



It has been lovely to welcome students back into school after the Easter break; we hope you had a good break, and a fabulous Eid for those members of our school community who celebrated this earlier this week. Many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students chose to attend school at the start of the Easter holidays to support their revision and preparation for upcoming exams; the commitment and effort of so many of our learners continues to impress everyone.

The vast majority of students have returned with excellent school uniform and we are grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers in ensuring that their daughters and sons look professional in their dress to support their learning and our expectations; where students are not meeting our standards, contact will be made by our Year Teams and students will be sanctioned accordingly. We would recommend that parents and carers refer to [Behaviour in Schools - Advice for headteachers and school staff Feb 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk) and specifically p.20-21 which outlines that 'Parental consent is not required for detentions that satisfy the conditions mentioned in 'What the law allows'.'

We hosted a successful Year 12 Parents' and Carers' evening on Wednesday evening; we hope that parents and carers found this a beneficial session in continuing to support their daughters and sons at home with their learning. Year 10 and Year 12 exams will soon be upon us, and both year groups have received information about expectations for these exams as we mirror what will happen in external exams; please see [Y10 12th April 2024 Y10 and Y12 Exams' Presentation.pptx](#) to support your understanding. Preparation for these exams should be well underway and students should remember that the work undertaken now will reap dividends in the future. Further information will follow later this half-term regarding assessments for students in Years 7-9. A reminder, too, that it is Year 8 Parents' and Carers' Evening on Wednesday 1st May.

Please remember that we provide a breakfast club each day in school; students are able to have a breakfast, free of charge, each day and this is available from 8-8.20am. Our Achievement Assistants run this provision and it is a great opportunity for students to ensure that they are ready for learning through having a breakfast and saves parents and carers money as this does not need to be provided at home.

Thank you for your continued support, and please do get in touch as needed.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – Year 8 HPV Vaccines
 Tuesday 23rd April – Thursday 25th April – Matilda
 Production
 Wednesday 24th April – SEN Coffee Morning
 Thursday 25th April – Year 9 Royal Navy Event

Assembly Themes

Assembly focus this week was Welcome Back
 w/c 15/03 – National Autism Awareness
 w/c 22/03 – Earth Day
 Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have learnt in Assembly.

SEND

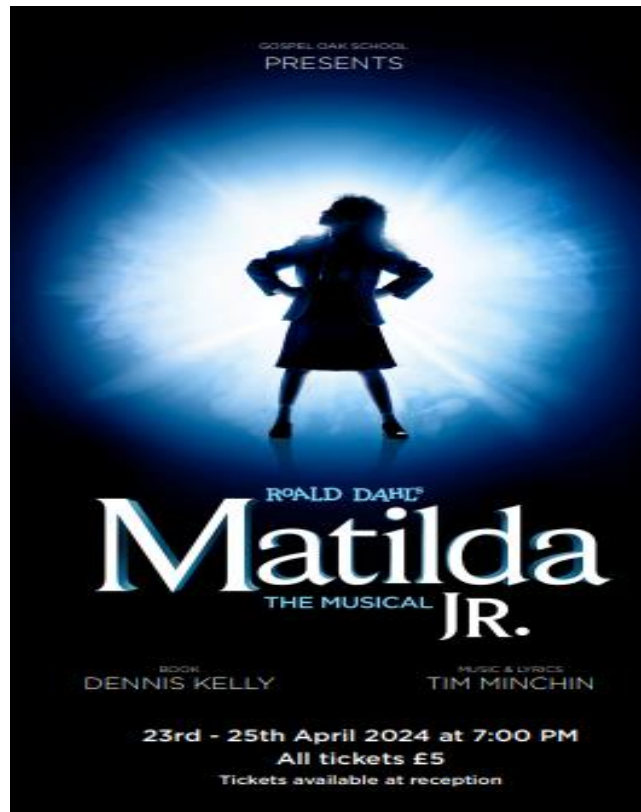
Welcome back to a new term. We hope that you have had a good Easter break.

SEND coffee morning taking place on Wednesday 24th April 2024 between 9am - 11am. Please come along and join us for an informal chat over a nice cup of coffee/tea.

We hope to see you there!

Access Arrangements

Access arrangements will be trialled when the year 10 mock exams take place in a few weeks' time. This is to ensure that the right arrangements are put in place where necessary.



Free taster day for new junior members

When: Sunday 14th April 2024
 Where: Tipton Sports Academy
 Times: 9:30am to 12:00pm
 Ages: 7 to 18 years



Tipton Harriers Run! Jump! Throw!

On Sunday 14th April 2024 Tipton Harriers are holding an open day for prospective new members to join us at Tipton Sports Academy, and give athletics a go. The session, running from 9.30am to 12pm will be led by our team of qualified coaches and are open to anyone aged 7-18 years of age. Parents/Guardians of children aged 11 or under must stay on site during the session. If you require any further information, contact our school liaison officer Samantha Felton on tiptonschoolliaison@hotmail.com All coaches have a DBS certificate and relevant coaching licenses.

JOIN US FOR OUR POST 16 OPEN DAY
 TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024
 13:30 - 15:00
 17:00 - 18:30

The Westminster School

Do you have an EHCP?
 Are you seeking a post-16 provision that sets you up for a successful future?
 Aged between 16 and 18

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO THE ABOVE DON'T MISS THIS OPEN DAY!

Join us at The Westminster School as we support post-16 students on their path to independence and success. Nestled in Rowley Regis, our dedicated team ensures every student reaches their aspirations.

Exceptional Facilities: Explore our modern building with top-notch amenities and diverse extracurriculars, fostering growth and exploration.

Commitment to Inclusion: Inclusion isn't just a word here, it's our core value. We empower students with special educational needs to thrive in their community.

Personalised Learning: Tailored curriculum puts students at the center, fostering independence and confidence.

Community-Centric Post-16 Provision: Rooted in Rowley Regis, we lead by example, offering excellence in education locally and nationally.

Opportunities for Growth: Beyond academics, we offer career guidance, work experience, and skill-building activities like Duke of Edinburgh, preparing students for success.

Key Curriculum Areas: My Care and Independence, My Communication, My Community, My Creativity, My Thinking, My Wellbeing.

Join us at The Westminster School Post 16, where every achievement is celebrated, and every potential is realised. Let's unlock the future together!

BOOK YOUR SPACE

Scan the above image with your Smartphone Camera.

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 Web: www.thewestminsterschool.co.uk

DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL HERO IN
SANDWELL?

THE WEST MIDLANDS IS TURNING 50!

But what makes our region so great?

From lending a helping hand to lending an ear, volunteers are the true spirit of the West Midlands.

Every volunteer makes a difference—
HELP US CELEBRATE THEM!

50 FOR WM50

Nominate a volunteer that's made a difference to you!




UNITED BY 2022 LEGACY CHARITY



www.unitedby2022.com/50forwm50

The Electoral Commission



Elections are happening on Thursday 2 May 2024

**Remember to take photo ID
if you're voting at a polling station**

Find out more at www.sandwell.gov.uk/voterID



To make life easier for busy parents, it would be beneficial to provide them with a direct link to purchase uniforms specifically tailored to Gospel Oak School's requirements online.

By simply clicking on the link below, they can explore our range of high-quality uniforms tailored specifically for your school:

<https://www.gogna.me/schools/gospel-oak-school-schoolwear/>

Please find below the suggested HTML format for placing the link on your school website:

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<a href="https://www.gogna.me/schools/gospel-oak-school-schoolwear/">buy school uniform online</a>
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We believe that integrating this link will greatly benefit both the school and the parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. We are more than happy to provide further information or assistance.



FREE Saturday Sessions

AT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



Family Hubs have partnered with the Child Development Centre to bring families free sessions and services on the **first Saturday of every month.**



FREE Saturday Sessions



Smethwick Family Hub and West Bromwich Central Family Hub offer free family sessions, services and drop in baby clinics **the first Saturday of every month.**



Family Hubs have partnered with the Child Development Centre in Tipton to offer **FREE** services and sessions to families on the **first Saturday of every month.**

The Child Development Centre will be **open from 9.30am – 11.30am** and will offer the below services for free to all families that live in Sandwell:



Drop in baby clinics with the health visiting team, stay and play sessions, play sessions for primary school children, free advice and support for families.

Scan QR Code for more information



Child Development Centre
Sedgley Road East, Tipton, DY4 8UH

www.sandwellfamilyhubs.com



Smethwick Family Hub and West Bromwich Central Family Hub will be **open from 9.30am – 11.30am on the first Saturday of every month**

Drop in baby clinics with the health visiting team, free stay and play family sessions, play opportunities for older children, free advice and support for families are available.

** Drop in baby clinics rotate each month between Smethwick Family Hub and West Bromwich Central Family



Scan here to view the monthly timetable















West Bromwich Central Family Hub

Off Claypit Lane
West Bromwich
B7D 9EZ
0121 500 4011

Smethwick Family Hub

Corbett Street
Smethwick
B66 3PX
0121 555 6756

www.sandwellfamilyhubs.com

<p>Oldbury and Smethwick—Registration</p> 	<p>Rowley and Tipton—Registration</p> 
<p>Wednesbury & West Brom—Registration</p> 	<p>PTR—Wednesbury & West Brom</p> 
<p>PTR—Oldbury & Smethwick</p> 	<p>PTR—Rowley and Tipton</p> 
<p>Welcome to Parenthood</p> 	<p>Programmes for Parents/Carers</p> 
<p>BABY MASSAGE</p> 	<p>Henry</p> 
<p>Mood- Master</p> 	<p>Volunteering</p> 



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Our Ref: RQU/EHA/842

Your Ref:

9th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Summer Term Extra-Curricular Events

We take pride in preparing students to achieve academically and equip them with the skills to be successful in the wider world. We aim to give every student the opportunity to shine and fulfil their potential through providing a diverse range of opportunities and experiences. We believe in instilling knowledge, building confidence and broadening horizons.

As well as an excellent set of academic qualifications, students need to be in a position to compete with peers when applying for a place in our Sixth Form. They can do this by getting involved and immersing themselves in the wide range of opportunities offered to them in school.

I have attached the Summer term extra-curricular program for your perusal and would be grateful if you could discuss the activities with your son/daughter. The programme offers a wide range of activities ranging from coding to pickleball and Cadets to crafts. These activities will commence from 9th April and run until the end of the school year.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs R Quirk
Vice Principal

GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL – E-ZINE WE 12TH APRIL 2024

	Before school 7:50 - 8:15	Break 11:00 - 11:20	Lunch 13:25 - 13:55	After school 15:00 - 16:00 15:00 - 17:15
MON		Library	Cricket - Mr Uddin, Sports Hall/front field	GCSE Languages speaking - Mr Lowndes (S9)
			GCSE PE Paper 1 Revision (week A only) - F2	Netball - Miss Webb, Indoor changing rooms
			Library	BTEC Sport intervention - Mr Field, F4
			Art: Extra mile (KS4/5) - Mrs Carter, S13b	Library
			KS3 Coding - Mr Garnett, S6/S8	KS3 drama club - Miss Tunnell, G9
TUES		Library	Choir - Miss Burke/Miss Malkin, F15/16	
		Library	Badminton - Miss Thacker/Mr Field, Sports Hall	Photography: Extra mile (Y11) - Mrs Geal, S13
			Library	Design and Technology: Extra mile (Y11 invite only) - Mr Holt, G16
			Art: Extra mile (KS4/5) - Miss Carter, S13b	Further Maths club - Mr Brown, L1
			Art council (invite only) - Mrs Geal	The Cozy Club - Miss Wilkes, Miss Wilkes' room
WEDS				Board games - Miss Van-Den-Akker, Hive area
				Y11 Maths intervention - Mr Queensborough, L6
				Crafts - Mrs Warrington/Miss Van-Den-Akker, Hive area
	Table tennis - HWE, Theatre	Library	Basketball - Mr Paskin, Sports Hall	LRC
			Library	Cadets - Mr Gresswell/Mr Walker, green containers
THURS			Art: Extra mile (KS4/5) - Mrs Carter, S13b	
			A Christmas Carol revision (Y11) - Miss Edwards, U5	
			Language paper 1 Q5 (Y11) - Mrs Lane, U8	
			BTEC Music practice/catch up - Miss Burke, F15/16	
	Indoor football - MUD, Sports Hall	Library	Volleyball - Mr Uddin/Miss Webb, Sports Hall	Tennis - Mr Paskin, Indoor changing rooms
FRI			Library	Rounders - Miss Webb, Indoor changing rooms
			Art: Extra mile (KS4/5) - Mrs Carter, S13b	Cricket - Mr Uddin - Pavillion
			Y11 History revision - Mr Whitehouse/Miss Dunn, G5/G8	LRC
			Band - Miss Burke, F15/16	Cadets - Mr Gresswell/Mr Walker, green containers
				The Cozy Club - Miss Wilkes, Miss Wilkes' room
FRI		Library	Dodgeball - Miss Thacker/Miss Webb, Theatre	Girls basketball- Mr Field, Indoor changing rooms
			Library	Gymnastics- Miss Thacker, Indoor changing rooms
			Art: Extra mile (KS4/5) - Mrs Carter, S13b	Library
			KS4 Computing/Business revision - Mr Garnett, S6/S8	Sociology exam question workshop (KS4) - Miss Middlehurst G12
			Choir - Miss Burke/Miss Malkin, F15/16	KS5 IT/Business revision - Mr Garnett, S6
		Y11 basketball - Mr Queensborough, Sports Hall	Further Maths club - Mr Brown, L1	
			FIFA club, Mr Uddin, F4	

Updated Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable:

Y10 Mock Exam Timetable – Monday 29th April– Friday 10th May 2024

All exams in the Sports Hall unless stated

	Monday 29 th April	Tuesday 30 th April	Wednesday 1 st May	Thursday 2 nd May	Friday 3 rd May
Tutor (8:30am)	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms
Session 1 (9:00am)	English Language 1hr 45mins	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30mins	DT 2hrs	Geography 1hr 30mins	English Literature 1hr 45mins
Session 2 (10:00am)			Spanish Listening & Reading (H/F) 1hr 45m		
Break (11:00am)	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break
Session 3 (11:20am)					Drama 3hrs
Lunch (12:20pm)	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch
Session 4 (1:00pm)	Biology 1hr 15 min Combined 1hr 45min Separate	Chemistry 1hr 15 min Combined 1hr 45min Separate	History 1hr 15mins	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30mins	Sociology 1hr 30mins
Session 5 (2:00pm)					Hospitality 1hr 30mins

	Monday 6 th May	Tuesday 7 th May	Wednesday 8 th May	Thursday 9 th May	Friday 10 th May
Tutor (8:30am)	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	
Session 1 (9:00am)	No Exams (Bank Holiday)	No Exams	BTEC Art Practical (513)	Dance (DS) 3hrs	Photography Practical (513)
Session 2 (10:00am)					
Break (11:00am)		Normal break		Normal break	Normal break
Session 3 (11:20am)			BTEC Art Practical (513)	Dance (DS) 3hrs Music (F15/16) 3hrs	Photography Practical (513)
Lunch (12:20pm)	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch
Session 4 (1:00pm)	No Exams (Bank Holiday)	Physics 1hr 15 min Combined 1hr 45min Separate	BTEC Art Practical (513)	Music (F15/F16) 3hrs	Photography Practical (513)
Session 5 (2:00pm)					

Tuesday 14th May	
Tutor (8:30am)	Tutor in normal rooms
Session 1 (9:00am)	Computer Science 1hr 30mins
Session 2 (10:00am)	
Break (11:00am)	
Session 3 (11:20am)	
Lunch (12:20pm)	Normal lunch
Session 4 (1:00pm)	PE 1hr 15mins
Session 5 (2:00pm)	RE 1hr
	Home Languages 1hr-1hr 20mins

Y12 Mock Exam Timetable – Monday 29th April– Tuesday 7th May 2024
All exams in the Sports Hall unless stated

	Monday 29 th April	Tuesday 30 th April	Wednesday 1 st May	Thursday 2 nd May	Friday 3 rd May
Tutor (8:30am)	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms
Session 1 (9:00am)	Biology Paper 1 1hr 30mins	Maths 1hr 15mins		Physics Paper 1 1hr 30mins	Biology Paper 2 1hr 30mins
Session 2 (10:00am)					
Break (11:00am)	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break	Normal break
Session 3 (11:20am)					
Lunch (12:20pm)	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch	Normal lunch
Session 4 (1:00pm)		Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 30mins	History 1 hour 30 mins	Psychology 1hr 30mins	Chemistry Paper 2 1hr 30mins
Session 5 (2:00pm)					

	Monday 6 th May	Tuesday 7 th May
Tutor (8:30am)	Tutor in normal rooms	Tutor in normal rooms
Session 1 (9:00am)	No Exams (Bank Holiday)	No Exams
Session 2 (10:00am)		
Break (11:00am)		Normal break
Session 3 (11:20am)		
Lunch (12:20pm)	Normal lunch	Normal lunch
Session 4 (1:00pm)	No Exams (Bank Holiday)	Physics Paper 2 1hr 30mins
Session 5 (2:00pm)		



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11th April 2024

Our Ref: SBR/MFA/260

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: CCTV

As you may be aware, we have a number of CCTV cameras that are positioned around the school, as well as internally within communal areas, internal corridors and in other public areas. The cameras are clearly visible and accompanied by prominent signs explaining that CCTV is in use. We have the cameras for a number of different reasons such as:

- To protect staff, students and members of the public;
- To support investigations involving students and staff;
- To protect private property and the school buildings and assets;
- To support the Police in a bid to deter and detect crime; and
- To assist in identifying, apprehending and disciplining offenders.

All of our cameras are regularly monitored by our IT team and access to the recordings is limited to the aforementioned and senior members of staff.

In accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we have updated our Surveillance and CCTV policy and reviewed our practice to ensure that they meet the requirements. A copy of our CCTV policy can be found on our website at schoolbus.co.uk/compliancemanager/public/crst-surveillance-and-cctv-policy/1c172ba9-8e2d-474f-a921-01a0ac51db86/102809

If you have any questions or queries about the CCTV system, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Tanner', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Helen Tanner
Senior Vice Principal



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Our Ref: SBR/MFA/259

Your Ref:

11th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Senior Leadership Team

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable Easter break.

As I communicated before the holiday there were some upcoming significant changes to the senior leadership team at Gospel Oak School. I am now in a position to be able to share the roles and responsibilities for each member of the senior leadership team.

The senior leadership team is vital in any school. With every member understanding, fulfilling and contributing their particular skills and responsibilities, it becomes the vehicle around which a successful school can be both built and operate. At Gospel Oak School, there are five posts in the senior leadership team: Executive Principal, Senior Vice Principal, Vice Principal, Assistant Principal and Associate Assistant Principal. The following table highlights the seniority of the posts:

Most senior	Executive Principal
	Senior Vice Principal
	Vice Principal
	Assistant Principal
Least senior	Associate Assistant Principal

The table on page 2 of this letter indicates the main roles and responsibilities that each member of the senior leadership has for the 2023/24 academic year, so you can fully understand what each of the team is here to deliver.

I will continue to keep you updated on staffing changes within the school. Thank you as always for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Brownlow
Executive Principal

Stephen Brownlow	Claire Middlehurst	Helen Tanner	Stacy Bott	Parm Grewal	Hayley Nutting	Becky Quirk
Executive Principal	Senior Vice Principal	Senior Vice Principal	Vice Principal	Vice Principal	Vice Principal	Vice Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staffing and recruitment ▪ Self-evaluation ▪ Action plans ▪ Local Academy Governing Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7 to 13 curriculum ▪ Years 7 to 11 achievement programme ▪ Staff welfare ▪ Communication with parents/carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data and assessment ▪ Safeguarding systems (until 31st August 2024) ▪ Designated safeguarding lead (DSL) (until 31st August 2024) ▪ Admissions ▪ Year 9 options ▪ Timetable ▪ Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7-11 student support ▪ Years 7 to 11 behaviour ▪ Years 7 to 11 attendance and punctuality ▪ Looked after children-designated teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy designated safeguarding lead ▪ Safeguarding systems (from 1st Sept 2024) ▪ Designated safeguarding lead (DSL) (from 1st Sept 2024) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use and impact of the pupil premium ▪ Trips and visits ▪ Tutoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teaching and Learning ▪ Professional development ▪ Staff induction

David Dunkley	Anthony Hickenbottom	Chloe Law	Seema Pabla	Si Bala	Luke Paskin	Adam Mason
Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Associate Assistant Principal	Associate Assistant Principal	Associate Assistant Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arbor Lead ▪ Analysis of data ▪ Assessment ▪ Reporting ▪ GDPR Lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7, 8 and 9 student support ▪ Years 7, 8 and 9 attendance and punctuality ▪ Reward system ▪ Alternative provision and managed moves ▪ Deputy designated safeguarding lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assemblies ▪ Charities ▪ Extra-curricular programme ▪ PSHE ▪ Years 7 to 11 tutor programme ▪ Careers leader ▪ Student voice ▪ Years 10 & 12 Work experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional Mentor ▪ Whole school literacy with a focus on reading ▪ Transfer and transition from feeder schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sixth Form student support and achievement programme ▪ Sixth Form recruitment ▪ Year 11 options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7 to 11 behaviour sanctions ▪ Years 7 to 11 student wellbeing and mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 10 and 11 student support ▪ Years 10 and 11 attendance and punctuality