

# Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

## w.e. 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025



### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Inter Milan Sports Tour

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 7 to Year 10 Trust Sports Day. Abbey Stadium



### ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Term Ahead - Expectations

w/c 09/06 - Attitude to learning

w/c 16<sup>th</sup> June - National School Sports Week

Please take the time to talk to your daughter and/or son about what they have learnt in Assembly.

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## MESSAGE FROM MISS MIDDLEHURST, SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

I hope you had a good late May Bank Holiday and a good half-term break if you had one. The break seems a long way off now as students have quickly got back into their routines and settled into school again. Exams are in full flow once again for Year 11 and Year 13 students; I am sure Year 11s have taken on some of the energy and positive thoughts shown by the rest of the school when they exited through the fabulous whole-school 'Guard of Honour' following their last assembly on the last Friday of half-term.

A number of our Key Stage 3 students are away at the time of writing on an outdoor activities' residential and several others are preparing for their sports' tour to Milan next week; these are all wonderful opportunities to support wider learning. A group of Year 9s visited the Hawthorns earlier this week for the culmination of their Envision project, and several Year 7 students took part in the Morgan Stanley event on Tuesday; our students benefit so much from these activities. Do please encourage your daughter and/or son to look for ways in which they can access wider learning opportunities outside of their lessons and we will keep sharing these activities with students in school and with our wider community as relevant. Colleges, employers and universities are always interested in the additional learning that students have undertaken and they provide excellent evidence of skills on applications.

A reminder to our Year 10 parents and carers to ensure that appointments have been made through Arbor for the Year 10 Parents' and Carers' Evening on Thursday 12th June; this is such a vital opportunity to discuss what your daughter and/or son need to do to secure the very best possible grades at the end of Year 11.

Have a lovely weekend, and Eid Al Adha celebrations to all members of our school community who celebrate this.

# YEAR TEAM UPDATES

YEAR 7

Year 7 Update – Welcome Back! 🌞🇬🇧

Welcome back, Year 7! 🙌 We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Whitsun week holiday. It's hard to believe we're now in our final half term of the year – time really has flown! 🕒 Since September, our students have grown, developed, and impressed us in so many ways. The Year 7 team couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you 💙🌞.

As we return, it's important that we continue to raise our standards <sup>top</sup>. This means excellent behaviour ✅, perfect uniform 🧥, and strong attendance 🕒📊. Just before the break, our attendance slipped to 90%, and this week it's dipped even further to 88% 📉. This is a concern, and we know we can do better. Remember, good attendance in Year 7 lays the foundations for success in Year 11 🎓. Our target is 95% – let's work together to reach it! 🙌 Please ensure your child is on time and in school every day.

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from Miss Wadeley's poetry competition 📖👏. Several of our talented students will have their poems published in a real book! 📖🌟 A huge congratulations to: **Bryan A, Charlie T, Finley G, Olivia-Belle C, Rajdeep S, and Sophie A** 🎉👏. What a fantastic achievement – we're so proud of you!

This week also marked the final session with **Morgan Stanley** 📁🌍. Our students showcased their entrepreneurial skills by pitching eco-friendly product ideas to real Morgan Stanley executives 💡📈. A special thanks to Miss Bott and Mr Shergill, who joined as our very own 'dragons' 🐉🔥 and posed some tough questions. Our students responded with confidence, passion, and creativity – well done to everyone involved! 🌞👏



And finally, what an adventure our Year 7s had on the PGL residential trip to Shrewsbury! 🌲 From high ropes 🧗, axe throwing 🪓, to kayaking 🛶 – they experienced it all. The smiles and laughter said it all 😊❤️ – a trip to remember! A massive thank you to Miss Ralph for organising such an unforgettable experience 🙌🌟.



🍷🌟 Gospel Oak's Got Talent is back! 🌟🍷

Think you've got what it takes to wow the crowd? Whether you can sing, dance, act, do magic, tell jokes or have a hidden talent – **now is your time to shine!** 🌟 Sign up now for your chance to showcase your skills and be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes 🏆🎁. Let's see what talent Year 7 has to offer – we can't wait to be amazed!

**Gospel's Got Talent**

Are you a magician? Poetry slam?  
Drama piece?  
Lip synch battles? Are you a stand up comedian? Can you dance?  
Can you sing?  
Band or musician? Acrobat or gymnast?  
Martial arts? yoyo or jugglers?

**final 27th June**  
PRIZES TO BE WON FOR FINALISTS AND OUR.....

**WINNER** ← PRIZES

**Auditions next week!**  
**10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June @**

Here's to a strong, successful and fun final half term! 🎉🌟

Mr Bowser and the Year 7 Team

# YEAR 8

## 🎉 Year 8 – You’ve Absolutely Smashed It! 🎉

WOW, what a return to school it’s been for our phenomenal Year 8 students! 🌟 From day one, you’ve hit the ground running 🏃♂️👉👈 with incredible behaviour, focused learning, and a buzzing attitude that’s lit up the whole school! 💡📖 We are beyond proud of the effort, energy, and enthusiasm you’ve shown this week—keep it up, legends! 🙌🔥

This half term, we’re thrilled to be working alongside **Barclays Bank** 🏠 in an exciting Life Skills initiative that will empower our students with real-world knowledge, confidence, and the kind of skills that open BIG doors 📖🌟. You don’t want to miss what’s coming—so stay tuned! \*\*👛

👏 **Massive congratulations to the amazingly talented Alfie Maybury** 🚗🎨 who was recently awarded by the Central Region Schools Trust 🏆 for his outstanding artistic flair and creative vehicle designs. Alfie, your imagination and dedication continue to blow us all away—what a star! 🌈

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🎯 **And speaking of stars... give it up for Leo Parker!** 🏆 Leo has taken the crown in our Gospel Oak Darts Competition for Year 8 with style, precision, and nerves of steel! 🧠🎯 We’ve got our eyes on this rising darts champ—Leo, the future looks very bright for you in the game! 🚀🌞

As if that wasn’t enough talent already, we are counting down the days until Gospel Oaks Got Talent 🌟🎭 hits the stage! Whether you’re a singer 🎤, dancer 🕺, magician 🪄, comedian 🗣️📺 or something completely unique—we KNOW this year group is packed with next-level talent! 🌟🌟 Auditions are happening on **10th, 11th & 12th June in F15**, so get rehearsing, bring the energy, and let’s make it a show to remember! 🎭🌟

Keep up the amazing work, Year 8—you’re an absolute inspiration and we can’t wait to see what you’ll achieve next! 💙👊

Mr Johnson and the Year 8 Team

# YEAR 9

Happy First Week of Summer 2 Y9 Family! We are in the final few weeks of being part of KS3 now before our journey as KS4 and our first year of options starts – How exciting! We have got 7 weeks to absolutely smash it with everything that is thrown at us, taking every opportunity with both hands and making the most of the run up to summer! We have got Residential trips, July reward trips, Sports Day, Summer Fest the upcoming GOS Talent Show, so much for you to get involved in so let's all immerse ourselves into it and show everyone what we have got! ✨

So what can we celebrate this week? We have had a good return back to school with students showing the 10/10 attitude that has been instilled in them since day 1 in Year 7. Students are attending school every day, prioritising their attendance and understanding how important it is to be here every day and on time! Students are showing incredible effort in their lessons and are continuously succeeding and achieving, we couldn't be more proud of how the majority of students are representing our year group in the best way by constantly getting it right! Let's keep this up and show everyone why we are the #BestYearTeam!

A big shout out for this week goes to our incredible Year 9 Envision 2 cohort! 🙌 On Monday, our students competed in the Envision Final at the WBA Football Ground, proudly presenting their social justice "Giving Out Support" hampers and showcasing all the amazing work they've done to support those less fortunate in our local community with food and basic necessities donations 🍲. Their passion, teamwork, and dedication were on full display, Miss Ralph and Mrs Kler could not be more proud of the effort they put in during the lead up to this presentation but also how they held their own in front of 4 other schools and proudly spoke out about their project and the legacy it will leave at GOS on a stage in front of so many! While we didn't bring home the trophy for a second time running, they absolutely did us proud and our winners in our eyes! 🏆🌟



Liam W, Shemaire D, Remy G, Lily GC, Vanessa J, Josepha C, Junior P, Jodie P, Noah D, Dylan C, Astou K and Sophie W.

A quiet first week back but one already full of positives and memories, let's continue smashing it and succeeding and achieving every day Y9 Family! We have got you, so you have got to keep giving back to us!

Miss Ralph and the Year 9 Team



# YEAR 10

## 📣 Year 10 Parents – Almost Year 11!

Can you believe it? In just over 6 weeks, our Year 10 students will step into their final year – Year 11! As the oldest students at Gospel Oak, they'll soon be the role models for the whole school.

Now more than ever, it's crucial they're showing leadership by following all the **BASICS** expectations every day.

📖 However, we're concerned – attendance has dropped into the low 80% range. This means many students are missing valuable learning time, key knowledge, and opportunities to work on important coursework.

🙌 We're asking for your support to help us turn this around. Let's work together to build resilience, encourage consistent attendance, and ensure every student finishes this year strong and confident.

Together, we can make sure they're ready to take on Year 11 with pride and purpose! 🙌📚

## 🎯 Darts Tournament Fun!

We had a fabulous darts tournament, and it turns out we've got some real hidden talent in Year 10!



A huge congratulations to **Olly Silvester**, our Year 10 winner – who knew he had such impressive aim?



Well done to everyone who took part. It was great to see students having fun, showing skill, and enjoying a bit of healthy competition!

## 📢 Exciting News – Prefect Campaign Launch!

This week, we're extremely excited to launch our **Prefect Campaign** for our future leaders! 🌟

Our students are stepping up, ready to show responsibility, leadership, and school pride – and we couldn't be prouder.

We'll be keeping you updated as the campaign unfolds... **watch this space!**

#AttendanceMatters #FutureRoleModels

Miss Malkin and the Year 10 Team



# YEAR 11

Welcome back - hope you all had a wonderful half term.

We are still in the thick of exams so please be aware of your exam schedule and when you need to be in school.

9th June - Biology, PE and Italian

10th June - Spanish and History

11th June - Maths - paper 3

12th June - Geography and Hospitality

13th June - Chemistry and Polish

16th June - Physics

17th June - Spanish

18th June - DT

19th June - Statistics

Just a reminder, pupils are expected to attend their exams in FULL school uniform, please do not attend in crocs, leggings, tracksuits as you may be denied entry into the exam.

Thank you - keep up the good work and keep revising - nearly there!!!

Mr Wilson and the Year 11 Team



## SIXTH FORM

Students have continued to work hard studying and revising for their exams.

We look forward to celebrating the year 13s at their leaver's assembly on Wednesday 11th.

A reminder to be logging on and completing your online learning.

We are still taking applications for anyone that would like to join the Gospel Oak 6th Form.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala  
Associate Assistant Principal Post 16



Year 12 student of the week – Manjot

Year 13 student of the week – Jess K

Year12 attendance – 92 %

Year 13 attendance – 90 %

Events –

11th June - Year 13 Leavers Assembly

8th - 10th July - Year 12 Work Experience



To: Year 11 Parents/Carers

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6th June 2025

**Our Ref:** CM.KH.3295

**Your Ref:**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 11 Study Leave**

Further to my letter yesterday where I explained that study leave is taking place from today, please see the details for next week:

Monday 9th June – Biology (am), PE (am), Italian (am)

- All students attend school at 8.25am and register in the Theatre.
- All students who do NOT study GCSE PE or GCSE Italian leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.
- GCSE PE students – revision session 11.20am-12.20pm
- GCSE Italian – revision in LRC 11.20am-12.20pm
- GCSE PE and GCSE Italian exam at 1pm.
- GCSE PE and GCSE Italian students leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.

Tuesday 10th June – Spanish (am), History (pm)

- GCSE Spanish students attend school at 8.25am and register in the Theatre.
- GCSE Spanish students who do NOT study GCSE History leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.
- GCSE History students to arrive at school at 10.50am and register in the Theatre.
- GCSE History students – revision session 11.20am-12.20pm
- GCSE History exam at 1pm
- GCSE History students leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.

Wednesday 11th June – Maths (am)

- All students attend school at 8.25am and register in the Theatre.
- GCSE Maths exam at 9am.
- All students to leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.

Thursday 12th June – Geography (am), Hospitality (pm), Further Maths (pm)

- GCSE Geography students attend school at 8.25am and register in the Theatre.
- GCSE Geography exam at 9am.
- GCSE Geography students who do NOT study BTEC Hospitality or GCSE Further Maths to leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.

- BTEC Hospitality and GCSE Further Maths students who do NOT study GCSE Geography and are attending the revision session to arrive at school at 10.50am and register in the Theatre.
- BTEC Hospitality and GCSE Further Maths revision session 11.20am-12.20pm.
- BTEC Hospitality and GCSE Further Maths exam at 1pm.  
BTEC Hospitality and GCSE Further Maths students leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.

Friday 13th June – Chemistry (am), Polish (pm), Statistics (pm)

- All students attend school at 8.25am and register in the Theatre.
- GCSE Chemistry exam at 9am.
- All students who do NOT study GCSE Polish or GCSE Statistics leave site after the exam after signing out in the Theatre.
- GCSE Polish students to revise in the LRC – 11.20am-12.20pm
- GCSE Statistics revision session 11.20am-12.20pm  
GCSE Statistics and GCSE Polish exams at 1pm.  
(Some students have a clash and study both GCSE Statistics and GCSE Polish; arrangements for them will be shared with the students and both exams will be sat during the day on Friday 13th June after the Chemistry exam.)

If your daughter and/or son is entitled to Free School Meals and you wish for these to be provided or have any other questions, please contact the Year 11 Team via [Gospel Oak School – Contact Us](#) so that arrangements can be made.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss C Middlehurst**  
**Senior Vice Principal**

# COMMUNITY

GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW



# Annie JR.

8th – 10th July 2025

**Starts: 6:30pm**      **Tickets £5**

Doors from 6:15pm      Available at reception

BOOK BY THOMAS MEEHAN      MUSIC BY CHARLES STROUSE      LYRICS BY MARTIN CHARMIN

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*final*  
**27th June**  
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**Auditions next week!**  
**10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June @**  
**lunch in F15**

**We have moved premises**  
As of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



We wanted to let you know that due to our need for larger premises, we will be no longer operating from St John's Church Hall

**All LIC activities will now be taking place from**  
**Brook Street Community Centre!**  
**1 Brook St, Tipton DY4 9DD**



**Motivation Mondays**  
11am - 7pm

Life Works - Job Club & Lifeline Advocates  
11am - 3pm



Lifeline Gentle Fit  
2pm - 3pm



Lifeline Ladies Support Group  
5.30pm - 6.30pm



Lifeline Walk & Talk  
6pm - 7pm



**Tuneful Tuesdays**  
1.30pm - 5pm



Lifeline Wellbeing Hub  
1.30pm - 5:00pm



With



£6 per person

**Wellbeing Wednesdays**  
9.30am - 3pm

Lifeline Light Exercise  
9:30am - 10:15pm

£2.50 per person



Life Tots - Family Playgroup  
10:45am - 12:15pm



£2 per family

Don't forget to 'Come and grab a loaf!' Every Wednesday



**Thoughtful Thursdays**  
9.30am - 4pm

Coffee, Cake & Crumpets Well-being Session  
1pm - 3pm



£3 per person

**Focus Fridays**  
11am - 3pm

Lifeline Advocates  
11am - 3pm:  
By Appointment Only



The Sharing Pot  
10:30am - 12:30pm



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# SAFER 6

## HEALTH & WELLBEING POP UPS

Do you know what services are available in Sandwell to support your health and wellbeing?



As part of this year's Safer 6 campaign, we will be running Health & Wellbeing Information Pop Ups across the borough where you can speak to services who can support you with living a healthy life in Sandwell.

Join us to learn more at the following venues:

Wednesday 18 June  
10am - 12noon

Tipton Library,  
Victoria Road,  
Tipton,  
West Midlands,  
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Friday 20 June  
11am - 1pm

Jubilee Park Community Centre,  
Powis Avenue,  
Tipton,  
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Promoting safety, crime prevention and healthy living advice across Sandwell's six towns.