

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER



JUNE '25

Transition Day is
on the 3rd July
2025

UPDATE FROM MISS CLARKE

“Hello! It’s been a pleasure meeting with lots of you recently and I look forward to meeting with more of you very soon. Lots has been going on behind the scenes here at GWA. We’ve finished sorting which tutor groups you will be in. Keep an eye out for the email that lets you know which tutor group you’re in and who your tutor will be. We’ve been planning the Transition Day. The Theme for the day is ‘Spy Kids’. Have a think about what sort of skills a good spy would have!

See you all very soon!”



MISS CLARKE,
HEAD OF YEAR 7

WHAT HAPPENED LAST TERM?

GWA has recently changed from Heads of House to Heads of Year. This means that Miss Clarke will be Head of Year.

Each House will now have a member of staff who is their House Champion. House Champions will promote healthy competition between the Houses. They will also encourage every students to strive to win the House Championship!.

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HOW CAN YOU **CARE** AT GWA?



Our Peake House Transition Ambassadors have written about ACE points and how you can **care** at GWA.

GWA shows care for its students in several meaningful and structured ways, guided by its core values of Achievement, Care, and Excellence (ACE). Here's how they demonstrate the "Care" aspect:

GWA has a dedicated pastoral team that provides support to all students. The team is made up of the Pastoral Intervention Leads, Heads of Year and two Assistant Principals.

If you have any worries or concerns, you can go to the KS3 Pastoral Office.

At GWA, students show care by supporting friends, holding doors open, taking responsibility for their actions and by **being kind**. GWA's motto is **Word Hard, Be Kind**. The motto isn't just for students but for the teachers too. Teachers at GWA are always willing to help you out with lots of different things. The way I follow this motto is by giving my best effort in everything that I do. I also make sure to be kind to all my friends and to all the students in the school. It's really important to me that my friends know that I can be there for them if they need me to be.

LIA, 7P1

LEO, 7P2

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How does GWA CARE for its students?

AN INTERVIEW WITH
THE KS3 PASTORAL
INTERVENTION LEADS

Could you tell us a little about who you are and what you do at GWA?

We're Mrs Moloney and Mrs Hedges and we're here to support all students from Year 7-9 with any concerns or worries in school to make sure that you have the most positive experience at GWA.

What does it mean to CARE at GWA?

Being kind is the most important thing we can do for each other. Simply asking how somebody's day is or holding the door open can really improve somebody's day and as a result mean we feel motivated and supported to Work Hard and be the most successful version of ourselves. Caring at GWA is everybody's responsibility because we are all capable of doing it.

What can students do if they need some pastoral support?

There are multiple ways pastoral can be accessed by students. Every student is entitled to pastoral support if they need it. You can:

- Come directly to our office outside of lesson time & ask to speak to someone
- Email a Pastoral Intervention Leader or Head of Year
- Or speak to any member of staff you feel comfortable speaking with who can put you in contact with the right person from pastoral.

What piece of advice would you give to the Year 6's starting in September?

Secondary school can seem a bit scary and overwhelming at first but remember that you are not alone in this next step in your education. Keep talking to your friends, family and teachers. It won't take long for you to adjust and feel like you've been here forever!

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Your invite to the Transition Day has gone out! Please read the information on the email carefully. Below is a quick overview of the super important bits.

What to bring to Transition Day:

- Reusable bottle of water/squash (no fizzy drinks/cans please!)
- Pen & pencil
- Packed lunch and snacks for break time
- Wear your Primary School Uniform (please wear a jumper/sweater that has your primary school logo on)
- Wear trainers on your feet

Polite Request:

Parents and carers – **please do not park in our car park.** There is limited space. This is a good time to practice the walk/cycle to/from school.

The Parents Information Evening: 03/07/2025 17:30-18:30

There is also an event for parents and carers to come to the school for a talk given by Mr Clarke, Mrs Britton & Miss Clarke.

The talk will give you an overview of what to expect in September and all the good things that happened during the Transition Day!

Parents and carers – thank you for filling out your Transition Information Form.

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