



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 15th September		
Tues 16th September		
Weds 17th September		
Thurs 18th September		
Fri 19th September		

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 22nd September		
Tues 23rd September		
Weds 24th September	Year 11, 12 and 13 Drama trip 'Moments' at The North Wall Theatre Early closure for Open Evening Open Evening	12:00pm - 2:45pm 1:25pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 25th September	INSET DAY	All day
Fri 26th September	School photographs for Years 7, 10, 12 Year 11 Interform Competition	8:30am - 10:00am

Early Closure for Open Evening – Wednesday 24th September

ALL

The school will close at 1:25pm on Wednesday 24th September for our Open Evening. Buses and taxis will collect students at 1:25pm.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

INSET Day – Thursday 25th September

ALL

An advanced reminder that there will be no school for students on Thursday 25th September as this is an INSET Day.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Extra-curricular Clubs & Activities – Autumn Term

ALL

Distributed with this bulletin are lists of extra-curricular clubs and activities available to students through the Autumn Term.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

School Social Media Feeds

**Year
7**

A reminder that the school has three social media feeds for regular news updates, alerts and reminders about upcoming events. You can follow these by clicking on the links below:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GosfordHill1 Instagram: www.instagram.com/gosford_hill

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

Posted by – Mr Birchall

School Photographs for Year 7, 10 and 12

ALL

Exciting news! Tempest Photography will be visiting our school on Friday 26th September, to take formal portrait photographs of students in Years 7, 10 and 12.

Tempest Photography will be in contact with details of how to purchase these in due course.

Posted by – Mrs Radwell

Safeguarding

ALL

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



Oxfordshire Youth Forum

The forum is a safe spaced co-produced by young people for young people in years 7-13 to discuss topics around mental health and wellbeing.

Sessions are held online using Teams and last for one hour

For more information or to register your interest please email cyp@oxfordshiremind.org.uk



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**Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th
Sat 25th Oct 2025**

7:30 pm

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GOSFORD HILL
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**Gosford Hill School
Open Events**

for prospective parents and their
children in Year 5 and Year 6

Open Evening

Wednesday 24th September
(6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Concluding with a presentation in
the Hall at 7:30pm.

Open Mornings

Monday 29th September
Tuesday 30th September
Wednesday 1st October
(9:15am to 10:15am)



Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT



www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/open-events



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

I WANT TO BELIEVE

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

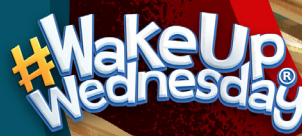
Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories>



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Gosford Hill School Clubs & Activities

The following list will give you some ideas of the clubs and activities available to students through the Autumn Term.



DAY	YEAR	TIME	CLUB/ACTIVITY	VENUE	LED BY
MONDAY	All	Lunch	LGBTQ+ Group	MA4	Mr Birchall
	All	Lunch	Orchestra	MU3	Mr Sellars / Mr Purtell
	7 - 9	Lunch	Drama Club	DR2	Mr Hawkins / Miss Brimble
	11	Lunch	Year 11 Higher Maths Club^	MA5	Mrs Carney
	All	3.15 - 4.00pm	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hall
TUESDAY	All	Lunch	Christian Union	HI3	Oxford Schools Chaplaincy
	All	Lunch	Soul Band (All Years, by invitation)	Ensemble Room	Mr Purtell
	7 - 9	Lunch	French Club	LA1	Miss White
	10 - 13	3.15 - 5.00pm	Film Club	EN5	Mr Ogilvie
	All	3.15 - 4.00pm	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hall
WEDNESDAY	All	Lunch	PALs drop-in session	Counselling Room (Under IT)	PALs Team
	7 - 9	Lunch	German Club	LA2	Ella
	All	Lunch	Choir	MU3	Mr Purtell
	10 - 13	3.15 - 4.15pm	GCSE and A Level Art Club	AR1	Mrs Hallmark
	All	3.15 - 4.00pm	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hall
	All	3.20 - 4.20pm	Creative Writing Club*	EN5	Mr Ogilvie
THURSDAY	All	Lunch	Goslings (Duolingo Club)	LA2	Miss White
	All	3.15 - 4.00pm	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hall
	All	3.15 - 5.00pm	Kidlington Schools Brass Band	MU3	Mr Purtell
FRIDAY	Sixth Form	Lunch	Sixth Form Band	Ensemble Room	Sixth Form students

Duke of Edinburgh Support with Mrs Heydon will run on an ad-hoc basis in DT5 this term. Details will be communicated via the Student Bulletin.

* Activity running during **Week A** only.

^ **Year 11 Maths Higher Club** will run from 1:45pm on Week A and 1:35pm on Week B.

The Library is open during Break (11.00 - 11.25am), Lunch (1.25 - 2.15pm) and after school (3.15 - 4.00pm) from Monday to Thursday for reading, research, coursework and/or homework.



GHS Sports Extra-Curricular Timetable

Sports clubs and activities available
to students through the Autumn Term.



DAY	YEAR	TIME	CLUB/ACTIVITY	VENUE	CHANGING ROOMS	STAFF
TUESDAY	All	Lunch	Basketball Club	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	All
	7 & 8	3.15 - 6.00pm	Years 7 and 8 Girls Football Fixtures	<i>See team sheet</i>	<i>See team sheet</i>	HRN JGH
	9 - 11	3.15 - 6.00pm	Years 9, 10 and 11 Girls Netball Fixtures	<i>See team sheet</i>	<i>See team sheet</i>	HRN JGH
WEDNESDAY	7 - 11	3.15 - 4.15pm	Netball Club	Art Block	Art Block	HRN
	All	3.15 - 4.15pm	Badminton Club	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	External Coach
THURSDAY	All	3.15 - 4.15pm	Rugby Club	Field	Art Block	JGH LSH RGG MWS
	7 - 11	3.15 - 4.15pm	Referee Club <i>(Running on Wednesdays during September)</i>	Field	Art Block	JGH RGG LSH MWS
	All	4.00 - 6.30pm	Gymnastics Club <i>(externally run*)</i>	Gym	Gym	External Coach
FRIDAY	Sixth Form	5.00 - 6.00pm	Sixth Form Powerlifting Club**	Leisure Centre	Sports Hall	TB and External Coach

Please note: Fixtures can fall on any day between Monday and Thursday. Students will be informed in advance via the PE noticeboard (located outside the PE office at the back of the Hall). Please keep an eye on our Bluesky account (<https://bsky.app/profile/ghs-sport.bsky.social>) for the latest information about Gosford Hill School PE.

Sports Team sheets for fixtures will be placed on the noticeboard outside the PE office at the back of the Hall.

What is needed for fixtures and training?

- P.E Kit (Gosford Hill School Logo shorts, socks, shirts)
- Mouth Guards (Hockey)
- Shinpads (Football/Hockey)
- Water/drink
- Appropriate footwear (Astros/trainers for Hockey/Netball – boots for Football)

* The Gymnastics Club is run by Woodstock Gymnastics Club at Gosford Hill School on Thursday evenings. The classes run as following: Beginners (4:00 - 5:00pm), Intermediate (4.30 - 5:30pm), Advanced (5.00 - 6:30pm). For more information, visit: www.gymnasticsoxford.co.uk/contact-and-address-information

** Please speak to Mr Birchall via Reception if you are interested in participating. A small charge of £2 applies for each session. Beginners are very welcome.