



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 21 – Friday 13th February 2026

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

14th – 22nd February	Spring Half Term Break
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Next 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 (Online)	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 Oxford Bach Choir Spring Workshop	8:15am – 3:15pm 11:00am – 2:30pm

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 2nd March	Year 11 Mock Exams begin Parents CAN Meeting	9:15am – 10:45am
Tues 3rd March		
Weds 4th March	Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Amersham (11C/Ge2) KS4 Options Evening	8:30am – 3:00pm 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Thurs 5th March	Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Amersham (11C/Ge1 and 11D/Ge)	8:30am – 3:00pm
Fri 6th March	HPV Vaccinations Catch Up (Yr 8-11)	

PALs Quiz Night – Wednesday 18th March 2026

📅 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

New Build GHS Presentation Evening – Wednesday 11th March 2026

ALL

Parents, carers, prospective families and members of our local community are warmly invited to a special evening at Gosford Hill School as we begin an exciting new chapter with our school rebuild. The event (held across three sessions – see details below) will provide an overview of the new build and how the school will be transformed in the coming years. There will be a presentation by Mr Sellars who will outline the phasing and logistics of the project, including how we will minimise disruption and ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the school. Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions.

6:00pm to 7:00pm	Current parents, carers and students
7:00pm to 8:00pm	Prospective parents, carers and students
8:00pm to 9:00pm	Wider community

We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP via this Google Form so that we can anticipate numbers: <https://forms.gle/WBwLqjt78uGRzVWWA>

Posted by – Mr Sellars

Student Safety at the End of the School Day – Please read if you collect by car

ALL

The end of the drive is becoming increasingly dangerous for the majority of our students who leave the school on foot, or walking with their bikes, as they try to either cross the drive to head up towards Sainsbury's or as they attempt to cross the main road. This is caused by the volume of traffic in the slip road which backs up because those parents/carers who drive into the school car park don't take the time to park in a car park space but instead just sit in the road. The backing up of traffic then tails back into the slip road. Some parents have reported seeing drivers mounting the pavement in their car to avoid other motorists, This is clearly dangerous and unacceptable.

If you choose to collect your child from school by car, could I please ask that you park in a car park space, rather than waiting in the road of the car park.

These arrangements will have to change in due course as we will reach a point where the school rebuilding programme will dictate that we can not accommodate any parent cars on the school site. We will struggle for parking for our own staff.

For further details on the phasing of the School Rebuilding Programme, you are warmly invited as parents and carers to my presentation on Wednesday 11th March at 6pm in the Hall where I will go through the different phases of the project and how we mitigate impact on the working school.

Posted by – Mr Sellars

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

Matilda The Musical Auditions

ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL

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Well done to all that auditioned to be part of Matilda this year. We are so pleased to say that we have cast all students into a role. Whilst we know some will be disappointed if they didn't get the role they wanted, it is important to remember that all roles are important and make up an incredible cast.

Rehearsals will be held each week on Tuesday from 3:15pm-4:30pm and Wednesday from 3:15pm - 5:00pm.

Please note, that due to whole school events, like parents evening, we cannot always rehearse on a Wednesday. Each week, we will announce on Google Classroom who is needed and which scenes, songs or dances will be focused on. If you could remind your child to check this carefully each week that would be great as non-attendance may lead to a student leaving the cast. We have a tight schedule so every week of rehearsals is important.

Posted by – Miss Brimble and the Production Team

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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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

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.

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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

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

New Build GHS: Plans, Phases and Progress



GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL

An artist's impression of our brand new school



Date

Wednesday 11th
March 2026



Session Times

6:00pm to 7:00pm – Current parents and carers
7:00pm to 8:00pm – Prospective parents and carers
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Artist's impression of the school entrance



CGI of the sheltered outdoor seating areas



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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

DATES	DAYS	SESSION
16th - 20th February	Monday - Friday	Week 1

EASTER CAMPS

DATES	DAYS	SESSION
30th March - 2nd April	Monday - Thursday	Week 1
7th - 10th April	Tuesday - Friday	Week 2

MAY HALF-TERM

DATES	DAYS	SESSION
26th - 29th May	Tuesday - Friday	Week 1

SUMMER CAMPS

DATES	DAYS	SESSION
20th - 24th July	Monday - Friday	Week 1
27th - 31st July	Monday - Friday	Week 2
3rd - 7th August	Monday - Friday	Week 3
10th - 14th August	Monday - Friday	Week 4
17th - 21st August	Monday - Friday	Week 5
24th - 28th August	Monday - Friday	Week 6

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ELITE CAMPS BOTLEY

February Half Term

Botley Primary School, Botley, OX2 9JZ

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

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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

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- info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk
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For Ages 14-17
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Fri 21st August

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Applications Close: Monday 9th March

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 Tue 17th Feb 2026, 2:00pm – 6:30pm | Indico

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MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026
 4.30pm – 7.00pm

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- Explore NHS career pathways
- Participate in hands-on practical sessions

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Careers question time at 6.15pm
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 Address: Academic Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital
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- Speak to Training providers, Advisers and College staff
- Engage with Apprentices and employees

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