

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 21st May - Year 12 Parents' Evening



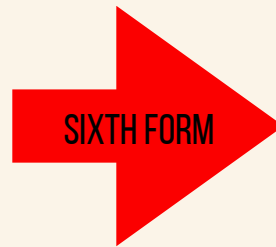
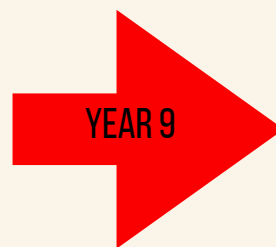
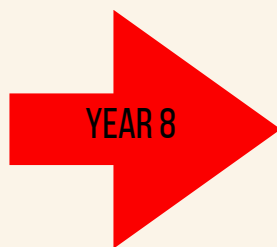
ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Managing Finances

18/05 - Mini Whiteboards and YTL highlights

01/06 - Social Media and Scams

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



MESSAGE FROM MISS LANE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you for another positive week here at Gospel Oak. It has been an excellent start to the exam season, and we have been incredibly proud of the way our Year 11 students have conducted themselves throughout the week. They have shown maturity, resilience and determination, and have been a real credit to themselves and the hard work they have put into their studies.

As we continue through the exam period, we wanted to reinforce the importance of attendance and punctuality. Every lesson and intervention session provides valuable learning opportunities, and arriving on time and attending school every day gives students the best possible chance of success.

We also continued to emphasise the importance of high standards in school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps students feel part of the Gospel Oak community and supports a positive and focused learning environment for all.

In lessons this week, students continued using mini whiteboards to support their learning. These are an excellent tool for checking understanding quickly, allowing all students to participate and enabling teachers to identify where further support or challenge may be needed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely weekend.



YEAR TEAM UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the final few weeks before half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and progress in Year 7.

A key focus for us remains **high attendance and punctuality**. Every lesson matters, and students make the best progress when they are in school consistently. We appreciate your support in encouraging excellent attendance wherever possible. We are also continuing to encourage students to build resilience around minor illnesses, so they do not miss valuable learning time unnecessarily.

Homework is another important part of developing strong learning habits. Completing homework regularly helps students reinforce classroom learning, develop independence and prepare for future assessments. Please continue to check that homework is completed on time and to a high standard.

We are also very excited about the upcoming **summer trips** taking place later this term. These are fantastic opportunities for students to build confidence, friendships and memorable experiences outside the classroom. A reminder that **all consent forms and payments must be returned by the end of this week**, as this is the final deadline and we may not be able to accept late submissions.

Finally, with only **two more weeks** until half term, we encourage all students to stay focused, work hard and finish this half term positively.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



Attendance Matters!

We are still below our attendance target, and too many students are missing school for minor illnesses. We need to show resilience and work together to hit our daily target of **95% attendance!**

Every lesson helps you build your grades, grow your confidence, and create a brighter future for yourself. Remember – **small efforts every day lead to big success!**

Forward Thinking Trip

Some of our fantastic Year 8 students visited the University of Wolverhampton to present their Future Thinking Project.

Mr Minton was extremely proud of everyone involved, and the students represented Year 8 brilliantly.

A huge WELL DONE to everyone who took part – you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Homework = Future Success

Don't forget to complete your homework every week! Homework helps build your knowledge, confidence, and future grades.

Remember: **Knowledge is power**

The more effort you put in now, the more successful you will be later!

100% Attendance Reward

Next week is the final week of half term... and that means **REWARD TIME!**

Students with **100% attendance** this half term will enjoy an afternoon out of lessons with a delicious ice cream treat!

You've got to be in school to win – every day counts!

Final Message

As we head into the final week of half term, let's make it our BEST week yet!

- ✓ Be in every day
- ✓ Remember the basics
- ✓ Work hard
- ✓ Support each other
- ✓ Finish strong

Let's end the half term the Year 8 way – with positivity, pride, and success!

Mr Minton and the Year 8 Team



Fantastic Attendance – Well Done Year 9

We are really pleased to share that Year 9 achieved **93% attendance this week.**

This is a fantastic achievement and shows a real commitment from students to their learning. Attending school consistently makes such a difference, and it is great to see Year 9 rising to the challenge.

Let's keep this momentum going and continue building strong habits as we move closer to Year 10.

Year 9 Inter-Group Fixture – What a Game

On Friday, we hosted a Year 9 inter-group fixture between **X Band and Y Band.**

What a game it was. The effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship on display were fantastic to see. A huge well done to all students who took part—you represented your year group brilliantly.

Looking Ahead to GCSE Preparation

Every day in school now is helping students prepare for the demands of GCSEs. The effort, focus, and routines being built will set them up for success next year, so maintaining strong attendance is key.

July Trips – Important Reminder

We are really excited about the upcoming trips in July. To ensure your child can attend, we must have both:

- Payment completed
- Consent forms/letters returned

If we do not receive both of these, unfortunately students will not be able to take part in the trip. Please check this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Quick Reminder – Homework Matters

As always, we encourage students to stay on top of their homework to build strong study habits:

- Maths – Tuesday
- English – Thursday
- Science – Friday

Failure to complete homework will result in a one-hour detention the following day.

Working Together

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a huge difference.

Year 9 are continuing to show great progress, and it is brilliant to see them developing into a focused and ambitious year group.

Let's keep pushing forward and finish the year strong.

If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the summer term, we would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and preparation for the important months ahead. Year 10 is a vital stage in the GCSE journey, and we appreciate the partnership between home and school in helping our pupils succeed.

Attendance and Communication

Good attendance remains one of the biggest factors in ensuring strong academic progress. Every lesson counts, particularly as pupils begin covering key GCSE content and preparing for assessments next year.

We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives punctually. If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school as early as possible on the morning of absence. Early communication helps us safeguard pupils effectively and provide any necessary support.

Alton Towers Trip – Letters and Payments

A reminder that letters and payment information for the upcoming Alton Towers trip have now been issued. Please ensure that consent forms and any outstanding payments are completed by the stated deadline to secure your child's place on the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the visit or require support with payments, please contact the school office.

Final Push for Work Experience Placements

We are now entering the final stages of organising Year 10 work experience placements. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop confidence, workplace skills, and gain valuable insight into future career pathways.

For those pupils who have not yet secured a placement, we encourage them to continue contacting employers and speaking with family, friends, and local businesses for opportunities. Please can all completed placement forms be returned as soon as possible so arrangements can be finalised.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We are proud of the maturity and effort shown by Year 10 so far and look forward to seeing them continue to progress throughout the remainder of the year.

Miss Dunn and the Year 10 Team



Exam Season Update

A Huge Well Done, Year 11!

This week marked the beginning of your full GCSE exam period, and we could not be prouder of the resilience, maturity and determination you have shown already.

Many of you have walked into exams nervous, tired and under pressure, but still gave absolutely everything until the very last second — and that is exactly what success looks like during exam season.

Remember: every mark matters. Keep writing until the end, stay focused, and trust the revision and preparation you have already put in.

You are capable of more than you think.

Exam Morning Expectations

A reminder that on all exam mornings, students must:

- Be on the MUGA by 8:25am
- Line up in silence
- Enter the theatre calmly and go straight to your exam seat

A calm, focused start helps set the tone for the exam ahead. Let's continue showing the excellent maturity and professionalism we have seen so far.

Prom Reminder

A reminder that **Prom tickets must be paid for by 1st June via ArborPay.**

Prom Date: Thursday 2nd July

If you are planning on attending, please ensure payment is completed before the deadline to secure your place.

Prom Cars Available

Still looking for a prom car?

Miss Smith currently has **two free prom cars available** for students who still need transport.

Please either:

- Email Miss Smith, or
- Pop and see her at lunchtime

These will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Leavers' Assembly

Leavers' Assembly: 15th June

Get your leavers' shirts ready and make sure you bring plenty of pens for signing messages and memories with friends and staff.

It will be a special opportunity to celebrate your time at Gospel Oak together before the final stretch of exams continues.

Final Push

You are now in the middle of the most important few weeks of your school journey so far.

Attendance, punctuality and effort matter more now than ever:

- Attend every exam
- Arrive on time
- Keep revising between papers
- Ask for help when you need it
- Look after yourself with sleep, food and breaks

The finish line is getting closer every single day — keep going. We believe in you.

Miss Smith and the Year 11 Team



On Friday 16 year 12 students had the opportunity to attend Oxford University. The students walked the grounds, completed a typical day of a student and were given an insight in to the recruitment phase. This was a great opportunity for students to see university life.

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

Year 12 attendance – 89 %

Year 13 attendance – 86 %

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming events

21st May – Year 12 Parents' Evening

6th July – 10th July – Work experience