAILABLE

IF Milton Keynes
International
Festival 2025

**18 - 20 July 2025
at the Open University**



Friday 18 July

10.00-21.00 Luke Jerram's Mars Installation, Berrill Courtyard
19.00-20.00 Unlocking the Secrets of Space, Berrill Lecture Theatre

Saturday 19 July

10.00-21.00 Luke Jerram's Mars Installation, Berrill Courtyard
12.00-18.00 Space: Missions, Mysteries and Meteorites, Berrill Cafe
14.00-15.00 The Making of Mars: Where Art Meets Science, Berrill Lecture Theatre
18.00-19.00 12 Years and Counting: Curiosity on Mars, Berrill Lecture Theatre

Sunday 20 July

10.00-21.00 Luke Jerram's Mars Installation, Berrill Courtyard
14.00-15.00 Mars: A World Record, Berrill Lecture Theatre

For more information
and bookings visit:
bit.ly/IF_OU



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 to provide children and young adults with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment, the OCSS aims to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Singing lessons with a specialist vocal coach are also provided in small groups.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email samantha@oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

**23 - 25th July 2025
St Barnabas Church, Jericho
Oxford**

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

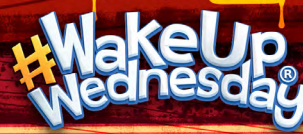
Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

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