

Great Academy Ashton

Welcome class of 2028
“Inspiring Greatness”

Welcome

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Purpose: To share key information and routines, ready for September.

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Morning Mood

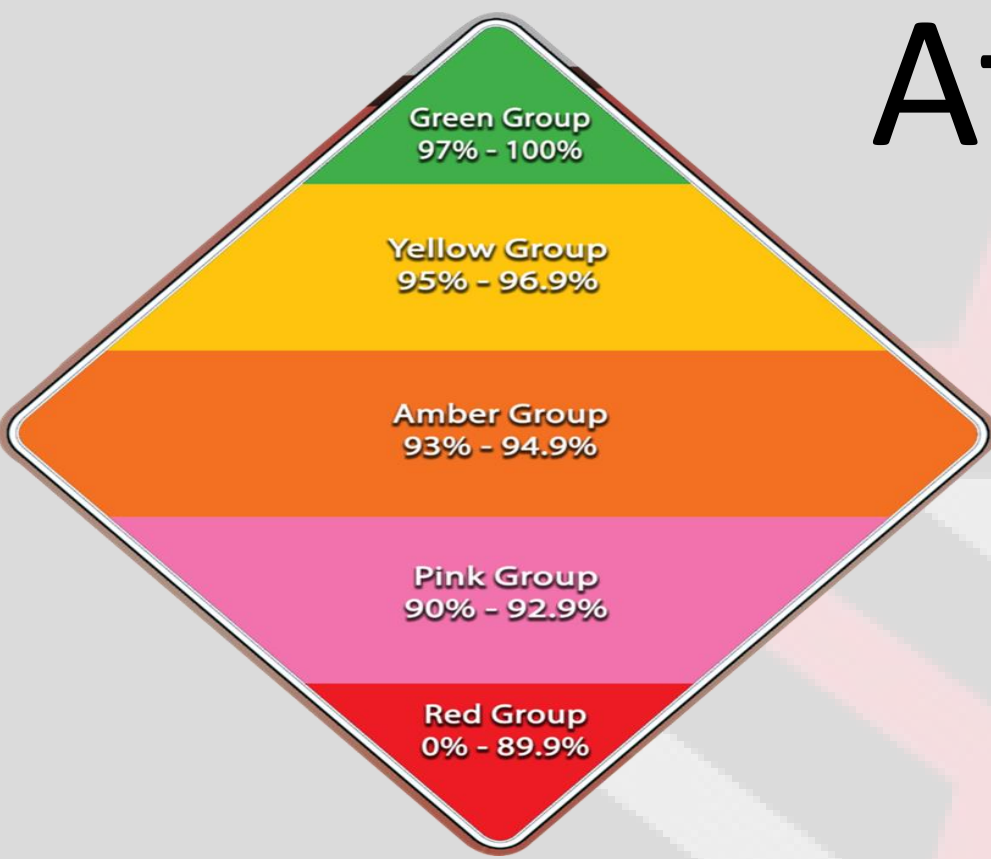
The purpose of Morning Mood is to set a purposeful and quiet start to the day. No matter what is going on in the life of our students, , we all come together at the start of the day to focus on the value of the day. Also, the Key word for the day. Words are power and the more words our students have in their dialect, the more powerful and successful they can become.

Everyday, the day will begin with the Morning Mood. This is where all of year 7 line up with their form tutors in the centre of the school as a family. They come into the Academy in silence and are silent throughout the 'morning mood'.

The Principal or Vice Principal will give you a message about our GREAT values and you will then go to your form class, here you will take part daily in structured form time activities. One of which will be your weekly Attendance activity.

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Attendance



Government (DfE) research suggests that **16 days absence or 92%** attendance in any **one year** equals a full G.C.S.E. Grade Drop In Attainment

Target **100%** This is Perfection

98% = 4 School days off per year. This is impressive

96% = 7 School days off per year. This is Good

95% = 9 School days off per year. Nearly at good.

94% = 11 school days off per year. This needs to improve.

90% = 1 Month off per school a year. Concerns.

80% = 2 Months off per school year. Serious Concerns.

Holidays: You can find the school calendar on our website. Please do not book holidays in term time. They will not be authorised and a Penalty Notice Fine will be issued.

Punctuality



This process will begin week commencing **10th July 2023**

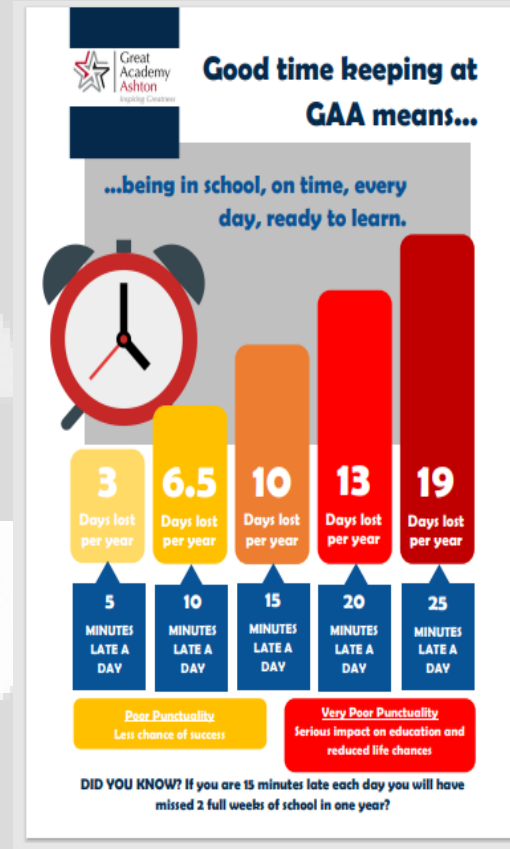
All your teachers will be closely recording punctuality to lessons, there is no negotiation. Late is Late.

Should you arrive to lesson **1&2 Late**. You will complete a **20 Minute Late correction at Break**

Should you arrive to lesson **3&4 Late**. You will complete a **20 minute Lunch time correction.**

Failure to attend any 10 **minute correction** upscales to an automatic **20 minute correction** that same evening. Failure to attend a **20 minute** correction automatically upscales to a **40 minute correction.**

We do give Year 7 time to settle in before we go live with this.



GAA Uniform

Your child should always wear their GAA uniform with pride as this lets everybody know that you are part of our family and that you live by our GREAT values. All students wear the following uniform:

- Academy blazer with the GAA logo
- Black tailored trousers or black Academy skirt with the GAA logo (skirt must be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee and must not be Lycra)
- White shirt
- Academy tie (Red stripes)- You will need to purchase one of these from our uniform suppliers.
- Black socks or plain black tights
- Black school shoes – No trainers **(anything that is sports branded) or canvas shoes are not permitted in the Academy.**
- Academy student lanyard (provided by GAA)
- Black hijab (optional)
- Academy black jumper with GAA logo (optional)

Our Uniform Suppliers brochures can be found in reception.

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Appearance

At GAA we are professional so our appearance needs to reflect this:

- All hair must be of natural colouring and should be cut in a professional style
- All hairbands must be black
- Students are permitted to wear one plain stud earlobe earring
- Students are permitted to wear one plain nose stud
- Nails must be natural with no coloured polish or acrylics- any student wearing acrylic nails will be isolated due to health and safety.
- All students must bring a suitable sized schoolbag everyday

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Equipment

At GAA we are professional and ready to learn. Having the correct equipment helps us do this.
Every student must have:

- Pencil case
- Writing pen (black/blue)
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Academy Lanyard/Timetable
- Full GAA PE kit on days that you have PE

You all have your GREAT bags..... 😊

You can bring additional equipment such as felt pens, pencil colours, highlighters.

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Times of the day

You must attend school everyday, arrive on time and be prepared for learning.

Academy day begins	8:35am
Form period	8:35am – 9:00am
Lesson 1	9:00am – 10:00am
Lesson 2	10:00am – 11:00am
Break	11:00am - 11:20am
Lesson 3	11:20am – 12:20pm
Lesson 4	12.20pm – 1:20pm
Lunch	1:20pm – 1:55pm
Lesson 5	1:55pm – 2:50pm

2.50pm Onwards Enrichment Activities

Understanding your timetable

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
REG					
1	Pe GB	Ma BFR D4	Pe GB	Sc SW Scienc	En PD D OPE
2	Sc SW Scienc	Sc SW Scienc	Ma BFR D4	Te CWI FOOD	It AP A2 IT
3	Re MW/MUSI	Gg EG A OPE	Ec BFR D4	Hi NP A6	Te CWI FOOD
4	Ma BFR D4	En PD D OPE	Ec BFR D4	En PD B OPE	Gg CMC A3
5	En PD D OPE	Hi NP A6	En PD B OPE	MI PTA C2	Ma BFR D4

	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
REG					
1	Gg CMC A3	Sc SW Scienc	En PD D OPE	Ar KH ART3	En PD D OPE
2	Ar KH ART3	Pe GB	MI PTA C2	Pa KANAUDI	Pe GB
3	Sc SW Scienc	En PD D OPE	En PD B OPE	Ma BFR D4	Mu RDI MUSI
4	Ma BFR D4	MI PTA C2	Ma BFR D4	En PD B OPE	Te CWI FOOD
5	En PD D OPE	Ma BFR D4	Hi AR C6	Sc SW Scienc	It AP A2 IT

Your child receives a paper copy and this will display on both sides of their lanyard. **Do not lose this.**

Understanding the codes:

Pe: PE

Sc: Science

Re: RE

Ma: Maths

En: English

Gg: Geography

PV: Personal Values

Hi: History

Te: Technology (this is on a carousel)

MI: MFL (French or Spanish)

It: ICT

Ar: Art

Mu: Music

Year 7

The GAA Strong Start

To make sure we have the GREATest possible start to lessons all lessons at GAA start in the same way. At GAA we:

- Line up outside of the classroom in single file and in silence
- When the teacher gives their signal we enter the classroom in silence
- We get our equipment out on our desk in silence
- We then complete the DO NOW activity on the board in silence
- We answer the register with here Miss or Sir

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MOBILE PHONES

Once through the main gates- on entry and not until through the main gates on exit

NOT SEEN

NOT HEARD

NOT USED

They will be confiscated (Returned at end
of school day)

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GAA Rewards

- Great Reward Points
- Postcards home from subject teachers.
- Phone calls home from subject teachers.
- Badges of recognition (Upstander, Ambassador, Form Rep etc).
- Head teacher letter of recognition.
- Termly celebration rewards.
- End of Year Celebration event.
- Breakfast with the Principal.

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Corrections

We have high expectations of all of our students so that they are the best versions of themselves. If you fail to meet our GREAT values, it is important that we support you through corrections so you do not repeat this behaviour.

Class corrections are held by the teacher after the lesson and involve a short conversation regarding how to improve for the next lesson.

Central Corrections are held on the same day after school and each correction lasts for 20 minutes. If you receive 3 Central Corrections in one day you will complete a 60 minute correction after school.

The maximum length of combined corrections in one day is 120 minutes and these will take place on the same day.

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Class Charts

- We communicate regarding Rewards and Behaviour via the Class Charts App.
- Log in details to follow once students start in September but please download the app. Parents/Carers can communicate with our staff this way.

PRIMARY SECONDARY CONTACT US ENGLISH (UK)

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FEATURES LOGIN REQUEST YOUR DEMO

Log in

Teacher **Parent** Student

Enter your email:
Email address

☒ I already have an account

Enter your password: [Forgot password?](#)
Password (not access code)

☐ I don't have an account yet

☐ Remember me **Log in**

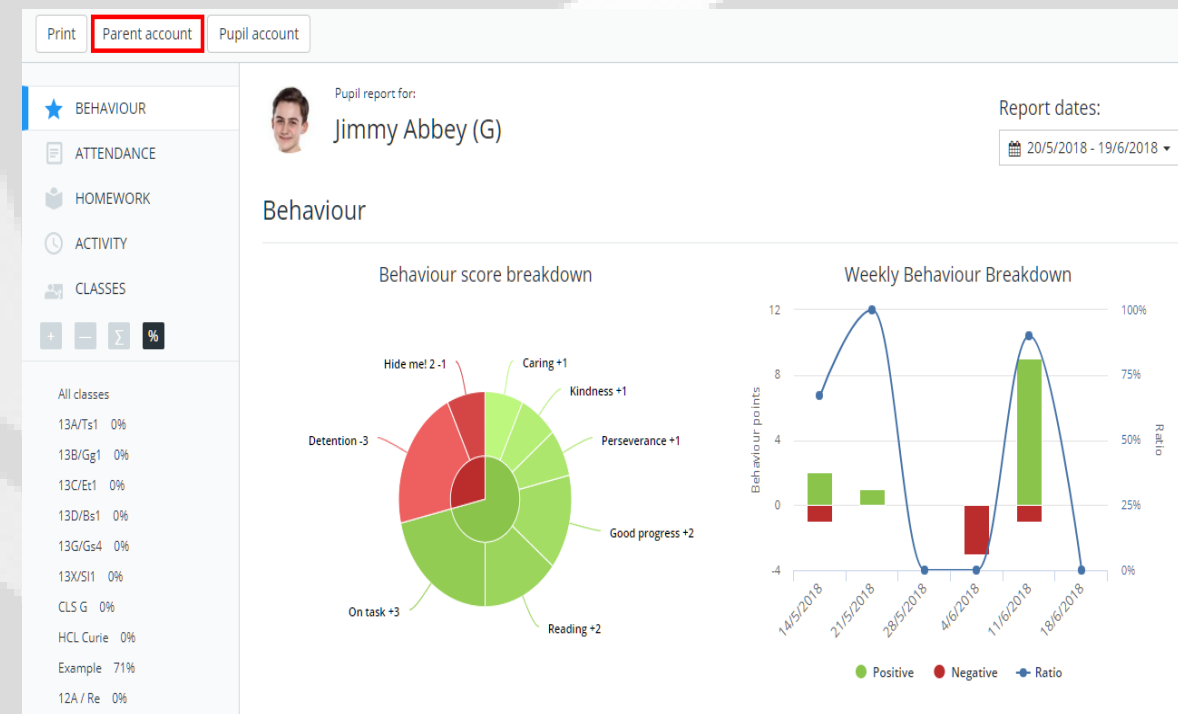
Class Charts Parents

I don't have a code

I am sorry but we cannot help with this and you will need to ask your school to provide you with a new code

I cannot log in

Please check you are using the correct email address. If you have forgotten your password then you can use the password reset feature.



Social times

At social times each year group has an allocated area of the Academy where they can eat and socialise with their peers.

At the End of break and lunch we also do a **Social Reset, in our forms.**

We have a cashless system so you do not need to bring money into the Academy with you. The system works on finger print recognition, so when you purchase food or drink from the canteen your account will be debited. Your parent's have to credit your account online. (Parent Pay)

Students can choose to bring in a packed lunch.



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Extra Curricular

At GAA we offer a wide variety of experiences for you to participate in.

It is an expectation that all students will participate in our full extra curricular offer.

At GAA we celebrate student participation

‘JUMP IN WITH BOTH FEET’

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GAA Student Book Talk Padlet



Here is the QR code and link for our Great Academy Ashton Student Book Talk Padlet. This is a space for students to share their thoughts on books they are currently reading, books they have finished and chat about recommendations.

I'll post updates on my reads too!

Scan the QR code or click on the link to access the Padlet.

You can post either with your name or anonymously if you'd like to and all posts will need to be approved by myself before they appear on our Padlet.

Padlet gives the opportunity to add pictures too, so feel free to add any pictures that link to your post.

Every half term, I plan to do a prize draw including all students who have posted about their reads on our Padlet. Each post will be an entry!



Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.



Jim Rohn

<https://padlet.com/lillyselwood/gaa-student-book-talk-qzgncg318tp3rd6e>



Current Enrichment Opportunities- Please see GAA Website



Great Academy Ashton Enrichment 2022

Providing students with the opportunities to develop as individuals alongside their academic studies.



	Monday Time/Place/ Year Group/Staff Member	Tuesday Time/ Place/ Year Group/Staff Member	Wednesday Time/ Place/ Year Group/Staff Member	Thursday Time/ Place/ Year Group/Staff Member	Friday Time/ Place/ Year Group/Staff Member
ART	EJ and/or KHD art club at lunch gallery area	EJ and/or KHD art club at lunch gallery area	EJ and/or KHD art club at lunch gallery area	EJ and/or KHD art club at lunch gallery area	EJ and/or KHD art club at lunch gallery area
Science		STEM Club 2:45 - 3:30 in 55			
Duke of Edinburgh	IT3/Street 2:40 - Year 9/10 - PLO RSC				
English	Creative Writing Club - A3 Miss K Leese	School Magazine/ newspaper club	Book Club - A2 Miss Wright and Mr Hawkins A2/B1	Ks4 Home Learning club (laptops for century tech) and support with Miss Wright in A2.	Ks3 Home Learning club (laptops) and support with Miss Wright in A2.
French		French Club - 2:45pm, A5, All years welcome, Miss Chan-Cheape			
Health & Social Care				Yr 10 catch up 2:45pm - 4pm NKE & LST (IT3)	Yr10 Catch up 2:45 - 4pm NKE Barcelona.
ICT		E Block KS3 Homework club 2:45 - 3:45 pm			
Maths		Mathswatch Club, 2:45 - 3:45pm, ICT3, All years welcome		E Block KS3 Homework club	
Music	Drama Club 2:45 - 3:30, Mr Hewitt, PA2	Great Singers - 12:40, M2, All years, Mr Hewitt		Great Singers - 12:40, M2, All years, Mr Hewitt	
PE	Fun Football - All Years, 2:45 - 4:00 on 3G RMO. DoFE 2:45 - 4pm PLO & RSC IT3.	Trial Run/walk 3pm-4pm all years NSI & GPO Offsite. Rounders all years 2:45pm-4pm PWA, LST, NKE Field. Softball 2:45pm-4pm all years RSC Field. Football 2:45-4pm Y7-9 RMO 3G.	Girls football - All Years, 2:45 - 4:00 on 3G RMO	Athletic 2:45pm - 4pm All years NSI, LHO and PWA Field. Cricket 2:45pm - 4pm All Years RSC Field. Street Reds 4pm - 6pm 3G.	Fitness Suite 3pm - 4pm Yr9-11 NSI. Football 2:45pm - 4pm All Years RMO.
Spanish		Spanish Club - 2:45pm, A5, All years welcome, Miss Chan-Cheape			
Sport Science	Sport Science and Sport Studies catch up 2:45 - 4pm NSI and PWA, IT2				
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Foundation Learning				Foundation Learning Year 7 and 8 - Home Learning Support in E3 Thursday lunchtimes with Miss Lees	
Inclusion	EAL Reading Club with Ambassadors. All Years. E1, MWR		EAL Gardening Club. All Years. E1, MWR		
Manchester United Foundation	Fun Football - All Years, 2:45 - 4:00 on 3G RMO	Year group Football Training 2:45 - 4:00 on 3G, RSC/ RMO	Girls football - All Years, 2:45 - 4:00 on 3G RMO	Street Reds Community Project 5 - 8pm on 3G RMO+MUF	Indoor Football - Year 8-10, Sports Hall, 2:45 - 4:00 RMO
Chess club	Chess club 2:45 ES all years Mr Holland				
Warhammer club			Warhammer 12:40 ES all years Mr Holland	Warhammer 2:45 ES all years Mr Holland	Warhammer 2:45 ES all years Mr Holland
Chicken club/ Health and Well being - Invitation		Garden/Chicken coop - 2:40 - 3:15 - PLO. Working with the chickens to provide a sense of well being	Garden/Chicken coop 2:40 - 3:15 - PLO. Working with the chickens to provide a sense of well being	Garden/Chicken coop 2:40 - 3:15 - PLO. Working with the chickens to provide a sense of well being	Garden/Chicken coop 2:40 - 3:15 - PLO. Working with the chickens to provide a sense of well being
Personal Values	Monday Lunchtimes in Berlin with LLE Charity Club	Tuesday Lunchtime Debate club in Berlin with LLE and Paul Wright		Thursday Lunchtime in Berlin with LLE Faith Council	Friday Lunchtimes in Berlin with LLE - Equality Council
STEM		2:45 - 3:30, 55, Years 7-9, JDO (others rota'd in) Photography club - art landing 2:45 - 3:45 SPA		Ks3 Computer game design club - starting march afterschool 3pm - 4 pm ICT3 SPA Ks3 Computer Games development (starting in March) IT2 SPA/JMI	

September

Your first day is Tuesday September 5th

You need to arrive at **8.30am**, ready for a **8.35am** start and staff will be on hand to welcome you.

Remember to be EARLY is to be ONTIME.

Have a wonderful summer break
(We hope to see you during the Summer School
Manchester United Foundation Activities in
August)

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