

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to the new 2023 Academic year after what I hope has been an enjoyable and restful summer. As we venture onto the next chapter of your child's education by moving to Key Stage 4, I think it is important to give everyone a reminder of the high standards and expectations that we have and to communicate some messages which will allow us to move forward with a successful year. I am privileged to be leading the Year group as Head of Year this year and will continue to support your child throughout their time at GAA.

This year is very important for our Year 10 students as they begin their GCSE qualifications. They will be asked to show their maturity, resilience, and dedication to ensure that they make the most progress and reach their full potential. To ensure that all students achieve this we have the following high expectations:

- Students will arrive to school on time every day to join in with form tutor activities and lessons.
- Students will be dressed according to the school uniform policy.
- Students will be prepared to learn with the correct equipment (school bag, pens, pencils, rulers and pencil case).
- Students will follow the behaviour expectations and fully engage in their learning.
- Attendance is key to achievement – we set the standard of 95%.

The Year 10 pastoral team are dedicated to supporting your child with the transition into Year 10 and look forward to working closely with parent/guardians. We know that this can be a daunting period of change for students adjusting to the workload and context of the GCSE courses. The students worked incredibly hard throughout last year to achieve and we must ensure we keep the high aspirations, alongside the same level of effort and application. I wholeheartedly believe that this year will be even more of a success and look forward to another celebration of achievement at the end of Year 10.

Please see the list below of the Year 10 form tutors who will continue to support your child at the start of each day and throughout.

Head of Year: Mrs J.Ellis			
Form	Tutor(s)	Form	Tutor(s)
G	Miss Paddison	M	Mr Scully
R	Mrs Holland	I	Mr McCann
E	Miss Fisher	N	Mr Lomas
A	Mrs Holland	D	Miss Bowyer
		S	Miss Wain

As always, please contact the Year 10 team on greenpastoral@gaa.org.uk if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Ellis

Head of Year 10

Great Academy Ashton