

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 20th June 2025



UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 25th June - RSA8 Trust Project, Newman University

Wednesday 25th June - Year 8 Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th June - SEND Transition Afternoon

Thursday 26th June - Year 8 HPV Catch Up Vaccines

Thursday 26th June - SEND Transition Morning

Thursday 26th June - Year 11 Prom

Friday 27th June - Scifest, Uni of Wolverhampton

Friday 27th June - Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning

Monday 30th June - Year 12 Induction, Aston University

Tuesday 1st July - Thursday 3rd July - Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 2nd July - Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 2nd July - Reward Trips, - Drayton Manor, Twycross Zoo and Weston-Super-Mare

Thursday 3rd July - Reward Trips - Showcase Cinema and Bowling, Thorpe Park and Go Ape

Thursday 3rd July - Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 3rd July - Year 6 Parents' Evening

Friday 4th July - Year 13 Prom



ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was National School Sports Week

w/c 23rd June - School Diversity Week

w/c 30th June - Mental Health Awareness

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

The exam period has come to a close this week and hope that our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now enjoying a very much deserved rest after all of the work they have put in on over the last couple of years, and particularly the last few months as they have prepared for and completed their final assessments. Year 11s have their Prom next Thursday, and we very much look forward to seeing them having a wonderful evening with their friends, and able to relax after all of their efforts. They are fortunate, too, that the end of their exams has coincided with this lovely period of warm weather. If we have any Year 11 students who have school uniform and/or PE kit that they would like to donate so that we can make use of this in school, this should be dropped off to Reception; thank you in advance for your support with this.

There was a lot of warm weather, too, in Milan last week. Students and staff have returned from a fabulous time with memories and experiences to last a lifetime; these trips have such a positive impact on student learning. It is not long now until our Year 10s will be taking part in work experience, and many of our Year 7-9 students take part in further visits to build more memories; please do contact relevant Year Teams via [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) if you have any queries.

As you would expect at this time of year, there is a huge amount of preparation being undertaken for September. You will be aware of the regular messaging around homework and its importance; there remains much work to be done here to embed homework with all of our students. As you know, working hard brings about good exam results; this hard work is not just limited to the school day and homework plays a fundamental role in this. We are working on our processes for communicating what the set homework is and when it needs to be completed by more effectively as well as ensuring that students are having to complete some homework on paper as well as online; in the meantime, please remind your daughter or son to complete homework. There is always homework on Sparx for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students and on Seneca and GCSEPod for Year 10; in addition, Year 10 students may also have paper-based homework.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES

YEAR 7

🌟 Gospel Oak Weekly Round-Up - Year 7 🌟

📈 Attendance on the Rise!

We're delighted to share that attendance has increased once again—**thank you** to all our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring students are in school and ready to learn. This week, we reached an impressive **94%** attendance. Let's aim for **95% next week**—together, we can do it! 🙌🎯

🏆 National Sports Week Highlights 🏆

This week has been packed with energy and enthusiasm as we celebrated **National Sports Week**. A special shout-out to our amazing **Year 7 students** who proudly represented Gospel Oak at the **Trust Sports Tournament** on Friday. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, sportsmanship, and effort—**well done!** 🎉👏

📅 Homework Reminder

A quick reminder that homework is compulsory and must be completed by **Wednesday** each week. Homework is set every **Wednesday to Wednesday**. 🕒 Students who do not complete it will receive a detention. Please help support your child to stay on top of their learning! 📖✅

👕 Improved Uniform Standards

We're pleased to see a fantastic improvement in **uniform standards** across the school. A big well done to all our students for showing pride in their appearance and representing Gospel Oak so positively! 🎓🌟

💖 Thank You from Gospel Oak Staff 🌸

Finally, a heartfelt **thank you** from all the staff at Gospel Oak to our students and families for your kind words and support on **National Thank a Teacher Day**. Your messages truly meant the world to us. 🙏👥

Mr Bowser and the Year 7 Team

YEAR 8

What an AMAZING week it's been for our Year 8 GOS superstars! 🌟 Attendance soared to a whopping 91.96% – topping EVERY other year group day after day! 🎉👏 Mr Marris was out and about on his Attitude to Learning walks, popping into lessons and spotting nothing but FANTASTIC vibes and laser-focused students ready to smash their goals! 🔥📖 Huge shoutout to the legend DJ Dazza, absolutely owning the decks and bringing the beats at DJ club! 🎧🎵 Even better? Year 8 detention numbers DROPPED again – only 5 students needed to serve time, showing real progress! 🙌🚫 Mrs Quirk's powerful assembly on Attitude to Learning had the whole year group hooked, inspiring them to bring their very best to every lesson! 💪🌟 Year 8, you're absolutely crushing it – keep shining! 🌟🎉



Meanwhile some year 8 students absolutely smashed their Milan adventure, kicking things off with an EPIC morning at Acquaworld water park! 🌊😎 The squad was buzzing with excitement, diving into waves and soaking up the sun for some seriously well-deserved fun! ☀️🔥 Next, they stepped into FOOTBALL HEAVEN at the iconic San Siro Stadium 🏟️—walking in the legendary footsteps of icons like Ronaldinho and Beckham, exploring jaw-dropping museum exhibits, dazzling trophy displays, and soaking up the stadium's incredible history! 🏆🌟 But the thrills didn't stop there... they witnessed an electrifying showdown between Inter Milan U17 Women's and Juventus U17 Women's teams, with heart-pounding action that had everyone on the edge of their seats! ⚡🔥 The day reached a new high as they toured Inter Milan's headquarters, stepping inside the legendary trophy room and embracing the club's powerful values of respect and inclusivity. 💙👏 Finally, the Year 8 boys team crowned their unforgettable trip by racking up awards on the pitch – Zak D. was crowned Community Champion 🏆, Harley D. earned Most Improved Player 🏆, and Jayden M. snagged Player of the Match 🏆👏. What a LEGENDARY journey this was! 🌟🙌



Mr Johnson and the Year 8 Team

YEAR 9

Happy Third Week of Summer 2 Y9 Family! The next 5 weeks are really important in our preparation for KS4 as we have the final few 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! ✨

So, what can we celebrate this week? This week some of our students have been lucky enough to visit the West Bromwich Albion Ground with their mentors where they have had a tour visit, interactive workshop and been able to be a part of a great experience! Well done Junior and Tyler for representing the Year group in the best way on this visit! ⚽



We also need to give a huge shout out to our boys and girls who went to Milan and had the most incredible trip! 🌟 The Year 9 students were complimented for their behaviour and efforts over the whole trip – Really is something to be proud of! The trip was filled with football, coaching, sight-seeing, ice creams, shopping and lots of amazing memories made! Such a wonderful experience that all students will remember for years to come! 🌟



So, as we look ahead to the next few weeks we think about all the great experiences, opportunities and adventures ahead. July reward trips, sports day and lots of rewards and incentives in school to work towards! We need to ensure we remind ourselves that in order to succeed and achieve we must follow the BASICS, get it right and show that 10/10 attitude and mantra that we follow every day!

Looking forward to seeing what else we can achieve and be a part of in the next few weeks Team Y9!

Let's keep this hard work and effort up and show everyone why we are the #BestYearTear

We have got you, so you have got to keep giving back to us!

Miss Ralph and the Year 9 Team



YEAR 10

A huge thankyou to all our parents and carers and family members who attended Parents evening. The event was a huge success. Any reports that were not collected will be sent out in the post for you.

This week we are celebrating Sports Week where we can say with confidence as a year group we have absolutely smashed this ! Some big shout outs to the following superstars...

- Tomi A = Representing Sandwell at the West Midlands athletics event in Javelin
- First EVER Year 10 Rounders tournament winners for GOS

Katlyn R
Evie F
Indy W
Honor W
Treasure E
Izzy R
Grace T
Kyra J

- Max A = Qualified for the 1500m
- And of course our Year 10 Milan winners

Callum G
Hamza M
Hughie P
Jay R
Joseph J / Also Most Improved
Max A
Oliver B
Oliver J
Olly S
Preston G
Roman H
Szymon S
Thomas R / Also Player of the Match
Tru M / Also Community Champion
Caiden T

Our last shout for the Prefect Campaign deadline which closes this Friday 20th June. Please keep motivating and building the excitement. Our ballot box is getting full but it needs to be fuller !

We become closer to our Work Experience event 1st-3rd July if your son/daughter are yet to organise a placement please please use this weekend to visit and talk to companies. We have plenty of forms in the office to collect and complete. We really do not want students to miss out on this opportunity and be left at school while the other students venture out !

Have a lovely weekend all 😊
Homework, homework, homework

Miss Malkin and the Year 10 Team



YEAR 11

Prom is taking place Thursday 26th June - doors open at 6pm - Cashless bar!!!

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Mr Wilson and the Year 11 Team

SIXTH FORM

Last Wednesday we held a leavers assembly for year 13 – during the assembly we celebrated all the hard work they have put in over the past 18 months – We want to wish them all the best in their future and look forward to seeing them on results day.

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 – Kaniska K

Year 13 student of the week – All of them for their persistent hard work during their exams

Year12 attendance – 92 %

Events –

4th July – Year 11 into year 12 Transition day

8th – 10th July - Year 12 Work Experience

11th July – Trust University challenge and sports day

14th August – A level results day



To: Parents/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Revaluation Machines

I am writing to remind you of the upcoming plans to move to an entirely cashless system within the school. This is intended to enhance efficiency, improve security and provide a more overall convenient experience for both students and parents/carers. This change allows for faster service at mealtimes, much more secure payments without the use of physical cash and helps parents/carers to control the spending of students through the parent portal.

The removal of all the revaluation machines at Gospel Oak School (pictured below for your reference) will take place on **Monday 30th June**.



Key Dates & Next Steps

- The revaluation machines will have been removed from school on Monday 30th June.
- If you have a School Gateway account already set up, please ensure that your son/daughter has sufficient balance in their account to use the dining facilities. You can do this by topping up online via School Gateway or paying cash at shops with PayPoint as this gets directly put into your School Gateway account. Please see the details at [PayPoint Store Locator - find your nearest store](#). Students can continue to bring a packed lunch to school.
- If you do not have a School Gateway account set up, you could log onto School Gateway and create an account at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **What if my son / daughter is eligible for free school meals?** All students that are eligible for free school meals students will be able to continue using the dining facilities as they currently do.
- **How can students find out how much is on their account once the revaluation units have gone?** Via School Gateway or at the till point with one of the catering staff at break or lunchtime.
- **How are the school going to support parents/carers where removing the revaluation units will be a problem?** We are keen to support parents/carers and students. Parents/carers can ask for a meeting at school through our website at <https://www.gospeloakschool.org.uk/contact-us>. Students can ask their Year Team Lead or Head of Year for help and support.
- **Does School Gateway support PayPoint?** Parents/carers are able to pay cash at shops and this gets directly put onto their School Gateway account. Please see the details at [PayPoint Store Locator - find your nearest store](#)
- **How will students be informed of this change?** School briefings will be held throughout the next few weeks.
- **Who can I contact for support?** Please contact the school through our website at <https://www.gospeloakschool.org.uk/contact-us>.

If at any point during this transition you would like more information, advice or just wish to understand anything further, we are here to support you.

Kind regards,



Mr M Clapham
Estates Hub Manager



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: PE Kit Expectations and Protocols

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to remind you of the importance of your son/daughter being fully prepared for every Physical Education (PE) lesson.

At Gospel Oak School, we place high value on participation in PE as part of a healthy and active lifestyle. It is therefore essential that all students bring their full PE kit to every lesson. Students are expected to wear:

- GOS PE T-shirt
- Black shorts, joggers, skort or leggings

Additional items students can wear are dependent on the weather:

- Black jumper/long sleeved t-shirt – this must be worn underneath the GOS PE T-shirt
- Black hat and gloves
- Black cap
- GOS quarter zip jumper (optional)

[Gospel Oak School - Uniform](#) outlines our whole-school policy on uniform.

We expect all students to be in PE kit for every lesson. However, we appreciate injuries do occur. Therefore, if a student is unable to take part physically, they must still bring their PE kit along with a note explaining the reason for non-participation. In these cases, students will be assigned an alternative role within the lesson, such as officiating or coaching.

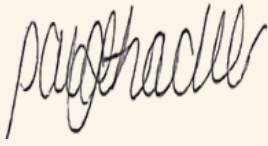
If a student forgets their PE kit, they will be expected to borrow a clean kit provided by the school. Students who refuse to borrow kit will be parked (removed from the lesson) and receive a sanction in line with our school behaviour policy.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents and carers that no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons for safety reasons. It is the student's responsibility to remove any jewellery before the lesson begins. If earrings cannot be removed, students must bring their own plasters or tape to cover them. Students who refuse to comply with this expectation will also be parked and sanctioned accordingly.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us to maintain high standards and ensure a safe, positive environment for all students to engage in PE.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to use the 'Contact Form' at [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) .

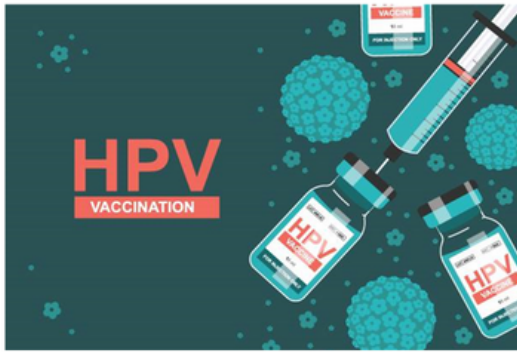
Yours sincerely,



Miss P Thacker
Director of Learning and Standards in PE

COMMUNITY

Thursday 26th June 2025



Vaccination UK will be attending Gospel Oak School on Thursday 26th June 2025 for an HPV Vaccination Catch Up Clinic to administer the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine). If you have previously given consent for your son / daughter to receive their HPV Vaccine, then they will be issued with a pass to attend the catch-up clinic within school. If you have any queries, then please contact Vaccination UK on 0121 592 1110.

An NHS poster showing a family (a man, a woman, and a child) boarding an airplane. The text reads: 'Measles is still common in many countries worldwide. Make sure you and your loved ones are up to date with MMR vaccinations. Contact your GP practice if you need to catch up before.' Logos for UK Health Security Agency and NHS are visible.

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- We will work with individuals or couples but they must be willing and committed to engage in all sessions of the programme.
- This is a preventative programme and not suitable for high-risk families.
- This programme is not suitable for people whose primary need is alcohol/drug misuse.
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If further information or support is required, please contact on safeguarding@gospeloakschool.co.uk

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