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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wrote to you in the Autumn term with regards to the Leadership offer at GAA. It has been a busy and exciting time for the students and the response to the many opportunities offered has been a pleasure to witness. The expectation remains the same; that at GAA every student will experience at least one position of leadership during their time in School. I firmly believe that through leadership roles each student will develop the character values and virtues that will allow them to flourish, achieve their potential, and go on to live a happy and successful life.

LEADERSHIP OFFER @ GAA

KS3

- Form rep School council
- SSAT School council training
- Student Senate
- Upstander
- *Language for learning champion*
- *Curriculum champion*
- Subject lead learner
- *Community & environment champion*
- *Wellbeing champion*
- SSAT Student leadership accreditation
- First Aid qualification
- Interview panel
- Man United Foundation leadership

KS4

- *Form rep School council*
- *SSAT School council training*
- *Peer mediator*
- *SSAT Peer mentor training*
- *Upstander*
- *GAA Year 11 Student leadership team*
- *SSAT Student leadership training*
- *Language for learning ambassador*
- *Curriculum ambassador*
- *Community & environment ambassador*
- *Wellbeing ambassador*
- *Reading leader -*
- *Maths and English Learning mentor*
- *SSAT Student leadership accreditation*
- *Interview panel*
- *Man United Foundation leadership*

Below is the leadership offer available to students in KS3 and KS4. It is my hope that you will encourage and support your child to 'jump in with both feet' when the opportunities arise.

To name one of the many exciting initiatives running, at the end of the Spring term 105 students across KS3 and KS4 took part in a leadership training programme delivered by the SSAT. Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 completed a range of activities that focussed on their position within the Student council and were introduced to the concept of leadership at KS3. 45 Year 10 students that had recently applied and been appointed as either English/Maths learning mentors, Reading leaders and Peer mediators, spent time with the SSAT trainers discussing and implementing coaching techniques as peer mentors, and explored a range of leadership styles to further develop them as KS4 leaders, ensuring that as a leader they are able to tackle their role with confidence, whilst developing their planning, organisational and communication skills.

The company delivering the session were captivated by the level of creativity, critical thinking and focus in the room and the feedback from the students was really positive.

Student Voice Advocates have also been selected this year. The purpose of creating a student voice team of 40 students from Year 7 to Year 10 is to capture the viewpoints, feelings and thoughts of our students on their day-to-day life in school. We want to gauge opinions on our routines, and use the information we receive as a base for change. The selected students have really enjoyed the experience so far, stating they have felt listened to and are already seeing the changes made as a direct result of their opinions.

Finally, the Year 11 Leadership applications have been shortlisted this week and by the time you read this, the interviews will have taken place and our newly appointed Year 11 Leadership team will be in position.

Becoming a member of Great Academy Ashton's Year 11 Student Leadership Team is a privileged position that allows students to play a key role in our unique community and uphold the ethos and values of the school. The Head Students in particular hold a prestigious position as the voice of all students and will play a crucial role in school and public events, promoting the ethos and inspiring GREATness.

Any questions/queries about the Leadership offer at GAA, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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