



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 11th February		
Tues 12th February	Hospitality Challenge at Wheatley Park School Year 9 Vaccinations	All day All day
Weds 13th February	Hospitality Challenge at Wheatley Park School Sixth Form Interviews	All day 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Thurs 14th February	Year 10 Walking Talking Maths Exam	
Fri 15th February	Ski Trip INSET DAY	12:50pm for 1:20pm departure All day
18th - 22nd February	Spring Half Term Break	

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 25th February	Year 10 Practice Exams	See timetable
Tues 26th February		
Weds 27th February		
Thurs 28th February	Year 11 & 13 'The Unreturning' Theatre visit	2:20pm
Fri 1st March		

Electrical and Heating Update

They say that things come in threes and we've now had snow, heating problems and electrical problems! I'm delighted, that with the exception of the snow last week, the school has been able to function relatively normally despite the other issues, and just wanted to take the opportunity to update you.

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The issue with the heating was as a result of a time relay failing in the control unit which controls the boilers, and engineers think that this was caused by the series of power outages that we had in Kidlington late last week. The engineers were in before school started on Monday morning and rectified the issue.

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Before Christmas we lost power to six classrooms and a section of corridor. This was due to the degradation of a section of external underground cable that runs from the corner of the Maths and Reception block, to the Drama corridor. The cable was installed when the school was built in the 1940's and is a paper insulated lead cable. Over the years it has decayed, and we are told that the tree roots have then pushed down on the cable, causing further degradation. The cable carries three phases of power and we lost one phase before Christmas. Earlier this week a second phase was affected and we have lost power to a further four classrooms and section of corridor.

We have managed to re-room most classes and make alternative arrangements. In addition, we have put battery operated LED lighting in the corridors. As the work will be quite involved and will need the power off, it can't be completed over a weekend, so we have scheduled it to take place over the half term holiday. I'd particularly like to thank my Site Manager and Site Team for everything that they've done to ensure that school life can continue relatively uninterrupted for students and colleagues. Students and colleagues have also coped extremely well under the circumstances so I like to extend my thanks to them too. Hopefully we'll be back to normal after half term!

Posted by – Mr Sellars, Headteacher

Attendance Statistics – 28 January-1st February

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Cherwell: CPDS with 98.8%

Evenlode: EPLE with 98.6%

Windrush: WSTR with 97.3%

Thames: THMS with 97.0%

Overall House attendance: **Cherwell with 93.5%**

Well done to everyone.

Posted by – Mrs Drinkwater

School Production – Oliver!

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Performances of this year's school production, Oliver! will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th March. Tickets cost £8.00 and are now available to purchase online at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gosford-hill-school>

Tickets will also be available to buy from reception (for parents) and the canteen after the half term break.

Posted by – Mrs Whitford

Work Experience – 10th-14th June 2019

**Year
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Well done to those of you who have now secured a work experience placement. We have been working really hard to support those who are yet to find placements, and there is now a list of employers up on the wall outside the learning centre with contact details. These employers have provided opportunities for previous students, so get in touch with them, most are very supportive and want to take students from Gosford Hill.

If you think you have secured a placement but your name has come up on the list of placements not found, it is because you haven't returned your 'Employer Agreement Form'. Please return these to Mrs Franklin without further delay.

Posted by – Mrs Franklin

The Kidlington Centre – Have A Go!

The Kidlington Centre is proud to be hosting a 'Have A Go!' event, aimed at introducing children in Kidlington aged 5-16 years to the wonderful array of clubs on their doorstep, which they might not even know about!

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The children will be able to speak to a range of clubs to see if there is anything they are interested in joining. There will be some taster activities for them to try too. It could give the children a new hobby with new skills, new friendships and lots of fun at very little cost!

Come and see if there is something they would like to try on Saturday 16th February from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Find out more at:

www.thekidlingtoncentre.com

Posted on behalf of The Kidlington Centre