



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next 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) KAOS Production – ‘Sister Act’	2:15pm - 3:15pm 7:30pm (See poster for details)
Thurs 22nd October	Year 10 Interform Competition (Pt 2) Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Birmingham KAOS Production – ‘Sister Act’	10:00am - 11:00am 7:30pm (See poster for details)
Fri 23rd October	Year 9 Careers Networking Event Year 8 Interform Competition KAOS Production – ‘Sister Act’	8:30am - 10:15am 7:30pm (See poster for details)

24th October - 1st November	Autumn Half Term Break
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Following Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 2nd November		
Tues 3rd November	GCSE English Language Paper 1 Resit	
Weds 4th November	GCSE Maths Paper 1 Resit	
Thurs 5th November	GCSE English Language Paper 2 Resit	
Fri 6th November	GCSE Maths Paper 2 Resit	

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examinations Timetables – November 2026

Distributed with this bulletin are timetables for the upcoming Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams in November. The timetables can also be viewed on/downloaded from the school website through the following links:

[Year 11 Mock Examinations Timetable](#)

[Year 13 Mock Examinations Timetable](#)

Posted by – The Exams Team

**Year
11&13**

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

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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 [this letter](#) for more information.

Posted by – Margaret Lloyd, Chair of Governors

Explore Opportunities in Our Careers Hub!

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Don't forget to check out our [GHS Careers Hub 2026–27](#)! It's updated regularly with exciting industry insights, virtual work experiences, and skill-building opportunities to help students work out their next steps and to stand out in future applications.

Posted by – Mrs Zajac

PE Kit Reminder

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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

Help Support Our School for Free with easyfundraising

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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.

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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.

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

Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society
presents

Sister Act

Broadway stage version

Wed 21st Oct - Sat 24th Oct 2026 7:30 pm
Gosford Hill School, Kidlington
Tickets £15, under-17 £10
VIP tickets £20, under-17 £15



CREDITS SHEET
Music by ALAN MENKEN
Lyrics by GLENN SLATER
Book by CHERI STEINKELLNER and BILL STEINKELLNER
Additional book material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE
Based on the Touchstone Picture Motion Picture 'Sister Act'
Written by Joseph Howard
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance material are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk
Orchestrations by Doug Besterman
Vocal and Instrumental Music Arrangement by Michael Kosarin
Produced on Broadway by Whoopi Goldberg and Stage Entertainment in association with the Shubert Organisation and Disney Theatrical Productions.
Original Production Developed in Association with Peter Schneider and Michael Reno and Produced by Stage Entertainment
World Premier Produced by Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena CA and Alliance Theatre, Atlanta GA
Sheldon Eggs, Artistic Director,
Susan V Booth, Artistic Director,
Lyla White, Executive Director,
Tom Pechar, Managing Director,
Tom Warr, Producing Director

Tickets online at www.ticketsource.com/kidlingtonkaos
or at Oxford Building Supplies High Street
and Anemone Florist Kidlington Centre
www.kaos.news
Suitable for 12+ yrs

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Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.



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Play, Discover, Learn!
this October Half Term
in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our spooky Trail on everyday 24 October - 1 November

Spiders & Webs
Monday 26 October
Make a colourful yarn-wrapped spider and weave a hanging web. 10am - 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 4-11

Ghouls and Ghosts
Tuesday 27 October
Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster
Wednesday 28 October
Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am - 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October
Our popular Spooky science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5-11

Creepy Doll Hunt
Saturday 31 October
Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

The SAXONS
Until 1 November 2026
The SAXONS brings together extraordinary archaeological discoveries to tell powerful human stories. Through real artefacts, immersive displays, and vivid storytelling, the exhibition reveals how people lived, fought, believed, and were remembered over 1,300 years ago.

Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
Registered Charity Number 1153342





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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**

News for parents & carers

Introducing your new catering provider Aramark Education



HELLO PARENTS AND CARERS

We're delighted to introduce ourselves as the new catering provider to the River Learning Trust. We will be providing food for your children from 2 November.



WHO ARE ARAMARK EDUCATION?

As one of the UK's largest education catering providers, Aramark UK created the Social Kitchen Co. to deliver nutritious, great tasting meals that help children learn, grow and thrive.

WHAT MAKES MEAL TIMES DIFFERENT WITH US?



We believe food is about more than just eating; it helps build confidence, friendships and healthy habits, with dining experiences designed to support children at every stage of their school journey. As pupils enter secondary school, their world changes significantly and so does their relationship with food. They become more independent, want more choice and to make their own decisions. We've created high-street inspired menus that are relevant to them.

A little scan. Lots to discover!

Wondering what's on the menu? Scan the QR code to explore example menus, information on allergies, our sustainability promise and the themed days bringing extra flavour to the school year.



Does your child have an allergy?

If your child has an allergy, please scan the QR code and fill out the form.



It's an exciting time to join Gosford Hill School...



GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL



We're the first school in Oxfordshire to be part of the DoE's Schools Rebuilding programme, with groundwork of our brand new school now well underway. You can scan the QR code with a smartphone camera to learn more!



CGI of our brand new school



Applications Open

Applications are now open for students wishing to join us in Year 7 in September 2027. The closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October 2026, and applications can be submitted via the Oxfordshire County Council website. If you were unable to attend one of our Open Events and would like to see the school in action, please contact the school office at office@gosfordhillschool.org to arrange a convenient time to visit.

For more information about the application process, please visit:

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/admissions

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