



It is another busy week in school with Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams in full swing. The exams have a big impact on the whole school community with the need to re-room some lessons, PE and Dance losing some of their indoor spaces, adjustments to assembly routines and a change to the lunchtime amongst many other 'tweaks'; thank you to all of our students who respond so well to ensure that our exam year groups can be so well prepared for the summer. We are also extremely grateful to the work of Mrs Machin and Ms. Akker who do such a great job coordinating the exams, and our team of exam invigilators who ensure that exam board requirements are followed; we are still looking for more exam invigilators for the summer period and details of this vacancy can be found on our school website. Behind the scenes, the summer mock exam timetable is now currently being pulled together for our Year 10 and Year 12 students, and we will be able to share this with you after February half-term.

We were delighted to welcome in so many Year 7 parents and carers on Wednesday to discuss the progress of their child with their teaching staff; for some parents and carers, it was their first visit into school and we hope you feel welcomed and supported as we all work together to ensure your child progresses in their learning. Attendance at these events is really important, although we do understand that not everyone is able to make it; please do contact school if you were unable to attend on the evening and would like further information on how your child is progressing.

Free School Meals' supermarket vouchers will be sent again for the February half-term break; we aim to get these out to you by Thursday of next week, and please contact school if you have not had them by Friday lunchtime. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, do please encourage them to maximise their eligibility by bringing a refillable bottle into school for water so that they are not using their entitlement on drinks. We are continuing to work with our catering providers, Aspens, on publicising the best deals for Free School Meals. If you are unsure as to whether your child is accessing their entitlement, please contact us so we can check; remember, you should not be having to buy ingredients for a packed lunch if your child is eligible as the government covers the cost by providing the meal in school. We are unable to provide any alternative to this entitlement other than through our school catering service.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing your child on Monday morning in full school uniform; thank you for your support in ensuring that your child arrives to school with a tie, blazer and in black school shoes.

Upcoming Dates

w/c 05/02 – Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Wednesday 21st February – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Assembly Themes

Assembly focus this week was Time to Talk Day

w/c 05/02 – Safer Internet Day

w/c – 19/02 – Woman's History Month

Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have learnt in Assembly.

1-1 Online Tutoring

Please accept our apologies for the delay with the 1-1 online tutoring which some Year 11s have requested to support preparation for their GCSEs; there are still some final details being ironed out in order to ensure that support is exactly as is needed following the current set of mock exams. We will keep you updated on this. This delay does mean that we may be able to add some students to the current provision; if you would like your child to be considered for this, please email Miss Middlehurst (cmiddlehurst@gospeloakschool.co.uk) with your child's name and the subject you would like us to explore tuition options for from Maths, English, Combined Science, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

SEN

A fantastic turnout for the Y7 parents evening. It was great to chat so many of our SEN parents on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to share students' success with parent/carer as well as discuss any concerns that may need addressing. Thank you so much for attending. Also, a heartfelt thankyou to our SEN team for their support during this event.

Cosy Club continues to thrive with many new faces now joining in with after school activities.

The Hive space retains its popularity at break and lunchtime for those students who need a quieter place to relax and have something to eat. As we have a high volume of students wishing to access both the Hive and Regulation Room, we need to remind all students that they need to show their pass in order to access the area as it can get quite busy at times. Many more students are accessing the Regulation Room and have reported back that it is working for them to have a bit of time away to allow them to self -regulate.

If you feel your child may benefit from a Hive or Regulation Room pass, please contact the SEN department so that we can investigate, and support need where possible.

Please be reminded that we are only a telephone call away should you need advice or assistance regarding any matter of concern.