



# The Gosford Times

The Weekly Newsletter of Gosford Hill School

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## Governor Profile

A new monthly feature to the newsletter will see the introduction of our Governors.



**We are pleased to introduce Mr Andy Gauld, Chair of Governors**

**Can you tell us about your current job role?** I am a Director at Deloitte and specialising in Digital and Analytics, working with organisations across the commercial sector to implement changes to their businesses utilising the latest technologies and thinking in Digital and Analytics.

**How do your skills assist you in your role as Chair of Governors?** I advise organisations and lead projects on how to implement new solutions and adapt to change which enables them to grow and improve their operations, so I think my ability to listen, digest information and develop practical solutions to challenges those organisations face are the skills that will assist me in this role.

**What are your favourite weekend activities?** Most weekends are taken up driving two of my children to their respective football matches, helping with homework and when I get a chance a round of golf!

**What is the biggest challenge you've faced and overcome?** I'm not the most athletic person in the world, so besides helping my wife raise three boys, training and completing several 10k runs a few years ago would be the biggest challenges I have faced.

**What do you most enjoy about your role as school Governor?** I'm passionate about developing talent and the people I work with and I see this being very similar in a school. Working with the school over the last few years, it is very clear the passion the staff have for developing each and every student. I hope that the help and guidance I provide enables the school to further develop this passion.

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## **Badminton Club**

We are pleased to announce a partnership with Oxfordshire Badminton. This will involve Oxfordshire Badminton running a club for the school from 3.30-4.30pm. This will then be followed by clubs run by Oxfordshire Badminton for different age groups. We would like to encourage those taking GCSE PE to attend the clubs after 4.30pm to help further develop their skills. Please make use of the discount being offered to students.

**Mr P Green – Subject Leader, PE**



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## ***Important news on Accelerated Reader for Year 7 and 8 students***

Following the introduction of the Accelerated Reader Programme in September for Years 7 and 8, we are introducing 20 minutes compulsory reading a day during lesson time. Students will read for 10 minutes at the start of period 2 and period 5, unless they have PE or DT in that time. We will rotate the lessons each term so that students do not miss too much of one subject.

As such, please can we ask for your help in ensuring that the children have their reading book with them every day in school. They can go to the Learning Centre before school, break, lunch and after school to change their books if they need to.

The evidence on the benefits of regular reading for all young people is impossible to ignore, which is why we have introduced this programme and I hope you will support us as much as possible. More information will be sent home with your child's report which is due in two weeks' time.

Thank you.

**Mr J O'Regan - Assistant Headteacher**



## ***Year 11 Immunisations***

All Year 11 students have been given a MenACWY Immunisation consent form which needs to be completed and returned to school via reception. We would be grateful if this form could be returned by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017** in order for your child to have the vaccination on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Many thanks

**Ruth Spencer - School Nurse**

### ***TERM DATES – 2016 -2017***

#### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Half Term Break** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**Half Term Break** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

**INSET DAYS:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### ***TERM DATES – 2017 -2018***

#### **Autumn Term**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**Half Term Break** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### **Spring Term**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Half Term Break** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Half Term Break** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

**ILP DAY:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**INSET DAYS:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018