



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 2 – Friday 18th September 2026

www.gosfordhillschool.org

Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 21st September	Year 11 Interform Competition	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tues 22nd September	Year 11 Human Geography Field Trip to Summertown and Cowley	9:00am - 3:00pm
Weds 23rd September	Early closure for Open Evening Open Evening	1:25pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 24th September	School photographs for Years 7, 10 and 12	
Fri 25th September	INSET DAY	All day

Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 28th September		
Tues 29th September	Year 13 Geography Field Trips to Wytham Woods	9:30am - 3:00pm
Weds 30th September	Year 10 Parents Info Evening (Hall) Year 11 Parents Info Evening (Hall)	4:30pm - 5:30pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thurs 1st October		
Fri 2nd October		

Headteacher Recruitment Process – An update for Parents and Carers

ALL

As we continue the recruitment process for our new Headteacher, I wanted to share a quick update with our school community. The application deadline closes this coming Monday, with candidate interviews scheduled for the 29th and 30th of September. We appreciate your ongoing support during this transition and look forward to communicating the outcome to all parents and carers shortly after the process concludes.

Posted by – Mr Boulter

School Social Media Feeds

ALL

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

Parking and Vehicle Access to School – A Polite Reminder

ALL

A reminder that parking and vehicle access to the school is currently very limited during the construction period. **As such, parents should not drive onto the site to drop their children off in the morning or collect them at the end of the day.** When coming to the school for scheduled events and meetings, please park away from the site as far as possible. There are a limited number of disabled parking spaces near to the front of school for those who need them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and patience as we work towards creating a fantastic new Gosford Hill School for our whole community.

Posted by – Ms Foster

PALs Drop-In Sessions – Restarting next Wednesday 23rd September

ALL

If your child is feeling overwhelmed, navigating a worry, or could simply benefit from a friendly listening ear, our Peer Active Listening (PALs) sessions are restarting next week on Wednesday 23rd September. The PALs are a dedicated team of trained Sixth Form students offering a safe, confidential drop-in space in the Counselling Room (located under IT).

Whether your child needs to talk through something on their mind – big or small – wants to join in with light activity-based sessions, or just needs a supportive peer to listen, the team is ready to welcome them. Please feel free to mention this to your child and encourage them to pop in next Wednesday to say hello!

Posted by – The Sixth Form PALs Team

School Photographs for Year 7, 10 and 12

ALL

Exciting news! Tempest Photography will be visiting our school on Thursday 24th 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

Early Closure for Open Evening – Wednesday 23rd September

ALL

The school will close at 1:25pm on Wednesday 23rd September for our Open Evening. Buses and taxis will collect students at 1:25pm.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

INSET Day – Friday 25th September

ALL

Please note that there will be no school for students next Friday 25th September as this is an INSET Day.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

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

ALL

Missing Cat Appeal: Have You Seen Benji?

A family living next to the school is searching for their missing cat, Benji, who went missing last Monday evening.

- Appearance: Large ginger tom cat with a hanging belly.
- Temperament: Friendly, but may be scared if approached.
- How to Help: Please check your garden, sheds, garages, and outbuildings if you live near the school.

If you spot Benji, please call or text Daniela immediately at 07748 258727 or 07501 396467.

The owners work nearby and can attend at short notice.

Thank you!



Posted by – Mr Birchall

ALL

Help Support Our School for Free with easyfundraising

Did you know you can raise donations for our school whenever you shop online – at absolutely no extra cost to you? We have registered with easyfundraising, a platform that connects shoppers with over 8,000 major retailers (including Tesco, Argos, John Lewis, eBay, and Just Eat). When you shop through their website or app, the retailer sends a percentage of your spend directly to us as a donation.

It is completely free to use, and the prices of your items remain exactly the same. Whether you are doing your weekly grocery shop, booking a holiday, or buying gifts, it is a quick and simple way to help us fund extra resources and activities for the children.

To sign up and start supporting us, simply scan the QR code on the flyer or visit:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause (Note: Please search for Gosford Hill School when prompted).

Thank you for your continued support.

Year
10 & 11

Year 10 and 11 Parent and Carer Information Evenings

Parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students are welcome to attend the Parent and Carer Information Evenings, which will take place on Wednesday 30th September in the Hall. The workshop for Year 10 will take place between 4.30-5.30pm, with the workshop for parents and carers of Year 11 running from 6.00-7.00pm.

These events have been designed to cover a range of topics, including how to support your child in their core subjects, how to help your child revise, an overview of the pastoral care that we can offer students in Years 10 and 11, as well as sessions covering the key dates over the next academic year, and an overview of our careers support in school.

If you would like to attend the evening, we would appreciate you signing up via the link in the letter sent to parents and carers.

Posted by – Mr Goldring and Miss Curtis





"It was amazing and I didn't want it to end!"

Aaron
Turtle Opera participant
2024

JOIN OUR FREE MUSIC & DRAMA PROJECT FOR YOUNG AUTISTIC PEOPLE.

Four days of workshops with a professional composer and director, creating stories and music for an informal performance. A specialist team from Turtle Key Arts will support the group, enabling fun and friendships!

- FOR 11 TO 15 YEAR OLDS
- Dates **Tue 27 - Fri 30 Oct**
- Time **11am til 3:30pm**
- Ogston Music School
24A South Parade
Oxford OX2 7JN

COMPLETE THE STEPS TO JOIN.



Scan the **QR code** to reach the registration page.

Submit the **online form** and we'll send you a reply.

Call us on **020 8964 5060**

Email **ellie@turtlekeyarts.org.uk**

APPLY NOW! Free
Limited spaces available

Turtle Opera is produced by Turtle Key Arts in collaboration with St Edward's School, University of Oxford, English Touring Opera and Royal College of Music. Funded by Prosper.



AND OXFORDSHIRE

Youth groups for autistic young people without intellectual disabilities

An inclusive space to develop independence, friendships & social skills...

...run by a specialist, experienced team providing a safe, fun and structured environment...

...based in Wolvercote Young People's Club

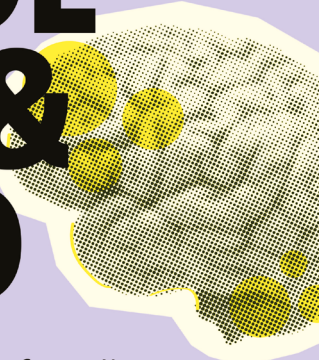
Juniors (8 - 12 years)
Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm

Seniors (13 - 17 years)
Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Contact us at
info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk

INSIDE LIFE & MIND



A free science fair for all ages with stalls, activities, and talks



Scan or visit bit.ly/insidelam

SAT 3 OCT 12:00-17:00
Life & Mind Building,
South Parks Road, OX1 3EL







From Bach to Bollywood (and everything in between!)

An evening of music, dance & words by the members of St Mary's choir & congregation

Saturday 24th October at 6pm

**St Mary's Church,
Kidlington, OX5 2BA**

Free admission and refreshments,
with a retiring collection for St Mary's funds





GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL

Gosford Hill School Open Events

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

Open Evening

Wednesday 23rd September
(6:00pm to 8:00pm)

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

Open Mornings

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Wednesday 7th October

(9:15am to 10:15am)

**Please note that the dates for our Open Events have
changed since initial publication to avoid clashing with
other local secondary schools.*



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



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



01865 374971

Raise funds for us for FREE

with  easyfundraising



Join as our supporter today at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Just search for:

Gosford Hill School

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



JOHN
LEWIS



Start at the
easyfundraising
website or app

Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!

The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone