



Gosford Hill School

Parent Bulletin

No. 5 – Friday 9th October 2026

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 12th October		
Tues 13th October		
Weds 14th October		
Thurs 15th October	Year 7 Restart a Heart Day	
Fri 16th October	Non-school uniform day in aid of YoungMinds (Hello Yellow)	

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 19th October	Year 9 Interform Competition (Pt 1)	9:00am - 10:00am
Tues 20th October	Year 7 Interform Competition Year 9 Interform Competition (Pt 2)	9:00am - 11:00am 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Weds 21st October	Year 10 Interform Competition (Pt 1)	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 22nd October	Year 10 Interform Competition (Pt 2) Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Birmingham	10:00am - 11:00am
Fri 23rd October	Year 9 Careers Networking Event Year 8 Interform Competition	8:30am - 10:15am

Have you thought about volunteering to become a Governor at Gosford Hill School?

ALL

We have two vacancies on the governing board for parent governors. The role of the board of governors is to provide strategic direction, and to support and challenge the headteacher and their leadership team so that the school can deliver excellent outcomes for all students whilst meeting all statutory objectives and remaining within budget. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Posted by – Margaret Lloyd, Chair of Governors

PE Kit Reminder

ALL

Please can we kindly ask parents to label all PE items with students' names. This helps increase the likelihood of lost items being returned to the correct owners and also supports students with ensuring they take the correct items home. We would be very grateful for your cooperation with this matter.

Posted by – Mr Smith

Non-school uniform day in aid of YoungMinds – Friday 16th October

ALL

Following World Mental Health Day this weekend, the PALs have organised for our students to participate in YoungMind's 'Hello Yellow' fundraiser.

We will be holding a non-school uniform day next Friday 16th October where students in Years 7-11 are invited to wear something yellow as part of their outfit. Sixth Form students are encouraged to wear a yellow fancy-dress costume on this day, to raise money for YoungMinds who work hard to support the mental health of young people.

The suggested donation is £1 which we are collecting through our fundraising page [linked here](#).

Posted by – Mr La Porte

'Restart a Heart' for Year 7 students – Next Thursday 15th October

**Year
7**

Next Thursday 15th October, students in Year 7 will be taking part in 'Restart a Heart', where South Central Ambulance Service will be delivering sessions on the use of CPR and a defibrillator.

The aim of the session is to support young people in learning to become the lifesavers of the future. If your young person is likely to be impacted by this, then please let us know.

Posted by – Mr Darvell

PSHE Curriculum Overview 2026/27

ALL

I would like to remind you that the PSHE curriculum overview for the academic year 2026/27 can be found on the school website here: <https://gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/pshe/>.

This gives you an overview of the upcoming topics that will be covered in our weekly PSHE lessons for each year group, based on the themes of 'Health and Wellbeing', 'Relationships and Sex Education' and 'Living in the Wider World'.

Please note that some of these topics may change throughout the year as we adapt our curriculum to respond to emerging local and national themes."

Posted by – Mr Darvell

Attend Well Study launches to develop support for school attendance difficulties

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The University of Cambridge are inviting parents/carers to take part in a study about Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA).

Participants can contribute valuable information about why school attendance difficulties are increasing, what support is available/missing, and what could help young people to re-engage with education. The five-year project will develop a whole school approach to improving school attendance. To learn more: visit the Attend Well website: <https://attendwell.org.uk/> or email attendwell@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Posted on behalf of the University of Cambridge

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



ARMY CADETS

GOING FURTHER



LOOKING FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP, ACTION & ADVENTURE?

OPEN DAY

AT KIDLINGTON ACF

10TH OCTOBER | **11 - 2PM**

KIDLINGTON ACF, STERLING RD APPROACH, KIDLINGTON, OX5 2FN

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ARMY CADETS!

- ✓ MEET OUR CADETS & INSTRUCTORS
- ✓ SEE WHAT WE DO
- ✓ HAVE A GO AT SOME ACTIVITIES
- ✓ LEARN NEW SKILLS
- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ DISCOVER EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

ALL WELCOME!

NO BOOKING REQUIRED - JUST DROP IN!



October Half-Term

Learn to Row

Mon 26th - Fri 30th October
9.00am - 11.00am **open to ages 11-18**

"My son had a great time from the first minute of day one to the last minute of the course"

Come and Learn to row with Hinksey Sculling School during October half-term. Our course takes place over five 2 hr sessions on Hinksey Lake.

By the end of the course you'll be confident in a single sculling boat, have navigation and water safety skills, and will have developed your fitness using rowing machines.

"So glad I did it!"
"I was really nervous, but it was fun and really friendly"

It's not all hard work, we want you to have lots of fun and make some friends. Everyone completing the course will have the opportunity to join the club!

Course Details

Suitable for ages 11 - 18yrs, confident swimmers, able to do a 50m swim and capsiz test.

Group size: 8
Mornings 9am - 11.00am
Cost: £160 (10hrs/5 sessions)
Location: Hinksey Lake, OX1 4RP

Scan the QR code for more information and to register, or contact Caroline, Learn to Row Co-ordinator
office@hinkseysculling.org.uk



Registered charity No: 1107485

YOUTHLAB




Aged 8-17? Love writing and drama?

Playwriting Opportunity

Would you like to co-write a brand-new play?

We are inviting local young creatives to write and submit a five-minute scene. Scenes will be knitted together to create a vignette-style play. The play will have public performances in July 2027. No experience necessary!

Apply now - thenorthwall.com

Apply by 6 November 2026



SQUAD PLACES AVAILABLE

WELCOMING U13 PLAYERS (CURRENT YEAR 8)

JOIN OXFORD ATHLETIC FC

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The parents' lottery

Kidlington Fireworks Night

Thursday 5 November 2026
Stratfield Brake Sports Ground
 Gates Open: 6:00pm
Main Display: 7:00pm (starts promptly)

Fireworks & laser show
 Fire performer presentation
 Family fairground rides
 Food and refreshments
BBQ by Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club

Ticket prices

Adult: £6.00 (£7.00 on the night)
 Child (3-16): £4.00 (£5.00 on the night)
 Family (2 adults & 3 children): £20.00 (£25.00 on the night)

NO PUBLIC PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON SITE, EXCEPT FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS. BADGES NEED TO BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED. SPARKLERS ARE NOT PERMITTED



Book your tickets at:
kidlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/fireworks

Kidlington Christmas Lights Switch on!

2026



Thursday 26 November
Fun begins at 5pm, switch on 6pm
The High Street

Organised by



**Kidlington
Town Council**

Raise funds for us for FREE

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