



Gospel Oak School Admissions 2028/2029

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Admission for a place in Year 7

Admission numbers: 240

The Gospel Oak School admission criteria is detailed below:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions as defined by section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application for a school place
2. Students whose siblings currently attend the school and will continue to do so at the date of admission. Please note that this does not apply if the sibling is in Post-16 provision at the school.

The sibling definition is the same of that of the Sandwell Local Authority (LA); blood brothers/sisters with the same address, half- brothers/sisters with the same address, stepbrothers/sisters with the same address and children whose parents aren't married but who live at the same address.

3. Students on the basis of proximity to the school using straight line measurement from the main entrance of the school to the child's home.

In the case of flats or multiple occupancy, measurement will be taken from the main entrance of the building.

Tie-breaker: If two or more applicants tie for last place during the allocation process the final place shall be decided by a random number generator, independently overseen by Sandwell Local Authority.

Gospel Oak School is a state funded school which has an agreed admission limit of 240 per year for admission into year 7 and 100 places per year for admission into Post 16. Where the school receives more applications for Year 7 than it has places available, the criteria listed above will apply.

Application Process

Gospel Oak School will comply with the national co-ordinated admissions scheme for Sandwell Local Authority which requires all parents to complete a preference form provided by the LA. In completing this form, Gospel Oak School must be listed as one of the preferences on the form. Inaccurate or false information will invalidate applications to Gospel Oak School. On receipt of the application details, Gospel Oak School will liaise with the Local Authority over preferences and rankings and agree places to be offered. Gospel Oak School will follow the Sandwell Local Authority agreed definitions of address, siblings, twins and multiple birth applications.

Closing date for applications is **31st October 2027**. For more information, please visit the Sandwell Admissions page on: [School admissions – Sandwell Council](#)

Appeals and Waiting Lists

Those who are offered a place at Gospel Oak School will be informed on **1st March 2028** by Sandwell Local Authority. Parents/carers who are not offered a place through this process have a right to appeal against the decision. Sandwell school admissions will be appointed in accordance with the Code of Practice for School Admission Appeals. If Gospel

Oak School is oversubscribed, parents/carers will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Places will be offered in accordance with the published admissions criteria.

In Year Applications for Admission

The parent[s]/carer[s] of children seeking admission to the school should apply for a place by completing an in year admission form, available from [Applying to transfer your child mid-year | Sandwell Council](#). Once completed, the form **should be sent straight to the local authority** and **not** Gospel Oak School.

All in year admissions for Gospel Oak School are managed by Sandwell Local Authority. If several requests for places in the same year are received at the same time, places will be offered according to the school's admission criteria.

Admission to Sixth form

Applicants for entry at Post 16 should contact the school directly for an application pack or complete the online application form at <https://www.gospeloakschool.org.uk>. Details of Post 16 courses can be accessed via the prospectus on our website. Up to 20 Post-16 places will be made available for students who are not currently attending the School.

All admission entry requirements are contained within the Post 16 Prospectus on our website at [Gospel Oak School - Sixth Form](#) and are summarised in the table below:

Level of Course	Type of Course	Entry Requirements
3	A Level	See individual subject requirements, including GCSE Maths and/or English grade 4 or above
3	Vocational Subjects	See individual subject requirements, including GCSE Maths and/or English grade 4 or above

Students can study on one of 3 pathways:

- Purely A Level subjects
- Purely vocational subjects
- A mixture of both A Level and vocational subjects

Entry to all Post 16 subjects is subject to satisfactory impartial advice and guidance from the home school, Connexions and agreement over suitable option choices. Deadline for Post 16 applications is **18th December 2027**. Applications will be reviewed and students will receive a conditional offer in writing based on their summer results by **1st May 2028**.

In the event of there being more applications from qualifying students than there are places available, the schools admission criteria will be used to determine those to be admitted. If it is necessary to refuse applications following the application of the admission criteria's, parents/carers will have the right of an appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.