



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.

Learn * Lead * Inspire

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 9th January 2017** in order for your child to have the vaccination on Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Many thanks

Ruth Spencer - School Nurse

TERM DATES – 2016 -2017

Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 7th April 2017

Half Term Break – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Summer Term

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July 2017

Half Term Break – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

INSET DAYS: Friday 30th June 2017

TERM DATES – 2017 -2018

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th September – Thursday 21st December 2017

Half Term Break – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017

Spring Term

Monday 8th January – Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term Break – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Summer Term

Monday 16th April – Wednesday 25th July 2018

Half Term Break – Monday 28th May – June 1st 2018

ILP DAY: Wednesday 6th September 2017

INSET DAYS: Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017, Friday 6th October 2017, Monday 27th November 2017, Friday 29th June 2018