GEORGE SALTER ACADEMY Newsletter

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Welcome



We understand the importance of communication with you all and hope this will support in our endeavour to keep you updated with academy life. Thank you for your support in creating such a positive start to the new academic year! Students have had a wonderful return which included an induction to our classroom routines and expectations. Attendance to school has been excellent with our figures beating those nationally. We have focussed on raising attainment with Parents Evening for Years 11, 12 and 13. The SEND Review conference was also a success; we value the partnership between home and the academy. Wishing you all a well-earned half term break.

Highlights





Open Events 2026

The start of the school year is always an exciting time as we hold our annual Open Events, to show prospective students and their families what life at George Salter Academy looks like. Our Open Evening was a brilliant event, as visitors were able to speak with our staff and students and explore each department. Our Open Evening was followed by our Open Mornings, where we were able to give families a tour of the academy during the day so they could experience GSA in action. We'd like to thank everyone who came to our open events, and we are already looking forward to welcoming our new students in September 2027.



GSA Donation to Sandwell Young Carers

In September, we were able to provide Sandwell Young Carers with a large amount of sanitary products for use in their centre. The team from Sandwell Young Carers were extremely grateful for this donation, and said "For some of the young carers we support, having access to essential products like these can make a real difference. Young carers already have so much to think about and manage, and having these items available can help take away an additional worry and ensure they have one less thing to think about". Thank you to the team from SYC for visiting us.

Trip to Harry Potter Studios

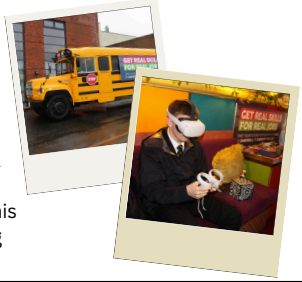


On Thursday 1st October, George Salter's A Level students enjoyed a magical day at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter. The day began with a masterclass in cinematography, and then students toured the sets that formed the backdrop to some of the film series' most iconic scenes. Students also discovered how scale models and CGI contribute to the filmmaking process. It was an unforgettable trip that brought the study of film to life and provided students with valuable insight into the creative and technical aspects of filmmaking.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening

Our Raising Achievement Evening gives Year 11 students and their parents/carers the opportunity to meet individually with members of the Senior Leadership Team. These focused discussions highlight the importance of GCSE success, review current progress, and explore the wide range of post-16 pathways available, helping students to make informed decisions about their future. We were delighted to welcome so many of our Year 11 pupils with their families to the evening. There was a real sense of positivity and shared ambition throughout the evening as we continue to work together to help every pupil achieve the best possible GCSE outcomes.

Sandwell College T Level Bus Visit



As part of T Level Week, we welcomed Sandwell College and their T Level Bus to George Salter Academy. Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit the bus and learn more about what T Levels involve. They were told about a variety of courses, and were able to take part in some interactive experiences. We hope our students enjoyed this experience, and thank you to Sandwell College for visiting us!

Attendance Winners



1st Place - Year 7
2nd Place - Year 9
3rd Place - Year 8

Congratulations to Year 7 who have achieved the highest attendance for this half term! Keep up the great work.

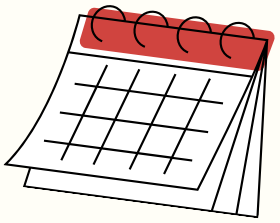


Sporting Success

It's been a successful half-term for George Salter's sports teams! Well done to all of the players involved.

- Year 8 football remain unbeaten after 2 games - they recently won 4-1 against Phoenix
- Year 9 football won on penalties against WBCA
- Year 8 netball team won their recent tournament, finishing 1st out of 6 teams

Important Dates



Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Half Term
Monday 2nd November
Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 20th November
Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams
Thursday 10th December
Winter Fair

Reminders



- Students should be on site for 8:30am every morning to ensure they are not late for school.
- When calling up to report your child's absence, please ensure you do this before 8:30am and give a detailed explanation as to why your child is not in school.

We hope all of our students, staff and their families have a great half-term break!