

June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are well and looking forward to spending some family time over the summer holiday. Year 10 students have been busy as they continue their GCSE journey through KS4. I am continually impressed by their excellent attitude and work ethic.

During the last term Year 10 had an amazing opportunity to apply for leadership roles within the Academy. Miss Hughes and I were overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of the application forms we received. I am proud to say that forty-two Year 10 students were successful in being appointed as Maths Learning Mentors, English Learning Mentors, Reading leaders and Peer Mediators.

As we approach the latter part of the summer half term, the Year 10's calendar is full of events.

- The Geography team have organised a field trip to Wales on the 19th and 21st June as part of their GCSE course.
- The Year 10 students have been given their end of year exam timetable schedule which starts on Monday 24th June. I thank you in advance for your support during this time to ensure your child is well supported, prepared, and focussed during the mock exam period.
- Our MFL department are taking a group of students to Barcelona from 1st July to the 4th of July which is an amazing opportunity for them to experience a different culture.
- As many of our students are thinking about college and life after GAA the careers team have organised a taster day on Wednesday 3rd of July with our local colleges. They will attend workshops on subjects they are interested in, and will give them an insight in to what college life is like.
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We continue to have many extra-curricular activities on offer to our students. There are many sporting opportunities, debate club, STEM club, philosophy club, Warhammer club, meditation club, choir, homework club, charity club, to name a few. Please encourage your child to engage in some of these activities.

As with every year, I look forward to our Summer celebration assembly at the end of term. Students are rewarded for effort and attainment in all subjects, attendance, and progress and recognition of continuous hard work. I am so proud of how genuine our Year 10 students are in celebrating their own and peers' achievements, even if they have not won an award themselves. It really demonstrates our great value of togetherness and how we are proud of our GAA family.

Here at Great Academy, we are proud of our GREAT values of Genuine, Respect, Excellence, Achieve and Together. We hope you will continue to support us in allowing our students to demonstrate our GREAT values on a daily basis, they really are at the heart of what we do. On this note, it is expected that students attend school in full school uniform every day including black school shoes and tie. Acrylic nails and eyelash extensions are prohibited. If there are any issues with uniform, please make us aware as soon as possible so we can work with you to find a solution.

I want to thank you for your continued support in making sure your child arrives to school on time and in full school uniform as we know this is vital to their success.

Finally, as ever, please feel free to contact any member of the Year 10 pastoral team if you have any concerns or questions. Our email is greenpastoral@gaa.org.uk.

Yours Faithfully,

J. Ellis

Mrs J. Ellis
Head of Year 10