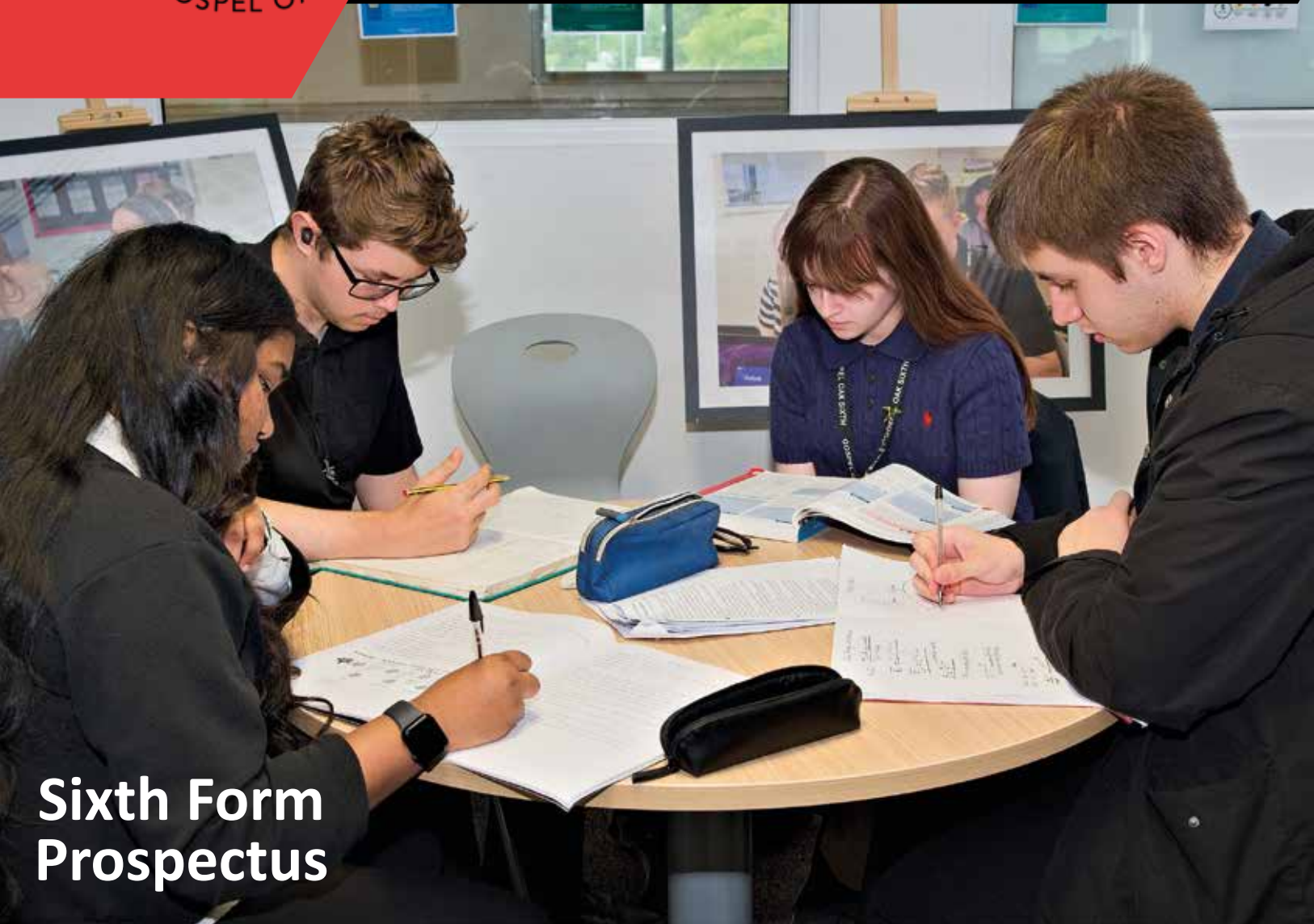




GOSPEL OAK

Pride Respect Aspiration

An exceptional learning community



**Sixth Form
Prospectus**

Executive Principal Message

Welcome to Gospel Oak and thank you for considering our school for your son's/daughter's education. Founded in 2009 and nestled in the heart of 40 acres of green fields, our students are proud to be part of the Gospel Oak family.

Gospel Oak is a wonderful place to learn and grow and we hope that through this prospectus and your visit to our school that we can show you that this is a truly special place for your son/daughter to learn.

Stephen Brownlow
Executive Principal



Sixth Form Welcome

Welcome to Gospel Oak School Sixth Form. I am very proud to lead a Sixth Form team who work hard to fulfil both academic potential and prepare you for life after Sixth Form.

Gospel Oak School Sixth Form is also part of the Trust Central Sixth Form which comprises of Arrowvale, Gospel Oak, Holyhead and Waseley Hills

Gospel Oak School Sixth Form is a special part of our school. It is focused on providing the highest quality of teaching and learning and extra-curricular opportunities for our students. The two-year journey here will enrich and shape your future. Our curriculum offer includes a breadth of subjects and is designed to support you with your next steps towards a future career.

We are a growing Sixth Form that boasts smaller student to teacher ratios than other providers, alongside excellent pastoral care. You will have daily contact with your form tutor and Achievement Leader and additional support from the Director of Post 16.

We are also fortunate to have a strong careers team who are dedicated in providing support and guidance around post-18 options. They provide experiences to engage and prepare students with university study and apprenticeships. We have a dedicated, highly qualified, Careers Leader and work closely with Wolverhampton University and their Aspire to Higher Education Partnership to give our students a variety of Higher Education experiences.

During your time here, you will develop essential skills through independent study, enrichment opportunities and developing interpersonal skills, shaping resilient and determined individuals who thrive in an internationally competitive world. The Sixth Form is a real asset to our ever-growing school.

Simon Bala
Director of Post 16



Why Gospel Oak?

Facilities

Our new Sixth Form Centre was opened in 2024 and we have a range of resources to support and enrich your son/daughters learning journey.

Small class sizes

As a growing Sixth Form, we are able to offer smaller teacher to student ratios than many other colleges or Sixth Forms.

Excellent pastoral support

Our students receive daily contact with their form tutor and achievement leader alongside wider support from the Director of Post 16.

Industrial links

We can support you in finding work experience placements, provide university visits, guest speakers and much more.

Supportive community

An increasing number of our students are opting to remain here for post 16 studies as they value the supportive community and consistency that we provide. We aim to be fully inclusive, and enable students to reach their full potential.

Courses to suit you

We offer a range of A level and applied general courses students can choose to study either a pure A level route, a pure applied general route or a combination of a level and applied general courses.

Our Values

We are passionate about social justice and the right to an excellent education regardless of social background, ability, or any other potential barrier that may impede learning.

Our values are:

Respect - we respect ourselves, each other, and our environment.

Aspiration - we aspire to be the best we can be.

Pride - we take pride in our hard work, community, and achievements.

What our students say

“Staff are always there when we need support, they are attentive and encouraging.”

Year 13 Student

“Gospel Oak has given me a wide range of enrichment opportunities.”

Year 13 Student

“There have been numerous opportunities for personal improvements to allow me to grow as a person and academically.”

Year 13 Student

“This is an environment where students can flourish with a broad view of the post 18 journey.”

Year 13 Student

“I love being part of a high reaching and open community.”

Year 13 Student



Preparing for the World of Work

Work Experience

All of students take part in a week of work experience in Year 12. This is an excellent opportunity for them to experience the world of work and forge partnerships in desired career fields.

Careers

Alongside the pastoral support within Sixth Form, all students have access to an experienced Careers Lead who runs a bespoke programme for Sixth Form. We provide a weekly careers session in tutor time that exposes you to a range of opportunities and pathways. You are also guided through the UCAS application process if they you to apply to university. Throughout your time here there will be many careers experiences including careers fairs, university visits, guest speakers and drop down days.

Enrichment

The enrichment programme within Sixth Form provides valuable skills to complement your academic study. Our enrichment offer is diverse, providing opportunities for students to grow their mindset, overcome challenges and support the wider community. We offer accredited courses such as the Extended Professional Qualification (EPQ) and iDea alongside work experience, volunteering and opportunities for students to train in counselling.

Our programme is incentivised by a rewards programme that allows students to progress from bronze to platinum levels and gain a range of rewards.

Enrichment is important in the school and it is built in to the curriculum to support development. Students are expected to complete their academic work but we would like students to take part in opportunities to develop them as citizens.

EPQ

The EPQ is an accredited course that gives students valuable UCAS points in their pursuit of going to a top university. The course entails you to complete a project on a topic of your choice and is designed to discover new interests.

Barclays Life Skills

Barclays Life Skills helps young people get the skills and experiences they need to enter the world of work.

iDea award

The inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA, an international award winning programme that helps you to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.

Student Leadership and Community Action Groups

Our student leadership team continues to grow and we now provide opportunities for student to take up roles as: Head Students, Deputy Head Students and Prefects.

Lead Ambassadors

“It is a real honour and privilege to be Lead Ambassadors of Gospel Oak School. This school is an evolving school where we have the growth of the students as the main focus. We have all been at this school for 6 years and it has been a real joy and pleasure to be part of a school that relies heavily on the relationships it has with its students and the community we work with. We have all had positive experiences at school and this has continued into our journey in to Sixth Form. Sixth Form has allowed us to open our eyes to the wider world and different opportunities from University, Degree Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships. We are a big part of the school, and it is good to be part of programmes that support our younger learners such as reading buddies. Being Ambassadors, we are responsible for making the school a better place we work with the school council to share ideas and feedback to senior leaders. This is an important opportunity and demonstrates how Sixth Form is a driving force for change in the school.”



Trips and Rewards

We believe that it is incredibly important for students to be rewarded for working hard. The reward scheme we offer allows students to be praised for their effort and commitment. In addition to our enrichment rewards, we offer several rewards trips across the course of Key Stage 5.

We also offer all students the opportunity to visit several Universities and careers events over the course of their studies to allow them to make informed destination choices.

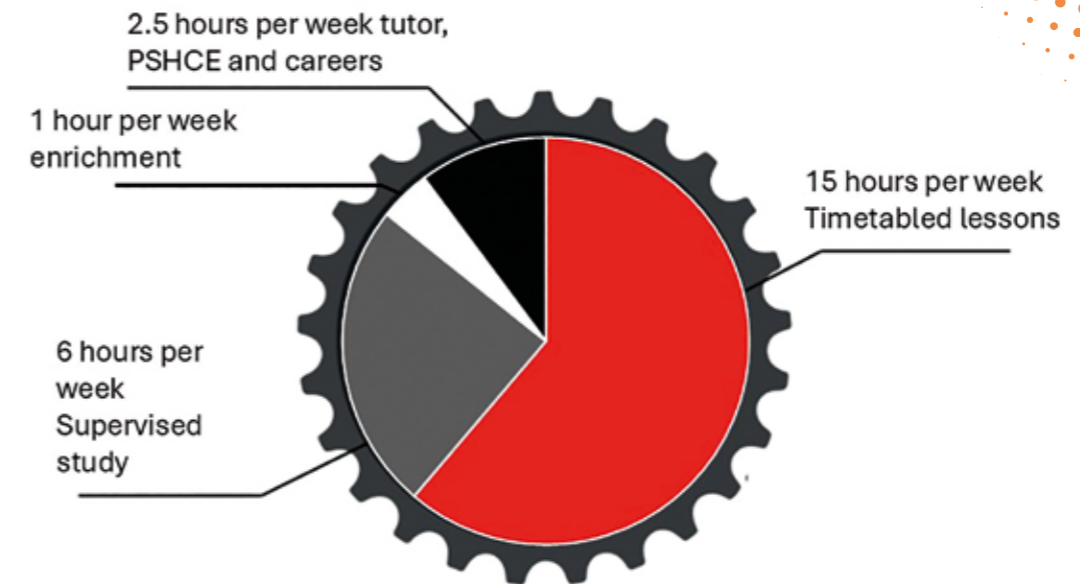
Furthermore, we are very lucky to be part of a trust that values the collaboration of Sixth Forms across our family of schools. Our Sixth Formers compete in several trust wide competitions such as University Challenge, Sports Day and Debates.



A Typical Fortnight

At Gospel Oak, a typical student will spend:

- 30 mins per day in form tutor to include PSHCE
- 5 hours per week per subject in lessons
- 6 hours per week in the Supervised Study (this is the minimum expectation; students are welcome to utilise the room as much as they like)
- 1 hour per week in enrichment activity



Sixth Form Area

Our brand-new Sixth Form Centre is opened in September 2024. The purpose-built area is split into two rooms: a Supervised Study room and a Collaborative learning hub.

The Supervised Study room provides a quiet area for students to complete homework and study. In this area, students have access to brand new IT equipment, revision guides for all courses on offer and their achievement leader who will staff this room during the day.

The collaborative learning hub provides an open space for students to complete group work and to work in a seminar-style environment. Students will have access to appliances to make drinks and heat food.

Central Sixth

Vision

As a trust founded by the Royal Society of Arts, our exceptional schools work together to create learning that is inspirational for all: igniting imagination and enabling creativity and curiosity which results in the highest achievement. People are valued and happy, developing their knowledge, attributes, skills and networks for success and fulfilment. In our empowered communities, everything is possible and aspirations are high. Central Sixth Form is a community of Post 16 education providers within the Central Regions School Trust. Our vision is to provide an outstanding education for all students that leads to excellent outcomes and enables them to move on to high quality destinations. The core values of our trust run through everything we do; students at Central Sixth Form can expect to be treated with respect, be part of a community that supports and empowers them and work within teams that have integrity at the core of everything they do. Students' creativity and ambition will be fostered at every turn and will lead to excellent outcomes and opportunities for all.

Central Sixth Form Centres

Our core mission is to provide opportunity and social justice for every child through exceptional schools and we are very proud to have four centres of excellence for Post 16 education within our Central Sixth Form community: Waseley Hills Sixth Form Arrow Vale Sixth Form Holyhead Sixth Form Gospel Oak Sixth Form.

Central Sixth Form Partners

Our Central Sixth Form centres all boast a range of strong and considered partners who work with our communities to drive aspiration, provide opportunity, and open a network of support for our students. We are very proud of these partnerships and will always strive to grow these connections for the benefit of our young people.

Our Central Sixth Form Partners Include:

- Aimhigher
- Elevate Education
- Mind
- Social Mobility Foundation
- University of Birmingham (A2B Programme)
- Aston University (Sir Doug Ellis Pathway to Healthcare Programme)
- Nuffield Foundation
- Oxford Pathways Programme



Course Offer

We offer a competitive field of subjects that are suited to a range of career paths. Full details of our course offer can be found on our website. Our offer includes both A level and vocational courses so that it is inclusive for all learners. If you have any specific queries, please contact us via sixthformenquiries@gospeloakschool.co.uk.

When choosing at course at Sixth Form please consider the following:

Ensure that the subjects you are choosing are ones that you have an interest in and relate to your potential career path. The choices you make will determine what courses you can potentially choose and University you go to after life in Sixth Form.

Look at the assessment route of the courses to ensure it suits your skill sets as different courses are examined in different ways.

Research the subjects carefully so that you are aware of the structure, review the course on the website, speak to the subject lead and students taking the course so you have a clear insight.

During Year 11 you will have a one-to-one meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss pathways and course options as well as the schools' careers and guidance officer. Being part of the school community, you have the flexibility to speak with subject leads about courses you are interested in, and they can go through the course so that you have the relevant information to make informed choices. Sixth Form students will be available to speak to you about courses they are on so you get a clear understanding of the course you have an interest in.

Student Testimonials

"Sixth form was enjoyable, it provided academic challenges for me to overcome but also helped to develop better as a person. Home learning across my different subjects supported my learning, letting me develop my own independence for the future. Teachers were always available to provide as much support as they could. Support was also given from our tutors and staff to develop ideas for what we wanted to do for the future, whether it be UCAS or CVs, they were great in working with us to make these applications. Extracurricular activities that were offered such as trips to universities helped us to make decisions in where we wanted to go and what subjects we wanted to do. I found sixth form to be a greatly beneficial environment, giving the perfect balance of providing support whilst also allowing us to be independent."

Keira Handyside

"Attending my sixth form has been an incredible experience, filled with opportunities that have truly shaped my personal and academic growth. Being selected as a Lead Ambassador was a highlight, allowing me to develop leadership skills and represent my peers. The introduction of a separate sports day just for sixth formers was a fantastic initiative - competing against other schools in our trust was both challenging and fun. The investment in the Unlearn platform has been invaluable, offering resources that have already made a huge difference in my studies."

Piya Duggal

"Attending Gospel Oak Sixth has been an incredibly valuable experience, aiding me with the required skills for my next steps in life. The curriculum is precise and challenging, which helps me develop a strong foundation in my chosen subjects. Teachers are supportive, knowledgeable, and flexible meaning they can provide individualised attention when I needed it, ensuring I stayed on track with my studies and reached the highest grades possible. We have also had many trips, open days, tours and taster lessons in different universities, allowing us to become comfortable with the atmosphere of universities and what is required and expected of us so we can apply to our chosen courses. The atmosphere in the universities was formal and had an academic focus, which was similar to the atmosphere at our sixth form, showing how the teachers are preparing us for university. Not only does the Sixth Form help me academically, but also helps me become a well-rounded individual. We have helped raise money for charities, such as Birmingham's Children Hospital, allowing us to become more compassionate and work together as sixth form in order to raise the most amount of money possible. We also work closely with other schools within the trust and this year Gospel Oak Sixth hosted and won the first Sixth Form Sports Day, in which 4 sixth forms came together and competed in a variety of sports."

Varni Jain

"I greatly enjoyed my Sixth Form years at Gospel Oak studying English Literature, Criminology and History in my A-Level courses. The transition from GCSEs to A-Levels can feel daunting when starting somewhere new such as a college, but continuing with your teachers at Sixth Form, who already know how to help you grow, can make this process much less stressful. This familiarity with the staff and the classrooms helped me feel more comfortable asking for help in my harder subjects like History, whereas I'm unsure I would have received the same one-to-one help in a college lecture hall. Additionally, you'll be happy to know Sixth Formers still go on school trips! These can be rewards for the whole Sixth Form, for example I got to go to an escape room with friends and later the Frankfurt Christmas Market which were both a lot of fun. One of my favourite memories studying English Lit was getting to see The Colour Purple performed live at Birmingham Hippodrome. While you won't be going on trips every day, the lessons can still be more than just writing. In one of our Criminology lessons for instance, we were each assigned roles to act out our own court case! The inclusion of a Sixth Form Collaborative Learning Hub and all its resources were a huge asset to me; it provided a space for me to write up my coursework and socialise with friends away from the rest of the school. Finally, while there is still a little time before you think about university, the school's Sixth Form does an excellent job preparing you to make a choice that fits you. Whether it's helping you write your personal statements on UCAS, or hosting career days and university visits for you to learn about your next steps, the school will help guide you in the right direction."

Anthony Staines



Entry Requirements

To study here, we require 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 including 4+ in English and/or Maths.

Individual subjects have their own entry requirements.

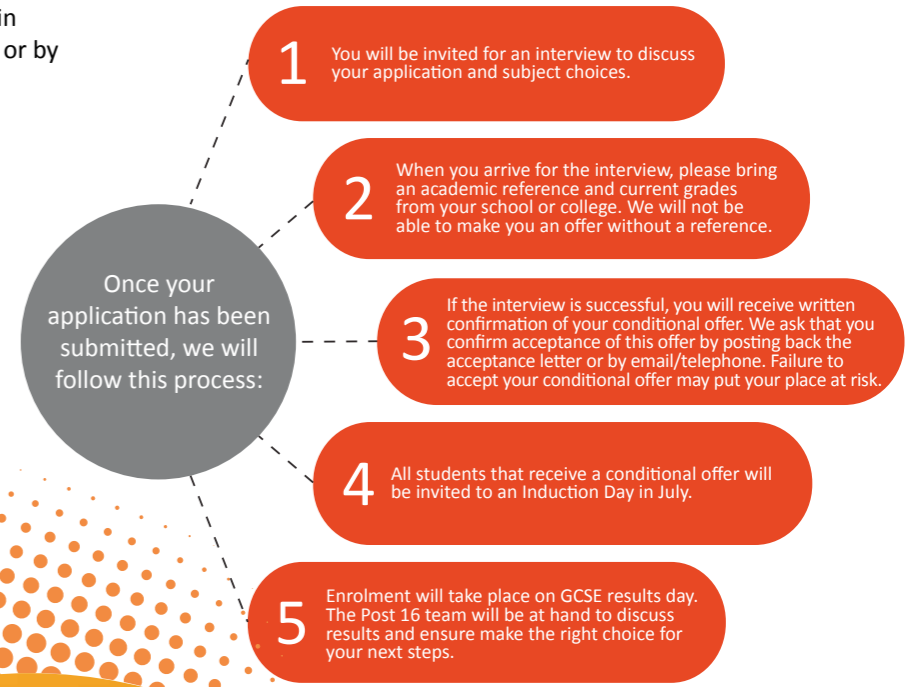


How to Apply for a Sixth Form place

Our applications for September 2026 will open in September 2025. You can apply via our website or by scanning the QR code below.



The deadline for applications is Friday 27th March 2026. Applications will still be considered after this time if there are still places available.





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