

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 12th December 2025



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Show

Thursday 18th December - Post 16 Birmingham
Reward Trip

Thursday 18th December - Year 7 and 8 Winter
Funland Trip

Monday 12th January - Yr10 H&SC Careers Talk

Wednesday 14th January - Year 8 Parents' Evening



ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was
Islamophobia

15/12 - Christmas Celebration Rewards

05/01 - Respect - Term head -
Expectations

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

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11

SIXTH FORM

LETTERS

COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM MISS MIDDLEHURST, SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

Last night we welcomed our Year 11 parents and carers into school to discuss the progress that their daughter and/or son is making as they move ever closer to their GCSE and BTEC examinations. It was lovely to have so many very positive conversations and to outline what needs to be done in order to secure success next summer; parents and carers play a key role in this and your motivation and encouragement from home makes a huge difference. This is a good opportunity for another reminder about the importance of homework – and this is for all years, not just Year 11 – and how much homework supports academic progress; homework provides opportunities for checking knowledge and understanding independently of the class teacher and it is vital that all students are completing this. As you are aware, should students choose not to complete their homework, they will be sanctioned.

Supermarket vouchers for the Christmas holiday for students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be emailed out next week; if you have not received yours or have a query, please do contact us using [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) on Thursday 18th December. We will not be able to respond to queries during the period that school is closed for the Christmas break so please let us know before we break up. A reminder for all to make sure that Arbor Pay is 'topped up' as needed, too, to ensure that your daughter and/or son has sufficient funds on their account for their purchases in the Restaurant or Bistro; Free School Meal allocations are only available at lunchtime and any breaktime purchases – or spending over £2.60 at lunchtime – must be covered by funds which have been added to Arbor Pay.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES

YEAR 7

★ Attendance Matters! ★

A huge **WELL DONE** to all our Year 7s for their fantastic attendance last week (week commencing **1.12.25**) – you were absolutely smashing it! 🙌📈

However... this week we've noticed a little drop ⬇️ in our attendance figures. Let's work together to get it rising again! 🙌📈

Every day in school counts – for learning, friendships, confidence, and success! Let's finish the term strong! 🎯❤️

🎄 Important Dates Coming Up! 🎄

Thursday 18th December – Trip to Winter Funland!

We can't wait for a magical day filled with fun, festivities, and memories! ❄️🎡🎅

Please ensure students are wrapped up warm! 🧣🧤

Friday 19th December – School Finishes for Christmas at 12:20pm

We will close early for the Christmas break 🎁🎄

Please make arrangements for your child to be collected or to travel home safely. 🚌🏠

🌟 Final Message 🌟

Let's keep the momentum going, Year 7! Your enthusiasm and hard work make a huge difference. Keep shining, keep smiling, and let's end 2025 on a high note! 🌟😊

Have a wonderful week ahead! 🌟

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



Attendance

Our attendance has stayed steady, but we know we can do even better! Our target is **95%**, and we are currently at 93%. Let's make a final push to reach our goal for the last week of 2025. Every day counts—let's finish the year strong!

Punctuality

Year 8, this is something we really need to improve. We have too many students arriving late to school. Remember, we expect everyone to be in for an **8:25am prompt** start. Arriving on time sets you up for a successful day—let's make it happen!

Winter Funland Trip – Thursday 18th December

Our exciting Winter Funland trip is coming up soon! We know you will represent our year group brilliantly—please make sure your behaviour reflects how amazing you truly are. **Important:** You must be in school on time to attend the trip.

Rewards Assembly – Tuesday 16th December

Our Rewards Assembly will take place on Tuesday. Make sure you're in school—we can't wait to celebrate **YOU** and all your achievements this term!

Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December

Friday will be a **half-day**, with students dismissed at **12:20pm**. We'll have **raffle draws, fun activities**, and lots of end-of-term celebrations. Remember: **You've got to be in to win!**

Mr Bowser and the Year 8 Team



★ Year 9 Weekly Update ★

This week has been a fantastic one for Year 9, especially in sports. Our football team delivered an impressive performance at the 6-a-side tournament, finishing **2nd in their group** and only missing out on qualification by a single point. The lads showed real determination and defensive strength throughout, conceding just one goal across all matches—an achievement they should be incredibly proud of! ⚽🌟 We also saw the debut of our **Year 9 badminton team** in a friendly fixture against Phoenix Collegiate. A special mention goes to **Lexie H**, who organised the team and the match independently. Her initiative is a brilliant example of what our students can achieve when they push themselves beyond the classroom. Well done to everyone involved! 🔍🌟

Homework Reminder 📝

If students are unsure of their ClassCharts login or their computer login at home, they can speak to their tutor, Mr Johnson, or visit the IT team at break or lunch—support is always available.

📅🔔 Starting next week, **any homework not completed on time will result in a 1-hour detention the following day** ⌚. Homework deadlines are as follows:

- **Maths:** Tuesday
- **English:** Thursday
- **Science:** Friday

Mr Johnson also runs Homework Club every Wednesday after school in the LRC, offering a calm, supportive space for students who want help or simply prefer to work in school. 📅

Attendance Update 🗨️📍🎯

Attendance this week has dipped, with Fridays continuing to be our lowest-attended day. This is now impacting our overall attendance, and we really need all students in school every day—**especially Fridays**, which often include key learning and important assessments. Your support in encouraging good routines and consistent **attendance is greatly appreciated. To help boost motivation, each day a student attends earns them a ticket for our Christmas Hamper Raffle** 🎄🎁. There is **one huge hamper to be won per year group**, so the more days students attend, the greater their chances of winning.

Christmas Giving & Shoebox Appeal 🎁🌟

This week, Mr Johnson delivered a morning meeting focused on the **importance of giving at Christmas**, reminding students of the positive impact even small acts of kindness can have within our community. As part of this, we are supporting our **Year 9 Shoebox Appeal**. We are asking families to donate **non-perishable foods, small toys, or toiletries** to help support local families in need this festive season. All donations can be brought in and handed to tutors. Thank you in advance for your generosity—it really does make a difference.

Envision Project Update 🤝🌍

Our Envision team continued their impressive work this week with a visit to **A & A Blakemores** as part of their community-focused project. Their teamwork, creativity, and commitment are developing brilliantly, and we look forward to sharing more about their progress very soon.

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Happy Week 6 of Autumn 2 from the Year 10 family! 🌞

Attendance this week has hit an all time low with us hardly reaching above 90% every day which is just not good enough – if we are feeling under the weather, if the dark mornings don't appeal to us, if we are just not feeling it, we can not use this as a reason to be off and we MUST be in school every day succeeding and achieving! Let's prioritise this next week Y10! 📅

Following from this, unfortunately, we are still noticing a few more students arriving late to school and lessons. Remember – school starts at 8:25am and you should be in line-up ready to go on the MUGA. No ifs, no buts, no maybes! Being on time helps you start your day with confidence and focus – plus, it's a great life skill for the future and we have a 10/10 expectation so we need to sort this quickly! 🕒

Now for the positives...

Super star shout outs this week go to our wonderful Student Leaders who helped out at Y11 parents evening on Thursday this week! Amazing role models to the younger years who were present and also a real credit to our school! Very proud 🌟.

So, that is all for this week! Week 6 of Autumn 2, Year 10 at GOS done already. 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 between now and Christmas, 4 and ½ days to go lets end in a really JOLLY way 💎💎 – Let's go TEAM GREEN! ❤️

Miss Ralph and the Year 10 Team



YEAR 11

Attendance – Final Push to the End of Term

As we head into the final week of term, it is vital that attendance does not drop. Every lesson still matters and strong attendance now will support your progress and outcomes. We are asking for one final strong push so that we can finish the term positively and celebrate properly together. Every day you attend between now and the end of term really counts.

Attendance Raffle – Every Day Counts

Every day you attend between now and Friday 19th earns you a ticket into the prize raffle, which will be drawn before we break up. The more days you are in school, the more chances you have to win.

Rewards Assembly – Wednesday 18th

Our Rewards Assembly will take place on Wednesday 18th December. This is an important opportunity to celebrate your effort, commitment and achievements this term. Attendance is expected so that successes can be recognised properly.

Half Day Finish – Friday 19th

Friday 19th December is a half day, with school finishing at 12:20pm. You must be in school to earn your early finish and to take part in the final day activities and raffle draw.

Lateness to School

Lateness continues to have a negative impact on your attendance and your learning time. Persistent lateness will still be followed up. Please make sure you are arriving on time every day so you do not miss key learning.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies – Pre-Order Information

Year 11 students can now pre-order their Class of 2026 Leavers' Hoodie. These hoodies feature a large '26' on the back with the names of everyone in the year group inside, as well as an embroidered school logo on the front.

Orders must be placed online at:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

School ID: 26564YR11

The deadline for orders is midnight on 05/01/2026. This is the only opportunity to order and no late orders will be accepted. The school will not be ordering any spare hoodies.

All hoodies will be delivered to school for collection at a later date.

Miss Malkin and the Year 11 Team



We would like to remind parents and students the importance of attending each day. Attendance in 6th form is vital for academic progress and succession.

Anyone that is interested in applying to the 6th form is welcomed to apply online or to collect a paper application form. If you require any further information, please contact me or see the sixth form team.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming dates -

18th December – Trip to Birmingham



To: Parents/Carers

Gospel Oak School

Bilston Road
Gospel Oak
Tipton
West Midlands DY4 0BZ

T 0121 556 1351

F 0121 506 7833

W www.gospeloakschool.co.uk

12th December 2025

Our Ref: KM.KH.3441

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) at Gospel Oak School

We are writing to inform you about our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) programme and explain what students will be learning this year.

At Gospel Oak School, we deliver RSHE through a range of provision throughout the year, including lessons, tutor time, morning meetings, assemblies, external visitors and events. Our RSHE resources are reviewed regularly as part of our trust-led curriculum and in conjunction with the nationally recognized Personal Social Health Citizen Economic Association (PSHCE), ensuring that our teaching remains accurate, evidence-based and in line with the most up-to-date national guidance.

In line with the latest Department for Education statutory guidance, our RSHE curriculum aims to:

1. Build understanding of healthy, respectful relationships

This includes not only romantic relationships but also friendships, family relationships and other important social connections.

2. Teach about consent, sexual intimacy and managing pressure

Students learn what consent means, how to navigate intimate situations responsibly and how to recognise and respond to pressure.

3. Explain acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in relationships

This includes helping students identify unhealthy, controlling or abusive behaviours.

4. Support self-esteem, self-respect and understanding of sexuality

All content is delivered in a factual, non-judgemental way to help students understand themselves and develop confidence and self-worth.

5. Provide knowledge about sexual health

Including contraception, safer sex, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and where to seek help or advice.

6. Discuss online relationships and digital risks

Such as harmful content, data sharing, online pressure and navigating relationships in a digital world.

If you would like to explore our curriculum in more detail, please follow the link provided:

[:https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspxsrc=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gospeloakschool.org.uk%2F_site%2Fdata%2Ffiles%2Fusers%2F8%2FC8CB058448D3D14FE8C7A0952F34E45F.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspxsrc=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gospeloakschool.org.uk%2F_site%2Fdata%2Ffiles%2Fusers%2F8%2FC8CB058448D3D14FE8C7A0952F34E45F.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

RSHE supports students' personal, social, emotional and physical development. It also helps protect students from harm by equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to make informed and safe choices.

We understand that RSHE can involve sensitive topics. Our aim is to deliver it with care, transparency and respect. We believe that strong partnership with parents/carers ensures that students receive consistent, supportive messages both at home and in school.

If you wish to carry out further reading around RSHE, the following documents, including official government guidance, may be of use to you:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-and-sex-education-rse-secondary>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

Parents/carers will not be able to withdraw their son/daughter from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education. Parents/carers will be able to withdraw their son/daughter (following discussion with the school and confirmation in writing) from aspects of Sex Education, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16. Parents/carers do not have the right to withdraw from Health Education or Relationships education.

If you wish to discuss this statutory teaching further, please contact us using the 'contact us' link on our website.

Yours sincerely,



Miss K Malkin
Associate Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY

YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 14th January 2026 between 5 – 7.00pm

No appointments necessary



EN **KoreSANDWELL**
WELLBEING STARTS AT THE CENTRE

**ANY GIRL
NETBALL**

**Back to
Netball**

Tipton Sports Academy

Mondays 6pm-7pm
Starting January 2026
Indoors, Tipton Sports Academy
Wednesbury Oak Rd, Tipton
DY4 OBS
sophie.brown@englandnetball.co.uk

Back to Netball provides a gentle re-introduction to the sport. Run by passionate and enthusiastic coaches, sessions cover the basics of the game. No booking is required, simply turn up. Sessions cost £5.



EN

Walking Netball

Date
Wednesdays starting 14th
January 2026

Time
10:30am-11:30am

Location
Indoor Court
Tipton Sports Academy,
Wednesbury Oak Road,
Tipton,
DY4 OBS

Sessions cost £4.50
January offer £3.50

KoreSANDWELL
WELLBEING STARTS AT THE CENTRE

