



Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

23 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a hugely positive year for our school community.

Attendance and Behaviour

Firstly, I am delighted to share that attendance has shown real improvement this year. This is a crucial step in ensuring every student can achieve their full potential, and I would like to thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support in reinforcing the importance of being in school every day.

Behaviour across the school has also vastly improved. There is now a clear and consistent approach being applied by all staff, which is helping to maintain a calm and focused learning environment. The progress in this area has been significant and is something we are determined to sustain and build upon.

Awards, Positive Points and End of Term Celebrations

We are celebrating the large numbers of students achieving positive points at all levels, reflecting their improved behaviour and attendance and commitment to our school values.

This week we held two fantastic Awards Evenings, recognising the achievements of students across all year groups. On the final day of term, we will hold our second whole-school End of Term Celebration Assembly, showcasing a range of successes, including performances from our Performing Arts department.

The assembly will also announce:

- The winners of two iPad Minis, with every positive point earned this year counting as an entry into the prize draw.
- The final Weekly Wheel draw, where students with 100% attendance, 0 negative points or ≥ 5 positive incidents this week can win a £10 Amazon voucher.

School and Student Achievements

We have proudly celebrated a number of accolades, including being awarded the prestigious Carnegie School Mental Health Award at Gold level and receiving the West Northamptonshire Healthy Schools Bronze and Silver Awards for our ongoing work in promoting mental health and wellbeing. We are also proud to have been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard, a national accreditation for career education, information, advice, and guidance in schools. Achieved through Investor in Careers and assessed against the Gatsby Benchmarks, this award recognises our commitment to providing outstanding careers support for all students, and we are now actively working towards full accreditation.

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Our students have shone in so many areas - academically, in sports, and through out-of-school activities. There have been countless curriculum and extra-curricular trips this year, enriching learning experiences and giving students valuable opportunities beyond the classroom. We have also seen a significant increase in participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, with more students than ever taking part in this challenging and rewarding programme. The Student Parliament has also made a real impact this year, giving students a strong voice in shaping school life and leading on a number of initiatives that have improved our school community.

There are too many individual achievements to mention, but some recent highlights include our golf team being crowned County Champions for 2025, earning the honour of representing Northamptonshire in the English Schools Golf Championships at Woodhall Spa, where they achieved an incredible 4th place nationally – a truly outstanding accomplishment.

We were also delighted to win the Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge, competing against 29 schools with an innovative anti-vaping board game, 'Vape Escape'. The winning students will receive funding from Northamptonshire Police to develop the game further, with a full launch planned for next year – a fantastic example of our students' creativity and commitment to making a difference.

None of these successes would be possible without the dedication of our staff, whose hard work, professionalism and care for our students is evident in all aspects of school life. I would like to publicly thank them for everything they do to ensure our students thrive academically, socially and personally.

Important Reminders:

- **Last Day Arrangements – Tuesday 22nd July**
 - Students will have normal lessons for Periods 1 and 2 after morning registration.
 - After Period 2, all students must go to their form rooms where they will be registered before attending a full school assembly. Students will then return to their form groups for a final registration.
 - If you are collecting your child, please ensure you arrive promptly for 1.30pm when the school day will finish.
 - Students who travel on the public bus will leave their form groups at 1.10pm and go to the main hall, where they will be given a pass and escorted to Guilsborough village to catch the bus.

- **Return in September**

Students are expected to return in full school uniform.

 - Wednesday 3rd September – Years 7 and 12 only
 - Thursday 4th September – All year groups

School Events – Save the Dates:

Parent Information Evenings

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- **Year 7** – 9th September – 6.30pm-7.30pm
- **Year 8 & 9** – 10th September – 6.30pm-7.30pm
- **Year 10 & 11** – 11th September – 6.30pm-7.30pm
- **Year 11 (Exam Preparation)** – 20th January – 6.30pm-7.30pm

Form Tutor Evenings

- **Year 7** – 22nd September – 5.00pm-7.00pm
- **Year 12 & 13** – 25th September – 5.00pm-7.00pm

Parents' Evenings

- **Year 11** – 18th September & 8th January – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 9** – 13th November – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 13** – 22nd January – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 12** – 26th February – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 10** – 30th April – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 8** – 14th May – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 7 (A half)** – 11th June – 4.30pm-7.00pm
- **Year 7 (B half)** – 18th June – 4.30pm-7.00pm

SEND Parents' Evenings

These will also continue next year, with details to follow early in the autumn term.

Transition and Options evenings.

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Next year promises to be another exciting one with all of the above and more, including our school production, *'Into the Woods'*, running from 9th-11th December 2025. Following the success of Matilda the Musical, it is set to be another fantastic event!

All calendar dates will be added to the school calendar in time for the first week back in September – this can be located here - <https://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events>

I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together this year and look forward to continuing this positive momentum in the new academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Mr S Frazer
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