

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER



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Transition Day is
on the 3rd July
2025

WELCOME FROM MR DAVIS

"Welcome, and congratulations on gaining a place at GWA. The transition from primary to secondary school is one of the biggest and most exciting changes that you will make.

By focussing on our core values of 'Achievement, Care and Excellence', these newsletters will help to make this change easier. We do all we can to demonstrate these values in everything that we do at GWA, and we expect you to aim to do the same."



MR DAVIS,
PRINCIPAL OF GWA

WHAT HAPPENED LAST TERM?

GWA has appointed a new Principal. Mr Clarke will be taking over the reins from Mr Davis in September.

Mr Clarke says:

"Welcome to GWA! I am really looking forward to meeting you all. My top tip for starting well at secondary school is to make sure you are clear on what is expected of you.

We look forward to meeting you on the Transition Day, where you will meet teachers and start to experience what school life is like here at GWA. See you soon!"

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HOW CAN YOU **ACHIEVE** AT GWA?

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

"We achieve a lot at this school. We especially thrive in ACE points. ACE points stand for:

A: Achievement

C: Care

E: Excellence.

You can earn ACE points in lessons, raising your hand to answer questions; completing work in lessons; helping other students and lots more reasons. If you get 5 ACE points in one lesson, you earn an 'Accolade'. This is one of the highest numbers of ACE points you can get. There is a competition between all three Houses for the most number of ACE points. Aderin is currently winning!"

DAISY, 7A2

"The Always Club is a club that happens at the end of two terms. You can join it if you only have one or no levels, your attendance is 97% or above and always doing the right thing. In the Always Club, you will be told where you need to go, and it will usually be a breakfast, or a treat given to you. You will sit with other Year 7s and 8s who are also in the club. If you get a certain amount of ace points, you can earn badges to show it. A bronze star shows you have 150 ACE points; a silver star is if you have 300 ACE points and gold is 500."

ROSY, 7A1

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READING TO **ACHIEVE** AT GWA

AN INTERVIEW WITH
MRS COCKCROFT,
GWA LIBRARIAN

Why should you read books?

Research has shown that reading for pleasure is a key indicator for future success. Student who read more than their classmates score higher in all their assessments, not just English.

How does reading help students to access the curriculum?

It will expand their vocabulary, sharpen their writing skills and improve their ability to think critically.

How does GWA build literacy into the curriculum?

We use an adaptive literacy program called 'Reading Plus', and we dedicate 20 minutes to reading every day. A book is considered part of our students' essential daily equipment, and they have access to the library during the day.

What can parents do to encourage students to read?

Reading isn't just about reading novels. Parents and carers can provide good quality magazines, non-fiction books, graphic novels & manga, short stories and audiobooks. Parents and carers could introduce the expectation of reading 'a chapter a day' or setting a 10-min reading timer.

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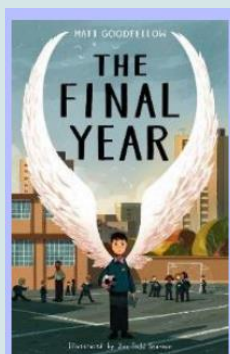
WHAT'S NEXT?

Miss Clarke is currently booking in times to visit with primary schools to meet with Year 6 students.

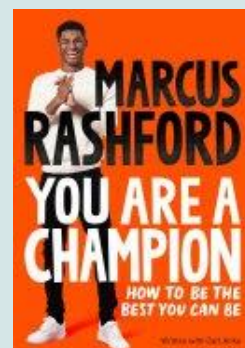
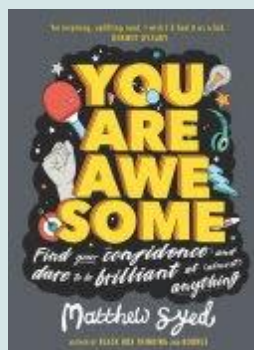
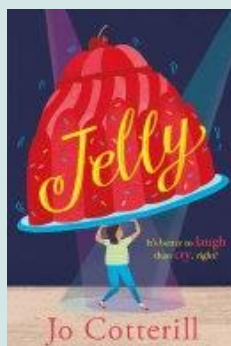
Please keep a look out for your invitation to our Transition Day! They'll be coming out very soon!

Parents and carers – if you have not yet filled in your Transition Information Form or sent in your child's birth certificate, please complete this.

If you require a new link, please email admissions@gwacademy.co.uk.



Why not read some of these books that are recommended by the National Literacy Trust for Transitioning from Primary to Secondary School?



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