



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 18th May	Written Summer Examinations continue	See Summer Exam Timetables here
Tues 19th May		
Weds 20th May	Creative Arts Trip Information Evening in the Hall	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thurs 21st May	Friends of Gosford Hill School Meeting in TR1	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Fri 22nd May	Year 10 Drama Practical Exam	9:00am - 2:00pm
23rd - 31st May	Summer Half Term Break	

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 1st June	Written Summer Examinations continue	See Summer Exam Timetables here
Tues 2nd June		
Weds 3rd June	Half Day Trip to Oxford Natural History Museum	10:00am - 12:00pm
Thurs 4th June		
Fri 5th June		

Nut-Free Policy

ALL

A gentle reminder that Gosford Hill School is a nut-free zone and as such we kindly request that any food brought into school is nut-free. This helps us to support staff and students with food allergies. The school's nut-free policy provides further information which can be read on the school website [here](#). Thank you for your support.

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

Next Friends of Gosford Hill School Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2026

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The next Friends of Gosford Hill School meeting will take place on Thursday 21st May 2026 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in TR1. We are excited to be working towards reforming this group into a positive, productive and influential part of our school community. Our aim is to build a stronger sense of connection and belonging for parents, carers and friends of the school, while creating meaningful opportunities for open communication and feedback between families and the school as we move forward together.

This group will also play an important role in celebrating and promoting the many fantastic achievements of our students, as well as supporting fundraising for additional opportunities and enriching experiences for our young people. We are keen to continue shaping this vision and would love more parents, carers and friends to be part of the conversation. If you are interested in joining us at our next meeting, please contact office@gosfordhillschool.org. We hope to see you there 😊

Posted on behalf of The Friends of Gosford Hill School

LIVE Careers Infosheet

ALL

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

Sixth Form Notices

For students considering university...

Sixth
Form

Episode 53 of the Uni Guide Podcast explores career decisions and why students do not need everything figured out at 18. Featuring educator Baasit Siddiqui (yes, from Gogglebox), it is a reassuring listen for students feeling unsure about their next steps. [Listen to the Uni Guide.](#)

Still searching for summer opportunities? Residential application season is very much still open, with students able to explore opportunities from universities across the UK on the event search. A brilliant way to experience university life before making big decisions. [Browse upcoming summer schools.](#)

Need help with travel costs to attend open days? The university event incentives platform has been updated, with some universities offering £100+ towards travel support. And if finance is a wider concern when you start university, new initiatives we've seen include the University College Birmingham £6,000 cost of living allowance! [Browse event incentives.](#)

Posted on behalf of UniTasterDays

Kidlington Gala Day 2026

Exeter Close, OX5 1PA

11am-3pm
18 July 2026

LOTS OF FREE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

KIDLINGTON "GREEN" LANE STALLS
COMMUNITY STALLS (LOCAL GROUPS)
ACTIVITY STALLS (FREE FOR CHILDREN)
ENTERTAINERS
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS




ARMY CADETS

GOING FURTHER



LOOKING FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP, ACTION & ADVENTURE?

KIDLINGTON DETACHMENT ACF ARE LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS.

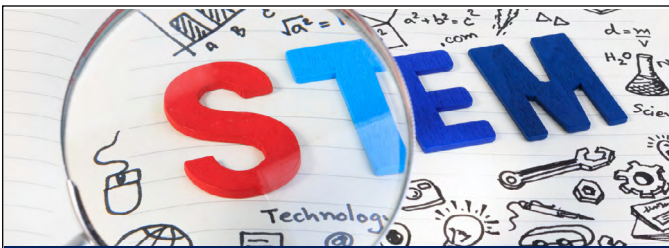
BOTH CADETS AND ADULT INSTRUCTORS

We are looking to recruit new cadets and adult instructors to join our detachment and get involved in having a fantastic time pushing your limits and trying new and challenging things. Want to know more? Then visit:

Kidlington ACF, Sterling Rd Approach, Kidlington OX5 2FN

Wednesdays 19:30 - 21:30

Or check out:
<https://armycajets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/>

THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

For Yr 9 & Yr 10/S3 and S4

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

Powered by
Industrial Cadets and **EDT Pathways to Industry**

What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in May.
- 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.

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 4 days in May.
- Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May.

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!



May Half Term

The North Wall Arts Centre

YouthLab
Ages 12-17

Playwriting Workshop
26 - 27 May
1pm - 4pm

Explore writing techniques and exercises to build characters, pacy dialogue and get you started on that all-important idea for the first draft of a play. No experience necessary; everyone has a story to tell!

Tickets £40

NW Inventors
Ages 8-11

Improvisation Workshop
26 - 27 May
9am - 12pm

Join us for a playful and brave exploration of thinking on our feet, going with the flow and being faced with the unexpected all whilst we learn the golden rules of improvisation and performance. Expect plenty of games, lots of laughs and heaps of fun!

Tickets £40



Full bursaries available
Email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply
Book now: thenorthwall.com



Bring a Grown Up!

FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School 2025 - 2026

Suitable for children in years 4-6

Geography Workshop
Wednesday 22nd April, 4pm - 5pm

During this Geography-themed workshop, come and learn about our amazing planet on World Earth Day!



English Workshop
Thursday 11th June, 4pm - 5pm

Unleash your inner poet during this creative writing workshop!



History Workshop
Tuesday 23rd June, 4pm - 5pm

Who killed King Harold? Come and have a go at solving a historical murder mystery!



Health & Social Care Workshop
Thursday 9th July, 4pm - 5pm

How healthy is your food? Find out with Miss Barnes during this free family learning workshop.



We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these FREE workshops.

Scan the QR code today to book your place, or visit:
www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/community/bring-a-grown-up
 Alternatively, you can give us a call on 01865 374971





Friends of Gosford Hill School

Would you like to support young people at Gosford Hill School and be part of a growing school community?

Friends of Gosford Hill School is a friendly, volunteer-led charity that supports students' education and the wider life of the school. We warmly welcome parents, carers, staff, alumni and members of our wider community. Whether you can attend meetings, help at events or simply offer occasional support, every contribution makes a difference.

As we relaunch the Friends, we're excited to build a strong, inclusive community that celebrates student success, strengthens connections between school and home, and raises funds to provide additional opportunities for our young people.

To find out more or get involved, please contact Mr Bateman via the school office at office@gosfordhillschool.org.



The

Library

Oxfordshire

READ to the BEAT



Help us to run the Summer Reading Challenge!

Volunteering opportunity in Oxfordshire libraries

We're looking for young people aged 13 and over, who enjoy working with children, to help run the Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

MORE INFO & APPLY



It's great for references, UCAS & Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Work towards the Summer Reading Challenge Certificate of Volunteering

Have fun by helping others and learning new skills!

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

THE READING AGENCY

UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP
UNITED KINGDOM

OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL

ACE TRAINING

Skill up this summer with our

Carpentry Kickstart & Brickwork Bootcamp




Choose your trade and your course dates:

15th to 31st July

or

5th to 21st of August

*Wednesday to Friday only

To secure your spot or for further information email sonia@acetraining.co.uk





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