



Our first full week with students in school has come to an end; we have been delighted with how well students are applying themselves in lessons, with uniform rules being observed extremely well and nearly all students arriving fully equipped to learn. Line-ups, assemblies, morning meetings, and tutor times are all enabling us to keep reminding students of our expectations; thank you, too, to our families for all the work you are doing at home to keep reinforcing these messages and for your support with this.

Please do make sure that your daughter or son is leaving home with their pencil case and their essential equipment for the day – a black pen, a purple pen, a pencil, a highlighter and a ruler; this equipment has been provided for all students, and we are also more than happy for students to use their own stationery but must have their essential equipment with them for the day. It is really important that students get into good habits; learning does need to be well-presented as this will ensure that examiners can read exam papers when students sit these, and students need to have really clear notes to revise from. Our Year 11 revision programme has begun this week, with students being taught the principles of revision and methods to help them prepare to succeed next summer; there is absolutely no substitute for hard work. Parents and carers of students in Year 11, please note that it is our Sixth Form Open Evening on 24th October, 6-8pm and we hope to see you there.

Planners have been given to all students to enable them to record their homework; we will be updating you over the coming weeks with further information about homework and how you can support your daughter or son with this. If your daughter or son does not have access to a laptop, smartphone or tablet to support them with homework – many of you will be aware that we make use of online platforms such as Sparx, Seneca Learning, GCSEPod, Everlearner – for homework, please do contact the relevant year team via [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) so that we can help.

A reminder about the importance of attendance, and we expect all students in school all the time: “Excellent attendance is key to your child flourishing academically and socially, being happy and retaining friendships. All students must be in school even if they have a cough or a cold. As long as students do not have a temperature, infectious disease or stomach upset, they should be in school. If you or your child has concerns about attending, please contact the attendance team.” Students who are in school keep up to date with their learning, ensuring that they have the best possible opportunity to succeed in the future.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing your daughter or son in school by 8.25am on Monday morning, and in their line-up.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday 16th September – Year 7 School Photographs
- Monday 23rd September – Year 7 Educational Enrichment Workshop – Historical Lives
- Tuesday 24th September – Year 7 Educational Enrichment Workshop – Historical Lives
- Thursday 26th September – Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 27th September – Year 6 Open Morning, 9:30am-11:00am

Assembly Themes

Assembly focus this week was Expectations and vision for the year ahead.

w/c 16/09 - Internet Safety

w/c 23/09 - Diwali

Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have learnt in Assembly.

School Photographs

We would like to inform you that the school photographs for Years 8, 9, 10, and 11 have been postponed until the summer term. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will provide further details and revised dates closer to the time. Thank you for your understanding.



Family Club

September to October 2024

Welcome back from the Summer break!

Now the Summer programme has ended the Events Team are taking a well earned break and do not return to the office until Monday 16th September, however our office is manned during that time and the good news is that Family Club also returns on 16 September.

Family Club has a variety of activities that everyone in your family can get involved in.
Its all about having Fun together!



We are making the most of the remaining light nights by holding Family Club outdoors on Monday 16th September 5:00pm–6:30pm at Sycamore Adventure Centre, Old Park Farm Estate, Dudley, DY1 3QE.

The Centre has a large capacity so we are able to offer places to all who want to attend on this occasion so, if are registered with SPDC and wish to join us, please email us to let us know on spdcbooking@sp-dc.org You will not receive an email confirming your places but we will look forward to seeing you on the evening! (if you are unsure about whether you are registered with SPDC please give us a call to check on 0121 565 2410)

From Monday 23rd September Family Club we return to West Bromwich Leisure Centre, Moor Street, West Bromwich, B70 7AZ
5:00pm – 6:30pm

The venue is wheel chair accessible but please note there are no changing facilities.



How to book Family Club from 23.9.24!

Please email your expressions of interest in the Club to spdcbooking@sp-dc.org



Your email should clearly state

*Your name

*Which date(s) you would like to attend

*How many (adults/children) will be taking part in the sessions



Please provide this information in full as with out it we may not be able to process your booking properly.

Once the team have processed all of the bookings you will receive an email confirming the places you have been allocated at Family Club. Confirmation emails will be sent out during week commencing 16th September.

Please make sure you get your requests to us as soon as possible as we are unable to accept booking after 5pm on Thursday 12th September. Please note that bookings will not be accepted via Facebook or Messenger.

Family Club has different themes each week, so please take a look at the following information about each session and only book the sessions that appeal to your family.

If you have requested or are allocated places on a particular session but can no longer attend it, we would ask you to let us as soon as possible by calling Diane 07594 486930 or Gary 07763 593877 so that we can offered a family on our waiting lists the opportunity to join us.

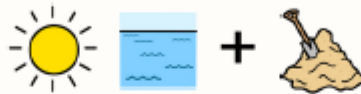


Club Activities 5.00pm-6.30pm

Monday 23rd September Sun, Sea & Sand

We are not ready to give up on the summer just yet so join us for a crafting activities with a sun, sea or sand theme.

On the activities side we have on offer football, badminton, table tennis, hockey, swing ball & basketball.



Monday 30th September Diamond Art

Back by popular demand is 'Diamond Art.' In fact everything on the creative side of this session will be bright and colourful.

We will also have a games and a sensory table on offer too. Our active side will feature a variety of sporting activities.



Monday 1st October Autumn Crafts

Come along and join us to make autumn wreaths, autumn hand trees and hedgehogs all using leaves. There will also be sensory play dough to get creative with.



On the active side we have a visit from Vince who will be joining us for a Zumba session between 5:30pm-6:00pm followed by our ever popular sporting opportunities.



Club Activities 5.00pm-6.30pm



Monday 14th October Wool Themed Crafts

This evening we will be joined by Cassie, a parent carer who has a special talent! Cassie will helping us to produce some fabulous themed knitted crafts.

There will be a chance to make knitted wire art and animal pompoms, plus a whole range of other activities and sporting opportunities to take part in.



For our younger visitors (under 8's and those with specific sensory needs) we have exclusive use of the soft play area situated on the ground floor of the Centre from 5:30pm-6:30pm.



Monday 21st October Black History Month



Come and help us to celebrate Black History Month
We will have themed crafts, activities, games and challenges and maybe a bit of food on offer.

Along with a variety of sporting opportunities.



Contact Us!

Sandwell Parent for Disabled Children

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Website www.sp-dc.org

Charity Reg: 1125576



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In a crisis?


For urgent help, contact your GP, visit A&E, or call 111 and select option 2; in case of an emergency, dial 999.


 Professional interpreters available and our website features translation and accessibility support.




How to get our help:

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What we offer

Our therapists are kind and understanding, and they never judge you.

We help you in the way that works best for you either by:

- phone
- video
- email
- face-to-face.

Tell us what you're going through – we're here to help you feel better

Types of Therapy

- **Guided self-help:** For anxiety, low mood, and other difficulties.
- **CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy):** Including computer-aided CBT.
- **EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing):** For trauma.
- **Counselling:** For depression.
- **Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT):** For relationship difficulties.
- **Couples Therapy:** For depression.
- **Online Tools:** Access therapy digitally, anytime.

“The personalised service and practical techniques made a difference. The therapist really understood my needs.”

Service User Feedback

Steps to get started

Step 1: Reach Out

Contact us through our website or by phone. We are available to listen and understand what you're going through from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Step 2: Assessment Call


We'll quickly find out if our services are right for you with an initial phone call. During this call, we'll plan how we can best help you feel better.

Step 3: Begin Your Therapy

After the assessment, we'll suggest the best therapies for you and aim to start quickly, always keeping in mind what works best for you.

Ready to Get Started?

If you're not in another mental health program or on a waiting list, you can start straight away.



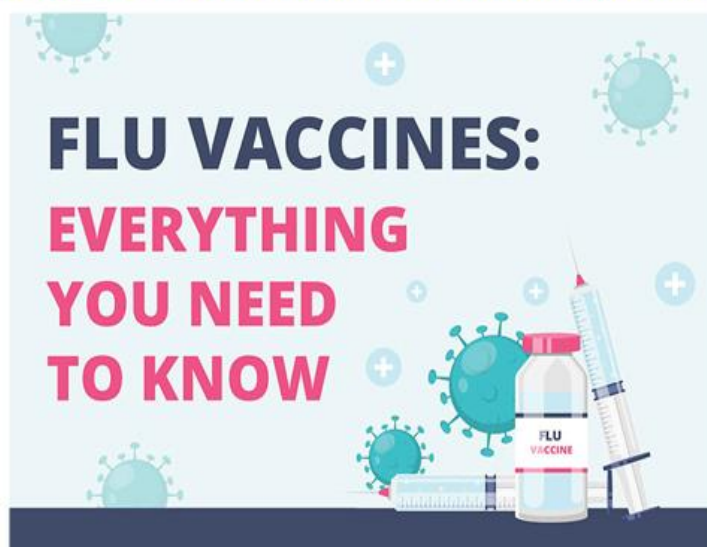
Find out more at:
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Please complete the below link for your child to receive their vaccine:-

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/sandwell>



Vaccination UK will be coming into Gospel Oak School on Friday 18th October 2024 to administer. Should you wish for your child to receive his / her vaccine then please complete the above link. Please ensure that your son / daughter has no allergies to the vaccine and should you have any queries then please contact Vaccination UIK on 0121 592 1110.



To: Parents/Carers

13th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Senior Leadership Team

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable summer break.

As I communicated before the holiday there were some upcoming significant changes to the senior leadership team at Gospel Oak School. I am now in a position to be able to share the roles and responsibilities for each member of the senior leadership team.

The senior leadership team is vital in any school. With every member understanding, fulfilling and contributing their particular skills and responsibilities, it becomes the vehicle around which a successful school can be both built and operate. At Gospel Oak School, there are five posts in the senior leadership team: Executive Principal, Senior Vice Principal, Vice Principal, Assistant Principal and Associate Assistant Principal. The following table highlights the seniority of the posts:

Most senior	Executive Principal
	Senior Vice Principal
	Vice Principal
	Assistant Principal
Least senior	Associate Assistant Principal

The table on page 2 of this letter indicates the main roles and responsibilities that each member of the senior leadership has for the 2024/25 academic year, so you can fully understand what each of the team is here to deliver.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Brownlow
Executive Principal

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Executive Principal	Senior Vice Principal	Senior Vice Principal	Senior Vice Principal	Vice Principal	Vice Principal	Vice Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staffing and recruitment ▪ Self-evaluation ▪ Action plans ▪ Local Academy Governing Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admissions ▪ Years 7-11 student support ▪ Years 7 to 11 behaviour ▪ Years 7 to 11 attendance and punctuality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7 to 13 curriculum ▪ Years 7 to 11 achievement programme ▪ Staff welfare ▪ Communication with parents/carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data and assessment ▪ Admissions ▪ Year 9 options ▪ Timetable ▪ Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding systems ▪ Designated safeguarding lead (DSL) ▪ Looked after children-designated teacher ▪ Trips and visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SENDCo ▪ Use and impact of the pupil premium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teaching and Learning ▪ Professional development ▪ Staff induction

David Dunkley	Anthony Hickinbottom	Chloe Law	Seema Pabla	Amardeep Shergill	Si Bala	Adam Mason
Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Associate Assistant Principal	Associate Assistant Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arbor Lead ▪ Data Manager ▪ GDPR Lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7, 8 and 9 student support ▪ Years 7, 8 and 9 attendance and punctuality ▪ Reward system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assemblies ▪ Charities ▪ Extra-curricular programme ▪ PSHE ▪ Years 7 to 11 tutor programme ▪ Careers leader ▪ Student voice ▪ Years 10 & 12 Work experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional Mentor ▪ Whole school literacy with a focus on reading ▪ Transfer and transition from feeder schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analysis of data ▪ Assessment ▪ Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sixth Form student support and achievement programme ▪ Sixth Form recruitment ▪ Year 11 options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 10 and 11 student support ▪ Years 10 and 11 attendance and punctuality ▪ Alternative provision and managed moves



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September 2024

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September 2024 during an extended break time and lunch time in the Bistro.

This event is part of a nationwide initiative to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, which provides essential services to those affected by cancer. Every cup of coffee and slice of cake will help make a difference in the lives of those facing cancer.

To mitigate food allergies, we are taking the following precautions:

- All cakes / baked goods are brought in by staff and not students.
- Baked goods brought in by staff will have a full list of ingredients printed with each product.
- An allergen matrix will be filled out for each cake.
- The cakes will all be stored safely

This event will be cash only therefore students should bring money in if they wish to purchase a cake. All proceeds from the coffee morning will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. All cakes will be £1 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs C Law
Assistant Principal