

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER



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The first day of school is the 3rd September.

UPDATE FROM MISS CLARKE

"Hello! It was so lovely to see you all on the Transition Day. I'm incredibly excited to start working with you in September.

I hope you're looking forward to starting at GWA and to meet all the other students you started to make friends with.

Don't forget to start buying your school uniform. Uniform is a very important part of 'Excellence' here at GWA. Our students feel proud to wear their uniform and I hope that you will too. When you put your uniform on for the first time, I hope you truly feel like a GWA student.'

See you in September!



MISS CLARKE,
HEAD OF YEAR 7

WHAT'S HAPPENED THIS TERM?

GWA has just hosted its annual Sports Day on one of the hottest days of the year. Aderin House were the victors of the day.

There have also been many trips and visits this term. Year 9 have been to Bletchley Park, Year 8 to RIAT and Year 10s will be going to Thorpe Park in the last week of term. Year 7s have had a Road Safety day, with talks from the Police and a Bike Specialist.

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HOW CAN YOU BE **EXCELLENT** AT GWA?



Our Sharman House Transition Ambassadors have written about enrichment and how you can be **excellent** at GWA.

What is enrichment?

Enrichment is what we call the fun clubs and activities that happen after school. There are loads of different things you can do, like sports, coding, and more. It's a great way to try something new and spend time with friends doing something you enjoy.

What are the sports teams and how are they doing at GWA?

GWA has some really good sports teams, like rounders, football and netball. Everyone works really hard and it's great to see how proud the school is of their achievements.

How have you been excellent this term?

This term, I've been excellent by joining in during lessons and putting my hand up more often. I've been trying to take part in group work and share my ideas, even if I'm not totally sure. I feel like I've made good progress and I'm proud of what I've achieved so far.

JOSH, 7S1

How does school help you to be excellent?

School helps me to be excellent by giving me a place to learn new things, ask questions, and try my best. My teachers support me and help me understand things when they're hard. They also encourage me to be creative and to never give up, even if I make mistakes. At school, I learn how to work with others, be kind, and solve problems. It's not just about getting good marks—it's also about becoming a better person.

How does taking part in 'enrichment' activities help you to be excellent?

Taking part in enrichment activities helps me to be excellent because I get to learn new skills outside of normal lessons. Things like sports, music, drama, or clubs help me become more confident, work better in a team, and try new challenges. They make learning fun and help me grow as a person, not just as a student.

FLYNN, 7S2

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The House Champions

AN INTERVIEW WITH
THE HOUSE
CHAMPIONS

What is your role as House Champion?

Mr Townsend: As House Champion of Peake, I will focus on pride, collectiveness and inclusivity to ensure everyone reaches their full potential.

Mr Simpson: I will be the proud champion of House Sharman. This means I will drive a sense of joy, belonging and inclusivity within the House. Students in GWA should be proud of being both a member of the school and the House.

How does the House Championship promote *Excellence* in students?

Miss Scott: Excellence is at the forefront of what we do at GWA. Whether you are a budding artist, linguist, musician or sportsperson, we want you to be proud of your achievements. In Aderin, every achievement is praised and celebrated.

What are some of the events that contribute to the House Championship?

Mr Simpson: There will be many exciting events for GWA students to get involved with next year. From House competitions in PE to weekly quizzes to chess tournaments, we've got something for everyone.

Miss Scott: In lessons and social times, you will earn ACE points that will go towards the House Cup – you could be the difference!

What are you most excited for next year?

Mr Townsend: I am most looking forward to seeing the Peake House come together to support new and existing students in becoming the best versions of themselves.

Mr Simpson: Life at GWA is fast-paced, inclusive and exciting!

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Please read the Parent Handbook carefully, to ensure that you are aware of all the important notices before joining GWA.

Parent Pay Codes:

Please do not try to create a new code for Parent Pay. New codes will be generated for you in September once your child has been placed onto GWA's role.

Laptops for September:

Please carefully read the letter regarding student laptops. If you have any questions, please email technology@gwacademy.co.uk.

Enrichment options will be sent out at the end of the week. Please keep an eye out for the enrichment brochure.

Monkhouse School Shop is now using Klarna for online orders over £50.

Note: GWA has been told that this is for online orders only and not available in store.

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

If you have not yet sent in your child's birth certificate, please send it to admissions@gwacademy.co.uk.

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