

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 19th September 2025



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Parent Afternoon, 1.15pm-2.50pm

Wednesday 1st October - Live Performance Assemblies

Friday 3rd October - Shaping Brighter Futures

Wednesday 8th October - Year 7 Settling in Evening

Friday 10th October - Futures Fair



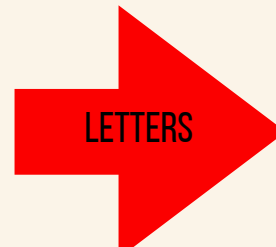
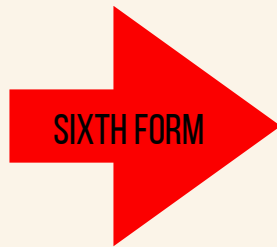
ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Caring for each other - moral responsibility for the well-being of others

w.c 22/09 - European Day of Languages, 26th September

w.c 29/09 - Misogyny and Incel Culture

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



MESSAGE FROM MISS MIDDLEHURST, SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

This week has seen the start of many of our extra-curricular clubs, such a huge part of what school is about. Mr. Bowser, supported by sixth formers and Y11 prefects, ran a fabulous extra-curricular fair last Friday lunchtime where students were able to go and sign up for a multitude of opportunities including a variety of sports' clubs, choir and creative writing. There are still plenty of chances to get involved if your daughter and/or son has not yet signed up, and I would encourage them to check the display screens around school for details and to speak with their teachers if they have questions about this. Many of the students from last year's sports' teams had their photographs taken in school today so that their achievements can be celebrated; thank you to all involved in this process.

On Thursday evening we held our Open Evening, and it was lovely to welcome so many prospective students and their families into school. Many of our current students supported with tours and activities and it was an extremely busy and successful evening. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for the school, explaining about our routines both inside and outside of the classroom. As you know, one of our key focus areas this year is homework and the 'routine' of getting this done on time; exam results are so important and getting into the routine of completing homework on time helps to ensure good exam results. I know that Year Teams have been speaking with their students about how best to ensure that the homework routine 'works'; thank you for all of your ongoing support at home with this, and do please check that your daughter and/or son is leaving home with a school bag as they will need to bring books and learning home in order to complete their homework.

As has been explained, the process for our Free School Meals has been changed and a Free School Meal allowance can now only be used at lunchtime; this is to ensure that a 'meal' is had and not just a snack. Students have quickly adapted to this change. If your daughter and/or son is eligible for Free School Meals, do please check with them that they have had their lunch at school; it is their entitlement and saves families £2.60 each school day. If you are not sure as to whether your daughter and/or son is using their entitlement, please get in touch via [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) and we can check. We will be undertaking a wider piece of work in school over the coming weeks to support ensuring that students are accessing their entitlement.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES



YEAR 7

Week 3 already!!

It has been another one to celebrate for Y7.

Pupils have settled into their lessons extremely well and the feedback from staff is extremely good across a wide range of subjects.

This week saw the Year 7 really get into their new homeworks journey. I know we have had a few teething problems but please continue to get those homework's completed and handed in on time so you avoid lunchtime detentions for incomplete homework.

A big well done must go to the students for how they are working hard to better themselves not only in the classroom but also now out of the classroom in their own time!

Also, this week saw the start of our Extra-curricular journey with students partaking in clubs, activities and groups to develop those social skills and give those brains a little break from all the hard work and studying!

Y7 football club was one of the most popular clubs with lots of our Y7s attending after school on Thursday! Let's continue to make the most of the opportunities on offer after school not only with Football but in all the clubs that we have to offer!

Thursday this week we saw our first whole School event of the year being held which was our Y6 Open Evening. Can you believe it is a year since all of you were doing tours and thinking about which school you were going to select for the next step in your education journey,

The Y7 team just want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the incredible students from Y7 who gave up their evening to support families with tours, helped in subject departments or just be present to represent our school in the best way! It was a very positive evening around the school, and it really showed all the hard work that has gone into the positive change we have had over the years!

We now start the hard work as the days get shorter and the weather gets worse – you really need to stay positive, continue to attend every day, work hard in every lesson and at home.

Well done Y7.

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



🎉 Year 8 Weekly Newsletter 🎉

🔔 Attendance Alert!

Uh-oh, our attendance took a little dip this week — lots of people off with minor bugs. Let's team up and smash it next week by coming to school every day! Remember, missing out means affecting your grades. Let's get those numbers back up!

🍰 McMillan Bake Sale – Friday 26th September!

Get ready for some tasty treats! Our McMillan Bake Sale is happening this Friday. If you're baking, bring your cakes on Thursday 25th September so we can get everything set up. Don't forget to write down all the ingredients — allergies are no joke!

👋 Welcome to Miss Dunn!

We've got a new Year 8 family member —Miss Dunn! Make sure to say hello and show her how awesome our Year 8 crew is. Let's give her the warmest welcome ever!

🎨 Extra-Curricular Fun

Clubs are back in action this week! Whether you're into sports, art, drama, or something else, there's something for everyone. Come join in and make your week way more exciting!

🕒 Late to School? Not Cool!

We've noticed more and more students arriving late lately. Let's fix that! You **need to be in the line-up by 8:25am sharp** so you don't miss out on important stuff (and so you avoid those pesky late marks). Set that alarm and let's start the day right!

⚽ Football Club – Kicking Off Strong!

Football club is off to an awesome start this week — loads of energy, great teamwork, and lots of goals! If you love footie or want to give it a try, come join the fun and get involved!

The Year Team are proud of you all — let's keep working hard!



🎉 Year 9 Weekly WOW Update! 🎉

What. A. Week. 😊 Year 9, you've done it again – another absolutely AMAZING week full of energy, positivity and brilliance! ✨

Even though the rain tried to stop us 🌧️ (nice try, weather!), you all marched into assembly like absolute stars ✨ and listened brilliantly to Mr Dunkley's inspiring talk on **friendships and how to keep them strong** 🤝. The respect and maturity you showed were next-level 🌟🌟🌟

Attendance news 📄 – yes, Tuesday gave us a little blip 😞 but you bounced back STRONG 💪 on Wednesday with 92.2% attendance and finished the week on a fab 93%! 🎉🔥 Remember: every day matters and every pupil matters ¹⁰⁰ – let's smash even higher next week 🚀

BIG EXCITING NEWS 📣👉 – Mr Johnson has lined up an **English Writing Competition!** 📄✨ Winners will have their work **PUBLISHED** 📖 AND displayed at **OXFORD UNIVERSITY** 🏰👑 Keep those ears open 👂 and eyes peeled 👁️ for more details – this is a HUGE opportunity! ✨

This week marked the beginning of our **extra-curricular adventure!** 🚀 Loads of you have been diving into clubs, activities and groups after school – a brilliant way to build friendships, pick up new skills and give your brains a well-earned breather after all that hard work in lessons 🧠💡

Our **football club** has already kicked off with a bang ⚽🔥, but remember – it's not just football! There's a whole host of clubs and activities waiting for you to try. Make the most of everything on offer – you might just discover a new passion! 🎵📖

Thursday also saw our **first big whole-school event of the year** – our Y6 Open Evening! Can you believe it's already been a whole 3 years since you were the ones touring schools and making big decisions about the next step in your education journey? Time flies! ⏳✨

We want to send a massive **THANK YOU** 🙏 to the incredible Year 9 students who gave up their evening to support the event. Whether you were guiding families, helping in departments or simply representing our school with your smiles and enthusiasm, you were all fantastic. ✨❤️ The evening was a huge success and showed just how far we've come as a school – and you were a big part of that!

Let's keep the energy going, Year 9 – in lessons, in clubs and in everything we do. You're making us proud! 🤝🎉

And finally, the vibes around Year 9 right now? **Immaculate.** ✨ So many staff have said how DELIGHTFUL you are and what an absolute PLEASURE you are to teach 🍏🍏 You're making everyone proud – keep shining, keep smashing it, and let's keep being the BEST! 🤝

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Week 3 of Autumn 1 has been another one to celebrate for TEAM GREEN! Y10 have settled into their KS4 studies extremely well and feedback is glowing from many a teacher here at Gospel Oak so let's see what we have to shout out about this week! 🌟

This week saw the Year 10 family continue with their new 'homework' journey with the introduction of lunchtime detentions for incomplete homework in S8 and whilst this number was not at a 0, what has to be applauded is the level of effort, time and commitment that the majority of the year group are putting in day in, day out with their academic studies! A continued shout out must go here to the students for how they are working hard to better themselves not only in the classroom but also now out of the classroom in their own time! We can't wait to continue watching them smash these goals in preparation for their GCSEs – We know you can and will do so well Year 10 so keep this great work up!

Also, this week saw the start of our Extra-curricular journey with students partaking in clubs, activities and groups to develop those social skills and give those brains a little break from all the hard work and studying! It was by no surprise that Y10 football club was one of the most popular clubs with lots of our Y10 family attending after school on Thursday! Miss Ralph can't wait to be celebrating all of the wins this year, even if that means coming down to the Astro in the rain to support! Let's go for Gold not only with Football Y10 but aim to be the best in all of the amazing clubs that we have to offer! 🏆

Finally, on Thursday this week we saw our first whole School event of the year being held which was our Y6 Open Evening. Both Miss Ralph and Mrs Kler just want to give a shout out to the incredible students from the Y10 family who gave up their evening to support families with tours, help out in subject departments or just be present to represent our school in the best way! There was such a positive buzz around the school and it really showed all the hard work that has gone into the positive change we have had over the years! We are very proud of you for all the effort you have put in Y10, so thank you for this! 🌟🌟

Now, as we look ahead to week 4 of Autumn 1, let's see what our 10/10 attitude towards learning, our 10/10 mindset towards success and achievement and our 10/10 positivity every single day can get us – Let's go Y10, TEAM GREEN FOREVER! ❤️

Miss Ralph and the Year 10 Team



YEAR 11

Punctuality matters

Every single minute counts. A reminder that if you arrive late to school, it's your responsibility to report straight to the theatre at break to sit your late detention. Let's show the rest of the school how punctual Year 11 can be.

Uniform standards

Year 11 set the example. Lanyards must be worn clearly around your neck, not tucked into pockets, and bags are a compulsory part of our uniform. Small details, big impression.

Homework & detentions

Homework detentions have now started – every lunchtime in F3. Use ClassCharts to stay organised and avoid unnecessary detentions. You should be carving out time each day to complete homework, so it doesn't build up – a little and often is the key. Homework = preparation for mocks.

Attendance

This week's attendance sits at 94%, but our minimum standard is 96%. Every day you're in makes a difference to your progress and your future. Let's push that number back up where it belongs!

Key dates for your calendar

- Mocks start: 13th October – time to be revising now, not later.
- Parents' Evening: 11th December – an important opportunity to celebrate success and plan next steps.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: 25th September – come along, support a good cause, and enjoy some cake!

Celebrating prefects

A massive well done to our new prefects who have already made an amazing start helping out on duty. You're showing real leadership and making Year 11 proud.

Clubs & enrichment

Extracurricular clubs are up and running! From sport to creative clubs, there's something for everyone. Check the schedule outside the office and get yourself signed up – it's your last year to take part, so make it count.

Miss Malkin and the Year 11 Team



It is positive to see students in both Year 12 and 13 are working well. Year 12 have settled well into 6th form life and we are seeing them adopting good studying habits.

We would like to remind parents and students the importance of attending each day and being on time. Tutor time is an important session for students to attend - due to information given out and help and support with UCAS and next destinations, along with enrichment opportunities.

We are still currently taking applications for year 12 so contact us on - sixthformenquiry@gospeloakschool.co.uk.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Associate Assistant Principal Post 16

Upcoming events –

23rd Oct – Post 16 Open Evening



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Staff Supervision of Students – start and end of the school day

Students arrive and leave the school site at a variety of different times; I understand this as families will have a number of different commitments each day. However, it is important to be aware that supervision on site is not indefinite and staff supervision can only be provided at particular times in line with the working days of school staff.

All students need to arrive at school and be present in their year group line-up by 8.30am; students in the Sixth Form need to be in their tutor rooms at 8.30am. School staff supervise the arrival of students from 8.15am to 8.30am; where parents and carers choose for their daughter and/or son to arrive outside of these times, staff supervision is not guaranteed. Our 'Breakfast Club' provides supervision for students in the Restaurant from 8.00am; however, students will not be supervised for arrival onto site before 8.15am.

Our school day ends at 3.00pm, and staff supervision for leaving the school site is provided until 3.15pm. If students are attending a school club, or have served a detention, they will be dismissed from the activity venue when it ends; this may mean that your daughter and/or son is not directly supervised by school staff as they leave.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#).

As always, thank you for your support of the ongoing work of the school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Middlehurst
Senior Vice Principal

COMMUNITY



**POST 16
OPEN EVENING
23RD OCTOBER 2025
6.00PM-8.00PM**

Come and see what we have to offer

Discover new opportunities

An exciting opportunity to engage with the Post 16 teaching staff and explore the subjects on offer

 sixthformenquiry@gospelookschool.co.uk

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 Central Sixth Form



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Friday 26th September | 1:15pm – 2:50pm



Join us for an afternoon of cakes, conversation, and community.

There will be:

- Delicious cakes and treats on sale
- Fun games to enjoy
- A chance to learn more about the important work being done
- Displays of our students' fantastic work to celebrate together