

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 17th April 2026



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 21st April - Year 11 & Year 13 Parent
Mental Health & Wellbeing Event

Wednesday 22nd April - RSA8 Workshop,
Waseley Hills



ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Termly
Expectations

20/04 - Sextortion

27/04 - Teaching and Learning - Mini
Whiteboards

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 LANE, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to a new term here at Gospel Oak. We hope all of our students, parents and carers had a restful break and are feeling ready for the term ahead. It has been wonderful to see students return with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn.

As we begin this new term, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of attendance. Every day in school counts, and strong attendance plays a vital role in ensuring that all students can thrive and achieve their very best. Consistent attendance supports both academic progress and personal development, and we appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in this area.

We would also like to take this opportunity to reinforce our expectations around uniform. Maintaining high standards in uniform helps to create a sense of pride, belonging and readiness for learning across the school. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in line with our school expectations.

We look forward to another successful term ahead, working together to support all of our learners.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TEAM UPDATES



YEAR 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 7!!

We hope you and your children have had a positive start to the new term. As always, we appreciate your continued support in helping Year 7 settle into routines and make the most of their learning.

Attendance Matters

We have noticed a slight dip in attendance as we begin the term, largely due to minor illnesses. While we fully understand that students may occasionally need time off, even short absences can impact learning and confidence. If your child is experiencing mild symptoms but is well enough to attend, we encourage them to be in school, so they don't fall behind. Every day really does count.

Homework Expectations

Homework plays a key role in building independence, reinforcing classwork, and developing strong study habits. Please continue to check your child's planner or online platform to ensure tasks are completed on time. If your child is struggling with any subject, encourage them to speak to their teacher early so we can support them before small issues grow.

Contacting the Year 7 Team

If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please email the **Year 7 Enquiries** inbox at year7enquiry@gospeloak.crst.org.uk. We aim to respond within our **48-hour turnaround policy**, and we want to reassure you that we always get back to you as soon as possible. Your patience is appreciated during busy periods.

If your query is urgent or relates to safeguarding, please contact the school office directly.

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



Welcome back, Year 8! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling refreshed, motivated, and ready for a fantastic summer term. There is lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead, and we are excited to get started.

Homework Reminder

A key focus this term is ensuring that all homework is completed to a high standard and submitted on time. Homework plays an important role in reinforcing learning from lessons, building independence, and helping students achieve their full potential. It also prepares students for assessments and future studies, so it is vital that everyone is making a consistent effort.

Attendance Update & Incentive

We are introducing a fresh start with attendance this term. If you attend every day from now until May half term, you will be rewarded with a special treat – time out of lessons on the last day of term to enjoy free ice creams and fun activities. A great incentive to aim for 100%!

However, we do need to address a concern. Before the holidays, Year 8 attendance was an excellent 96%. This week, it has dropped to 91%, which is not where we want to be. Good attendance is essential for progress, confidence, and success in school. Every lesson matters, and missing even a small amount of time can have a big impact. Let's work together to get attendance back up to where it should be.

Let's come back stronger than ever, Year 8 – focused, determined, and ready to succeed.

As always, if you require any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 8 team.

Mr Bowser and the Year 8 Team



Year 9 have returned to school with a bang and have been absolutely brilliant this week! Attendance has been above the national average – a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the positive attitude students are bringing into school each day.

We have also been incredibly impressed with the hard work and dedication shown in lessons. The effort, focus and resilience on display has truly been second to none – it's great to see so many students striving to be their very best.

This half-term, our key focus is **punctuality**. While most students are getting to lessons on time, we have noticed that a few are not moving between lessons with enough urgency. A gentle reminder that it's all about "**pace and purpose**" – getting to lessons quickly and ready to learn!

We are also excited to share a fantastic incentive – in the final week of term, all students who achieve **100% attendance** will be rewarded with **ice cream, fun and games on the field**. A great reason to be in every day and finish the term strong!

Homework Reminder

If students are unsure of their ClassCharts login or have any difficulties accessing homework at home, please encourage them to speak to their tutor, Mr Johnson, or visit the IT team during break or lunchtime. Support is always available!

Please remember that homework not completed by the deadline will result in a **1-hour detention the following day**.

Homework Deadlines:

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

Homework Club

Homework Club continues every Wednesday after school in the LRC, providing a calm and supportive space for students to complete their work or get extra help if needed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a week full of celebration, opportunity and pride for Year 9, and we look forward to carrying this positive momentum into next week!

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Good morning everyone,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a chance to rest, spend time with family and friends, and return ready for a positive start to this new half term. A new half term gives everyone the opportunity for a fresh start. It is a chance to reset expectations, improve attendance, and make strong choices each day in school.

Uniform Expectations - As we begin the new half term, we are reminding everyone of our school uniform expectations. Students should not be wearing leggings, hooped earrings, trainers, or jeans. Hoodies are not allowed unless you are in Year 11 wearing your official leavers hoodie. Students should not wear excessive makeup, and eyelashes must not be longer than 10 millimetres. Students are allowed one stud per ear only. Bracelets and acrylic nails are not allowed. BIAB nails are allowed but must be a sensible and appropriate length. The expectations are in place so that our school remains a calm, focused and respectful learning environment for everyone. If you are not meeting expectations today, staff will support you in putting this right.

Attendance This Half Term

Attendance has now reset for the new half term, meaning every student has the opportunity to achieve 100 percent attendance from today onwards. Our attendance is improving, which is great to see. Thank you for the effort you are making—let's keep this momentum going and aim for 100 percent this half term. Students who achieve 100 percent attendance this half term will receive free ice cream as a reward. This is a fresh opportunity for everyone to start strong.

Opportunities This Half Term

There are some exciting opportunities coming up this half term: Bigger prize draws, the first Bronze, Silver and Gold badges, rewards for strong attendance, and special guests visiting the school. These opportunities are for students who attend regularly, work hard, and follow expectations.

Celebrating Success Next Week

Next week during morning meeting, we will begin recognising our student champions. We will celebrate the students with the most positive points this week and those with the most ATL cards. This week is your opportunity to make a strong start.

Miss Dunn and the Year 10 Team



As we move into a crucial half term, I want to be really clear: **time is now extremely limited**. From this Friday, there will be just **12 school days remaining** until students begin their first GCSE exam on **Tuesday 5th May**.

This is the final stretch, and how students use these next two weeks will make a significant difference to their outcomes.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance remains a key concern and must improve immediately. Every lesson now directly supports students in securing the grades they need.

- Students should be aiming for **100% attendance** over the next two weeks
- **Every lesson matters** – missed time cannot be recovered
- Punctuality is essential, particularly as morning interventions are now targeted based on mock performance

We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality closely and will be in contact where concerns remain.

Morning Interventions

Morning interventions in **English, Maths and Science** continue to run and are now more important than ever.

- On **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**, students **go straight to intervention** and do not attend line-up
- These sessions are delivered by subject specialists and are designed to secure **Grade 4+**

Students must attend promptly and be fully prepared to engage.

Revision Expectations

Students should now be revising **daily at home**, alongside completing all homework set on ClassCharts.

- Revision resources are available on the school website
- Students should be focusing on **their weakest subjects and topics**
- Independent work is essential – this is no longer optional at this stage

Leavers' Hoodies

Students are now permitted to wear their **leavers' hoodies** in place of their blazer.

- This must be the **official leavers' hoodie only**
- No other hoodies or substitutes are allowed
- All other uniform expectations remain in place

Prom 2026

A reminder that **Year 11 Prom** will take place on **Thursday 2nd July**.

- Tickets are available via **ArborPay**
- The deadline to purchase tickets is 1st June

This is a fantastic event to celebrate the end of Year 11, and we encourage all students to attend.

Final Message

With just **12 school days from Friday**, there is no time to lose. We are asking all students to:

- Attend every day
- Be on time to every lesson and intervention
- Revise consistently at home

We will continue to support students every step of the way, but success now depends on the effort shown in these final days.

Miss Malkin and the Year 11 Team



This term sees the start of A level exams for both year 12 and 13, students are continuing to work hard towards these.

We are still taking sixth form applications from Year 11 and interviews for sixth form will continue in this week.

Year 12 attendance – 97%

Year 13 attendance – 95%

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming events:

6th July – 10th July – Work experience



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Our Ref: MC.KH.3554

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Individual Healthcare Plans

As a school we have procedures in place for supporting students with medical conditions and managing any medication whilst it is on the school premises.

We have reviewed and updated our 'Supporting students with medical conditions' policy-please see [Microsoft Word - Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy Sept 2025.docx](#). It contains information on how we support student needs through an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP).

New medical conditions: Could you please contact Mrs Harper (our 'First Aid Lead') by using the Contact Form on the webpage at [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) by 1st May 2026 if your son/daughter has a medical condition? She will then consider whether it is necessary to complete an IHP. Should an IHP be necessary, a meeting to discuss the relevant needs will be convened with Mrs Harper, parents/carers, the student and any other necessary health professionals/specialist support services. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support your son/daughter effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. Although IHPs are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that not all students will require one. We will need to make judgements about how your son/daughter's medical condition impacts on their ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within plans will depend on the complexity of their condition and the degree of support needed.

Existing medical conditions: Over the last two years we have completed a number of IHPs. Whilst the school will follow procedures outlined on the plan, where appropriate, it is not our responsibility to update the plans. We therefore rely on you as parents/carers to keep us informed of any changes to your son/daughter's medical condition. If any changes are needed to the existing IHPs we have on file, could you please contact Mrs Harper (our 'First Aid Lead') by using the Contact Form on the webpage at [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) by 1st May 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Webb
Site Lead



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Our Ref: HN.KH.3561

Your Ref:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: FSM Holiday Vouchers

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to inform you of an important change regarding the provision of food vouchers during school holiday periods.

Sandwell Council have been able to fund the vouchers for a number of years even though other local authorities have not been able to do so. However, they are unfortunately not able to do so from now on.

We understand that this change may raise concerns, and we want to ensure that families continue to have access to appropriate support. Help and guidance are available through the [Supporting Sandwell Information Hub](#), which offers a range of resources, including financial advice and information about available services.

We encourage all parents and carers to explore this support should you need it.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Hayley Nutting
Vice Principal



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Our Ref: SBO.KH.3567

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Important Request Regarding Student Drop-Off and Collection

We would like to kindly ask for your cooperation regarding student drop-off and collection at Gospel Oak School. To help ensure the safety and convenience of everyone in our school community, please refrain from parking on the street near the school entrance when dropping off or collecting your son or daughter.

Parking in this area is causing congestion, making it difficult for other parents to access the site, and may compromise the safety of students and pedestrians. We respectfully request that all parents use the designated school car park instead.

Your support in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind Regards,

Miss S Bott
Head of School

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