



GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL

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WEEK COMMENCING

DATE: 5th October 2026

PRIMARY OUTREACH AT GOSPEL OAK

OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS...

MOORCROFT WOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY
3 VISITS LAST WEEK!

We welcomed Moorcroft Wood Primary in three times, with pupils taking part in exciting challenges in **IT**, **Science** and **History**!

IT **SCIENCE** **HISTORY**

Their enthusiasm, manners and attitude have been brilliant throughout. Your students are a real credit to you!

JOSEPH TURNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We welcomed Joseph Turner Primary in for our **Art Challenge**, where pupils got creative with some spooky Halloween clay crafting!

The students behaved in an incredible manner and produced some amazing Halloween-themed clay creations!

WEDNESBURY OAK PRIMARY ACADEMY
60 STUDENTS VISITED US THIS WEEK!

We were delighted to welcome 60 students from Wednesbury Oak Primary Academy to Gospel Oak, where they took part in a Keith Haring-inspired **Art Challenge** with Miss Pope!

What an incredibly creative group! Your students were a credit to you with their fantastic behaviour, enthusiasm and creativity throughout the day!

THANK YOU TO ALL THREE SCHOOLS FOR VISITING GOSPEL OAK!

WORKING TOGETHER TO INSPIRE FUTURE LEARNERS



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**YEAR 7
SETTLING IN
EVENING**

THANK YOU!

**TO ALL THE PARENTS THAT ATTENDED OUR
YEAR 7 SETTLING IN EVENING.**

**IT WAS A FANTASTIC EVENING
FULL OF POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE
CONVERSATIONS.**

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GREAT TO MEET YOU
It was wonderful
to meet so many of
our new Year 7 parents
and families.



**POSITIVE
CONVERSATIONS**
Thank you for your
engagement, questions
and support.



WORKING TOGETHER
We look forward to
continuing to work with you
to ensure a successful and
happy start to your child's
journey at Gospel Oak.

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THIS WEEK
STUDENT AMBASSADOR FOR DIVERSITY
HARVEY FORBES
FROM YEAR 13

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?
• A month of reflection
• A chance to learn
• A celebration of culture

BLACK HISTORY

HARVEY DELIVERED INSPIRING ASSEMBLIES TO KICK OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT GOSPEL OAK.

CELEBRATING HISTORY | **INSPIRING CHANGE** | **BUILDING COMMUNITIES** | **CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES**

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ATL HOT CHOCOLATE AWARD

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Students enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits with Miss Bott and Mr Hickinbottom, discussing their achievements.

- CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS**
Recognising students with outstanding Attitude to Learning.
- POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS**
Students shared their successes and future goals with Miss Bott and Mr Hickinbottom.
- INSPIRING PROGRESS**
A chance to reflect, be proud and keep working towards even greater success.

**WELL DONE TO ALL
OUR ATL HOT CHOCOLATE AWARD STUDENTS!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th October - Thursday 22nd October - Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 12th October - Thursday 22nd October - Year 13 Mock Exams

Thursday 22nd October - Post 16 Open Evening

Friday 23rd October - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 12th November - Yr 7-11 Flu Vaccine Catch-Up Session

Wednesday 18th November - Awards Evening

Thursday 19th November - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th November - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 27th November - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 17th December - Year 8, 9 & 10 Warwick Castle Trip

Thursday 17th December - Year 7 Winter Wonderland Trip



ENRICHMENT

CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Gospel Oak School Enrichment Timetable 2026-27 Enrichment starts: Monday 14 September 2026 Before launch, this time will be used to introduce the new timetable, promote enrichment, build teacher-student relationships and strengthen belonging.				
School day starts: 8:30	Before-school enrichment: 8:00-8:25	Lunch enrichment: 12:20-13:00	After-school enrichment: 15:00-16:00	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00-8:25 Breakfast & Games Club - JRO - LRC - All Year Groups Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups	BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00-8:25 Breakfast & Games Club - JRO - LRC - All Year Groups Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups	BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00-8:25 Breakfast & Games Club - JRO - LRC - All Year Groups Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups	BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00-8:25 Breakfast & Games Club - JRO - LRC - All Year Groups Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups	BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00-8:25 Breakfast & Games Club - JRO - LRC - All Year Groups Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups
LUNCH 12:20-13:00 History Club - JWE - G6 - Years 7-9 Drop in Sessions - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups Choir - CEM - L4 - All	LUNCH 12:20-13:00 Drop in Sessions - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups Dodgeball - HWE/BO/HGA - Sports Hall - All Year Groups	LUNCH 12:20-13:00 Drop in Sessions - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups Booklet - MLO - S6 - Year 9	LUNCH 12:20-13:00 Debate Club - NWV - G5 - Years 10-13 Multi Sports - HWE/HGA - Sports Hall - Years 12-13 Drop in Sessions - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups	LUNCH 12:20-13:00 'The Apprentice' (Business Club) - JSH - S6 - Years 7-9 - Week 8 only Drop in Sessions - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups Drama Club - MTU/MHE - F18/G9 - KS3
AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00 Geography - DWE - F12 - Years 7-9 Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups - 15:00-15:30 Netball - HWE/HGA - Sports Hall - All Year Groups	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00 Social Skills - LAS - U7 - Years 7-9 Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups - 15:00-15:30 Badminton - EBO - Sports Hall - All Year Groups	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00 No after-school enrichment Staff training	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00 Cozy Club - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups - 15:00-16:00 Football - DGR/OWH/DJO - Astro - All Year Groups	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00 World Cinema Club - JBR - S10 - All welcome - first Friday of every month Nurture Space - BWV/BHU - G4 - All Year Groups - 15:00-15:30
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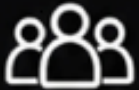


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WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OUR SCHOOL. EVERY DAY. A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

93.34%



YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

STRONGER TOGETHER

Year 7 - 95.3%

Year 8 - 92.0%

Year 9 - 94.5%

Year 10 - 92.2%

Year 11 - 93.1%

Year 12 - 92.9%

Year 13 - 91.1%



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION / IMPROVEMENT

RECOGNISING SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 3 TUTOR
GROUPS:

8E - 98.5%

11B - 97.4%

9E - 97.2%



KEY MESSAGES

ATTENDANCE NOTICEBOARD

PLEASE READ OUR NEW LATE TO
SCHOOL PROTOCOL LETTER
ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.



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REWARDS SYSTEM

BRONZE



300

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(5 TICKETS)

SILVER



600

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(8 TICKETS)

GOLD



800

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(10 TICKETS)

PLATINUM



1000

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(12 TICKETS)

DIAMOND



1200

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(15 TICKETS)

**AT GOSPEL OAK YOU WILL BE
REWARDED FOR:**



Excellent Achievements & Progress



Working hard in lessons



Excellent attendance



Showing Resilience



Being Aspirant



Showing & being Respectful

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FOR YEAR 10
AND 11 PARENTS

THE SECRET TO GCSE SUCCESS

A FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS
Practical advice, expert tips and simple strategies
to help your child succeed.

**WEDNESDAY
14TH OCTOBER
7:00PM**

REPLAY
AVAILABLE

HELP YOUR TEEN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL...

**CALMER**
Reduced stress
and anxiety

**MORE MOTIVATED**
With effective
study strategies

**BETTER PREPARED**
with the right tools
and support at home

REGISTER NOW

Use the link below to sign up:
parentguidetoeducation.com/reg/gcse-success/10704



**Parent Guide
To Education**

Helping parents feel confident, informed
and ready to support their child's GCSE journey.

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★ **WE WANT TO
CELEBRATE**
OUR STUDENTS'
AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS!

★ *Their passions.
Their achievements.
Our pride.*

Does your child do something
incredible **outside of school**?

Whether it's through a club, hobby,
sport, music, dance, art, volunteering
or another passion –
we'd love to hear about it!

SPORT

MUSIC

ART

DRAMA

OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEERING

AND MORE...

 **SEND US:**

 A photo or images
of their achievement

 A short write-up telling us
what they have achieved

 Email us: ahickinbottom@gospeloak.crst.org.uk

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Let's celebrate their success together!

Menu - Week Commencing Monday 12th October 2026

MENU

Week 1	Monday 	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Meat and Potato pie With Creamy Mash	Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Korma & Pilau Rice	Crispy battered fish with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main Dish	 Vegetable stir Fry with chicken style pieces and noodles	 Vegetarian Bolognaise	 Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Roast potatoes & Gravy	Sweet potato, Cheese & onion Pie with New Potatoes	Vegetarian Burger With Chunky chips
Accompaniments 	Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad bar	Peas and Carrots Salad bar	Green beans & Cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & Broccoli Salad bar	Peas & Baked Beans Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
Street Food	Vegetarian Jambalaya	Hotdog with Caramelised Onion & Sriracha Sauce	Hot Tandoori Chicken Wrap	Turkey meatball sub	Southern Fried Chicken Fillets & Chunky Chips
Italian Daily Special	Margherita pizza	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Chicken and bacon pasta	BBQ Chicken pizza	Arrabiata Pasta pot
Dessert 	Fruit Crumble & custard	Chocolate Brownie	Oaty flapjack	Iced Marble sponge	Fruit crumble Shortbread

KEY  5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  MEAT-FREE (VEGETARIAN)  CHEF'S CHOICE  PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

*Allergens and Intolerances: All of our food is prepared from scratch and prepared on the site. We have an allergen menu for those who have allergies.

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To: Parents/Carers

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8th October 2026

Our Ref: AHi.KH.3685

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Changes to Punctuality from Monday 12th October 2026

At Gospel Oak School, we want every student to start the day positively, calmly and ready to learn. Being on time is an important part of this.

Students should aim to be through the school gate by 8:25am so that they are ready for line-up at 8:30am.

Our message is simple:

8:25am is on time. 8:30am is the deadline.

From Monday 12th October 2026, we will be strengthening our approach to repeated lateness.

Our punctuality process will be:

- 1st late in a week – break-time detention
- 2nd late – 30-minute after-school detention and a message home
- 3rd late – 60-minute after-school detention, parent/carers phone call and 5-day punctuality monitoring

Students placed on 5-day punctuality monitoring must achieve five consecutive days on time.

If a student is late during the monitoring period, they will spend lunchtime in Refocus, complete an after-school detention, parents/carers will be invited into school for a meeting and the 5-day monitoring period will restart from Day 1.

Where punctuality continues to be a concern, we will work with families to identify any barriers and agree further support.

Students who have an agreed 'Reasonable Adjustment Pass' with a different arrival time will continue to follow that individual arrangement. If they arrive by the agreed time on their pass, they will not receive a punctuality sanction.

We appreciate that there may occasionally be a genuine reason for lateness on a particular day. If this is the case, please contact the Attendance Team by telephone or email gosattendance@gospel oak.crst.org.uk to let us know the reason for the late arrival.

Repeated lateness of only a few minutes can quickly become an established habit and affects a student's start to the school day. We are therefore asking parents and carers to support us by helping students plan their morning routine, leave home with enough time and aim to arrive at school by 8:25am each day.

If there are any ongoing barriers affecting your son/daughter's punctuality, please contact their Year Team or the Attendance Team so that we can work with you to provide appropriate support.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Hickinbottom
Assistant Principal