



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 19 – Friday 30th January 2026

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 2nd February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tues 3rd February	Yr11 GCSE PE Mock Moderation Day Year 9 Battlefields of World War One Trip Information Evening (<i>Canteen</i>)	5:00pm - 6:00pm
Weds 4th February	A Level Drama Practical Exam Bring a Grown Up! Art Workshop	9:15am - 1:25pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 5th February	Year 11 History Trip – 'The Doctors Show' at the Cornerstone Arts Centre	8:30am - 1:00pm
Fri 6th February		

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 9th February	GCSE Drama Practical Exams	9:30am -
Tues 10th February	Sports Tour Information Evening	6:00pm - 6:45pm
Weds 11th February	Year 12 Parents Evening	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 12th February	Year 11 Group Photograph Friends of Gosford Hill School Meeting	9:00am 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Fri 13th February		

Year 11 Revision / Catch-up Timetable

**Year
11**

[Here is a link](#) to the timetable for the Year 11 revision/catch-up sessions that are currently running. We will continue to add other subjects throughout the academic year and will make you aware of these changes. Could I please ask that you encourage your child to attend these sessions if they would like support with these subjects.

Posted by – Mr Gannon

Year 11 Prom 2026 – Save the date!

**Year
11**

The Year 11 Prom will take place during the evening of **Thursday 26th June 2026**. Further details to follow in due course, but for now, please put the date in your diaries.

Posted by – Mr Gannon

Singing Lessons at Gosford Hill School

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We're pleased to let you know that our music teacher, Ms McClean, will now be offering singing lessons on Friday mornings through the Music Service.

If you would like to sign your child up for group, paired, or individual singing lessons, please register using the following link: <https://ukoxfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

We also continue to offer lessons in guitar, drum kit, keyboard/piano, woodwind, brass, and strings (all available to book through the same link), so this could be a great opportunity for your child to try something new this year!

Posted by – Mrs Gillingham

Sleep and Mental Health: CAMHS Workshop for Parents and Carers

We Are With You – Sleep (Online Workshop)

 Thursday 26th February 2026

 5:00pm to 6:00pm

 Location: Online – [Register interest here](#)

ALL

Sleep plays a vital role in emotional wellbeing, yet many young people experiencing mental health challenges struggle to get the rest they need. This free supportive online workshop will help parents and carers to:

- Understand why sleep can be difficult for young people
- Learn how poor sleep affects mood and recovery
- Explore common barriers to good sleep
- Gain practical, easy-to-use strategies to support healthier sleep habits at home

You'll leave with simple tools and greater confidence to help your child feel more rested and resilient.

Posted by on behalf of CAMHS Oxfordshire

Forthcoming Mock Examinations

**Year
11&13**

Year 13 Mock Examinations – February 2026

A timetable for the upcoming Year 13 mock exams in February can be viewed on/downloaded from the school website [here](#). A letter with further details has been sent to parents and carers of Year 13.

Year 11 Mock Examinations – March 2026

A timetable for the upcoming Year 11 mock exams in March is on the Year 11 Google Classroom and can be viewed on/downloaded from the school website [here](#).

Posted by – The Exams Team

PALs Quiz Night – Wednesday 18th March 2026

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 Wednesday 18th March |  6:00pm (doors open 5:45pm)

All are welcome to us for a fun quiz night raising money for BYHP, a charity tackling youth homelessness.

 Tickets: £5, payable on the door (Please scan the QR code on posters to pre-book and guarantee entry)

 Snacks and a raffle available – come along and support a great cause!

Posted on behalf of The PALs Team

Darke & Taylor Open Evening at Elevate – Thursday 12th February (4:30pm to 7:00pm)

Students considering a future career in engineering are invited to attend the Darke & Taylor Open Evening at Elevate on Thursday 12th February from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

This event is a great opportunity to ask questions, explore career options, and learn more about engineering apprenticeships. Refreshments will be provided by Darke & Taylor.

What to Expect:

- Guided tour of the Elevate training facility
- Insight into learning environments available to apprentices
- Meet the Darke & Taylor team and Elevate tutors
- Learn about apprenticeship pathways and progression routes within the business
- Time for questions and open discussion about future career development

Location: Elevate, Unit 1, Bankside, Long Hanborough, OX29 8LJ

If you are interested in attending, please register using [this link](#).

Posted on behalf of Darke & Taylor

**Year
10-13**

Matilda The Musical Auditions



This week, 60 students auditioned to take part in Matilda. The standard of performances was exceptionally high which is making our job to cast roles very challenging. We look forward to the second round of auditions which will take place on Wednesday 4th February where we will be casting the main roles (all students invited to call backs have been given scripts to learn). Students who have auditioned will then find out what role they have been given on Friday 6th February.

If your child auditioned, please congratulate them as we know how much hard work that has gone into this. The production team is incredibly impressed with the time and effort students have taken for learning the choreography and songs.

We can't wait to get rehearsals underway - keep your diaries clear from July 1st-3rd so that you can see the talent that Gosford Hill School has to offer.

Posted by – Miss Brimble and the Production Team

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Year 11 Group Photograph – Thursday 12th February 2026

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school to take a group photograph of our Year 11 students on Thursday 12th February at 9:00am. The photo will be taken in the gym at the start of Period 1. This will be a lovely way for students to remember their time at Gosford Hill School. Please encourage all students to be dressed smartly and correctly in full school uniform, as is our usual expectation.

Posted by – Mrs Radwell

**Year
11**

LIVE Careers Infosheet

Please [click here](#) to access our LIVE Careers Infosheet. This useful document is regularly updated with the latest work experience opportunities, insight days, guides and support.

Posted by – Mrs Zajac

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Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club started this week. This will run every day from 7:45am - 8:15am in the Canteen. Students can buy a couple of pieces of toast and jam and a drink of squash for 50p. There will be supervision and students can sit in the Canteen area during these times. There is no need for students to sign up in advance, they just need to turn up, get something to eat and meet their friends.

Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club runs every Monday - Thursday from 3:15pm - 4:00pm in the Library. It is supervised and provides a quiet space where students can come and complete homework and get support. Refreshments are also provided.

Posted by – Mrs Gillingham

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Safeguarding

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

**Sixth
Form**

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a free 142-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](#).

Posted by – Miss Brimble

💡 **Top Tip** 💡

You can click these posters for more information!



LOOKING FOR A DOG?

ADOPT A RESCUE DOG ON CHANNEL 4'S *the Dog House*

APPLY HERE



 [C4THEDOGHOUSETAKEPART.CO.UK](https://www.c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk)



Abingdon & Witney College

INTERACTIVE & ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

2026 OPEN DAYS

Higher Education | Degree Courses | Part Time & Evening Courses
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Abingdon	Witney	Bicester
11 TH FEB. - 17 TH JUN. 3:30 – 7pm	25 TH FEB. - 17 TH JUN. 3:30 – 7pm	4 TH MAR. - 24 TH JUN. 4:00 – 7pm

Common Leys
18TH MAR.
5:00 – 7pm

TASTER WEEK
22ND - 30TH JUNE
Experience College life before you apply

REGISTER TO ATTEND!


Scan the QR code to register

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

DON'T MISS OUR ...

APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT FAIR

JOB FAIR for STUDENTS
INFORMATION for PARENTS

@The Marlborough Church of England School

THURSDAY 12th March 2026 @ 6pm

An opportunity for you to:

- Hear presentations from apprentices
- 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/aibo8Qu1CY6MJkbC9>

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

 WEST OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS CAREERS PARTNERSHIP
Informing career and life choices





ELITE CAMPS BOTLEY

 February Half Term
 Botley Primary School, Botley, OX2 9JZ

Elite Activities Include..

-  Laser Tag
-  Nerf Wars
-  Soft Archery
-  Crazy Golf
-  Parachute Games
-  Balloon Bash
-  Hungry Hippos
-  and much more..

BOOK NOW

 

CAMP INFO

16th - 20th Feb 2026

5-13 Years Old
 Standard day: 9:00am - 3:30pm
 Extended day: 8:30am - 17:00pm

4 Years Old
 Half day session: 9:00am - 1:00pm

What Children Need to Bring

- Packed lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Suitable footwear

HOW TO BOOK...

 eliteyouthsports.co.uk
 info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk
 01235 415846

YOUTH CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH


 Youth Alpha

STARTS 1ST FEBRUARY 2026 6.30PM-8.30PM
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18
HOT FOOD PROVIDED

Alpha Youth Series consists of 10 episodes run over 8 weeks exploring life's real questions – made for youth by youth. There's nothing you can't say, and you don't have to say anything at all. And the best part? Alpha is 100% free.

BOOKING & FURTHER INFO USE QR CODE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT JONATHAN LOGAN
JONATHAN@KIDDLINGTON-BAPTIST.ORG.UK

STEM

THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

For Yr 9 & Yr 10/S3 and S4

Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!

 

What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February.
- Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- CV, applications and interview support.
- Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.
- Achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.



GO KIDS GO

WHEELCHAIR SKILLS TRAINING

Free, fun and inclusive sessions for 2 -18 year olds. Extra wheelchairs provided so the whole family can join in!




Manual or powered wheelchairs
Propulsion & manoeuvring
Slopes and rough ground,
Back wheel balancing,
Road safety
Emergency evacuation techniques
Wheelchair sports & Dance

Saturday 7th March 2026
10am - 2pm

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

Free of Charge!
Please bring a packed lunch

For more information email
training@go-kids-go.org.uk

YouthLab

The North Wall Arts Centre



DANCE MASTERCLASS

with Company Chameleon

Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 February 10am - 4pm

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to create, and perform alongside one of the UK's leading contemporary dance companies this February half term!

Participants will explore Chameleon's distinctive movement style and collaborate with professional company dancers to devise an original piece of choreography.

Participants will present their work at Pegasus Theatre on Friday 6 March as part of Dancin' Oxford's 20th Anniversary Spring Festival, as an opener for Company Chameleon's *Obscura* – a powerful and original double-bill, exploring the shadows of self and society.

For ages 12-17

Tickets £100

Full bursaries available
www.thenorthwall.com



Scan to find out more

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH - 6PM

PALS PEER ACTIVE LISTENERS
Here to hear



QUIZ NIGHT

£5 ENTRY FEE

RAFFLE PRIZES, FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL - MAIN HALL

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BYHP BANBURY

PRE-BOOK WITH THE QR CODE

