



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 20 – Friday 6th February 2026

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 9th February	GCSE Drama Practical Exams	9:30am - 3:15pm
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		
14th - 22nd February	Spring Half Term Break	

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 23rd February	Year 13 Mock Exams begin	
Tues 24th February	Stand up to Bullying Day Robotics – First Tech Qualifier Round at Oxford High School	9:00am - 3:15pm
Weds 25th February	Year 11 Food Practical Exam (Group 1) Year 9 Parents Evening	8:30am - 2:00pm 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 26th February	Year 11 Food Practical Exam (Group 2)	8:30am - 2:00pm
Fri 27th February	Non-school uniform day in aid of Rare Disease Day Developing Vaccines Trip to the History of Science Museum and the Bodleian Library	8:15am - 3:15pm

PALs Quiz Night – Wednesday 18th March 2026

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

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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

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

Year 11

Year 11 Revision / Catch-up Timetable

[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

Next Parents CAN (Connect and Natter) Meeting – Monday 2nd March 2026



Thank you to all of you who came to the Parents CAN meeting on Monday 12th January. The focus was on anxiety, the impact it has on children and parents and how to react to it. We explored how a little anxiety or stress can be a good thing as it motivates us to do things and perform better as it makes us more alert and task focussed. However, when the challenge outways our coping and the anxiety builds to the point that we are feeling overwhelmed it impairs our thinking and ability to reason rationally.

ALL

We recognised anxiety expresses itself in a myriad of behaviours and feelings and can feel very different for different people. Anxiety is always an interplay between our thoughts, feelings and behaviours. We then explored Automatic Negative Thoughts (ANTs) and unhelpful thinking styles that often increase anxiety and before thinking about some helpful tools to use at home. Over coffee and tea parents then had time to talk to each other and share their experiences.

Our next Parents CAN meeting will be on Monday 2nd March, 9:15am - 10:45am. It's a great opportunity to meet with a mental health professional and other parents over hot drinks, and to ask questions or discuss any concerns you may have. Details on speaker will be announced nearer the time.

Please contact us [via our Facebook group](#) or email our school counsellor, Angelique Camoenie via acamoenie@gosfordhillschool.org if you would like us to discuss a certain topic or if you have any specific questions you would like us to address. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd March.

Posted on behalf of Parents CAN

Term dates for the next academic year (2026-27)

Term dates for the next academic year (2026-27) are as follows.

Please note: We have done our best to ensure that these dates are correct, but they ARE subject to change.

Date of Terms for 2026-27

Term	Dates
Autumn Term	Monday 7th September 2026* – Friday 18th December 2026
October Half Term	Saturday 24th October 2026 – Sunday 1st November 2026
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 19th December 2026 – Sunday 3rd January 2027

Term	Dates
Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027
Spring Half Term	Saturday 13th February 2027 – Sunday 21st February 2027
Easter Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027 – Sunday 11th April 2027

Term	Dates
Summer Term	Monday 12th April 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027
Summer Half Term	Saturday 29th May 2027 – Sunday 6th June 2027

**Years 7, 11, & 12 will be in on Monday 7th September, with other year groups returning on Tuesday 8th September 2026.*

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September 2026, Wednesday 2nd September 2026, Friday 25th September 2026, Friday 27th November 2026, Monday 25th January 2027.

Term dates for the academic year 2027-28 can be found [on our school website](#).

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Singing Lessons at Gosford Hill School

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 – Mr Purtell

**Year
11**

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

Next Friends of Gosford Hill School Meeting – Thursday 12th February

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Thank you to the parents that joined us for our first informal meeting of the re-launched Friends of Gosford Hill School earlier in January. We are really excited about plans to reform this group into a productive and powerful body that provides:

- A growing sense of community and belonging for parents, carers and friends around our school.
- An opportunity to create greater feedback loops in both directions for the school moving forward.
- A chance to support the celebration and promotion of all of the brilliant things that our students achieve.
- A mechanism for fundraising for some of the additional opportunities and experiences for our young people.

We are really keen to further this discussion and are looking for further friends to join us at our next discussion on **Thursday 12th February at 5:00pm**. Please contact office@gosfordhillschool.org if you are able to join us.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

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

Year
10-13

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

LIVE Careers Infosheet

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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

Safeguarding

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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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@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
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- Speak to Training providers, Advisers and College staff
- Engage with Apprentices and employees

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Dates- Mon 16th to Fri 20th February
Ages- 5-16 years
Price- £20 per day if booked before 7th January

Sessions led by UEFA & FA Qualified Coaches
Engaging games to improve skill, fun challenges, matches and tournaments.



Venue- Little Marsh Sports Ground, Green Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1QE
Dates- Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026



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Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 February 10am - 4pm

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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.

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