



# Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

Learning Without Limits

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Dear Parents / Carers

After a busy and very positive first couple of days back in school, I would like to thank you for your support. Our students have had an excellent start to the new academic year. Our new Year 7 students have settled brilliantly, and all year groups have taken to our new split breaks and lunches, with many commenting that it is a positive change. A lot of work has been done during the summer to improve the learning environment for our students. The entire middle floor of B block has been redecorated with new wall wrapping along the corridor and every classroom completely refurbished. A massive thank you to our site team for managing this project during the summer.

At the end of last term our rewards system for 2023/24 culminated in the draw for our grand prizes with two students receiving an iPad. All students receiving positive points will have one entry for each point into our end of year draw. During the year, there are other prizes each week for 100% attendance in that week, receiving 5 or more positive entries, and having zero negative entries. Already in the first two days, there have been 585 entries for excellent effort, 304 for excellent written work, 164 for excellent practical work and 627 for excellent contribution to class discussions.

Your support in ensuring our students attend in uniform is very much appreciated. All but a handful are in full uniform. While the last few are awaiting the delivery of ties, blazers, skirts, and trousers, we are giving an extra week for families to resolve any issues they have. Following this, from Monday 16 September, we will expect all students to be in full uniform. Where this is not the case, we will be inviting individual parents/carers to meet with us so that we may discuss any problems they are having. The Academy uniform policy can be found on our website and outlines our expectations, as well as guidance on school shoes. Please contact your child's Form Tutor should you have any questions.

All students now have a student handbook which contains lots of useful information for both students and their parents/carers. Please take a look at this when they come home. One of our challenges in reducing mobile phone use has been the need for students to access their timetable. The student handbook has pages for this and at the end of the second week, once the timetable has settled, we will be printing their timetables on labels which will stick into their handbooks. As a reminder, students who have their phone out will have it confiscated. On the first occasion we will give it back at the end of the day. On the second occasion, we will be keeping the phone until parents/carers collect it. On the third occasion we will be asking the student to hand it in in the morning each day for a fixed period of time; this will be one week in the first instance. This is in line with national guidance and is common in most schools.

Finally, a reminder that our year group specific information evenings start next week. The dates for each year group are listed below:

Year 7 – Tuesday 10 September  
Year 8 – Wednesday 11 September  
Year 9 – Tuesday 17 September  
Year 10 – Wednesday 18 September  
Year 11 – Thursday 12 September

Information and booking links for these have already been sent out separately.

Thank you again for your support.

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