



## Guilsborough Academy Open Evening – 2024

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### 1. What will year 7 students' study in lessons?

Students in year 7 currently have the following lessons over a 2-week period:

Subject	Sessions
Maths	8
English	8
Science	7
Humanities	5
MFL	2
DT	3
PE	3
Art	4
Music	2
Drama	2
Computer Sc	2
Life Skills	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

#### 2. What does a typical day look like for a year 7 student?

- 5x 1-hour lessons each day.
- Students need to be in their tutor groups at 8.35 or in assembly.
- Registration begins at 8.45am and finishes at 9.10

	Year 7, 8 & 9
Reg	8.45 - 9.10
P1	9.10 - 10.10
Break	10.10 - 10.30
P2	10.30 - 11.30
P3	11.30 - 12.30
Lunch	12.30 - 13.15
P4	13.15 - 14.15
P5	14.15 - 15.15

- Catch their bus or pick up at the front of school at 3.20pm, from 3.30pm if bringing a car on site

#### 3. What time is the Learning Recourse Centre (LRC) open each day?

8:15 - 4:30



**4. When is breakfast served?** 8:20-8:35 am

We run a cashless catering system:

<https://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/parents/carers/parent-pay>

**5. What is our uniform** Full details are available on our website here:

<https://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/uniform>

**6. When will we make GCSE options choices?**

We have a two year key stage 4 at Guilsborough like most other schools, so the students make their choices during year 9. They make their choice as to what GCSE subjects they would like to study in year 10 and 11. This is a guided but free choice for all students in January of year 9

**7. What were the A Level results like this year?**

46% of grades awarded were A\*/B

72% of grades awarded were A\*/C

Pass rate 98%

**8. What extra-curricular activities are available?**

We have clubs across a range of areas and subjects eg. PE, food, art and drama. There is a lego club, chess, table top gaming and coding.

**9. What educational trips are available to year 7 students?**

We run a variety of both curricular and extra-curricular visits across the Academy. These range from sports tours, the school ski trip, subject visits linked to the curriculum (field work, drama, English theatre visits) and extra-curricular activities such as war hammer. We also run rewards at the end of the year to recognise students who have worked hard across the year, last year we went to Woburn Safari.

The year 7's are going to a rock-climbing centre this year as a part of our team building and enrichment.

**10. Play areas at break and lunch?**

Bus bays

**11. What is SMSC?**

Social moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of education, this is delivered during Life Skills Days and during tutor periods and through the assembly programme 1x assembly every week. You will find SMSC in all of our subjects but some more than others, for example humanities and the arts subjects.

We also have the 'Guilsborough way' which is all about our personal development – citizens and positive behaviour.

**12. What are British values and how do we deliver them at Guilsborough Academy?**



Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. What do we do to address these? Macmillan's coffee morning, St George's day celebrations, the general election voting process and campaigning, remembrance day events, charity days.

### 13. What does our pastoral team do?

**We have the team around the year – HOY, pastoral, SEN etc**

Our pastoral team support students to ensure they are ready to learn. They work with many families and run our 6<sup>th</sup> form mentoring programme. They support students to manage their friendship fallouts and to develop positive relationships. They also manage the attendance system in school to make sure everyone is in school as often as possible and the staff the emergency medical room

### 14. What do we expect from our pupils?

**The 4 non-negotiables**

We believe in our values. These are shared on our website, through our PSHE curriculum. We encourage our students to demonstrate these values.

### 15. How do we listen to Student voice at Guilsborough Academy?

**This year we are starting our new student parliament – 2 people from each tutor group sit on the council and have a say on key topics.**

Within KS4 we have a Student School Development Team which mirrors our Senior Leadership Team. Students meet with Senior Leaders to focus on areas of school improvement including Teaching & Learning; Personal Development; Co-curricular and Community & Environment. In the past, they were very influential in the choice of school uniform, help the canteen with establishing choice of food being offered and last year campaigned for promoting Guilsborough as an environmentally friendly environment.

### 16. How does Guilsborough Academy encourage leadership skills?

Guilsborough Academy encourages leadership in lots of ways. Student Leadership is embedded within their learning and tutor time. In addition, there are numerous opportunities to become leaders within subject areas, supporting the SEND and Pastoral departments as mentors; volunteering in the library, Performing Arts & within the PE department. Leadership skills are also explicitly developed with those students who apply to be part of their Year Group Councils and the Student School Development Team.

We also run a sports leader academy that help run local primary school events.

### 17. Which subject are in sets and or tutor groups?

*The following subjects are set:*

English, maths, science and PE

*The following Subjects are no set:*

Humanities, art, music, DT, ICT, languages.

### 18. SEND

Our SEND Department at Guilsborough Academy is a team of highly skilled Teaching Assistants, Deputy and Head SENDCo providing in class support for students. They offer morning interventions



during registration to support students with spelling/handwriting, Dyslexia, revision support and more. Each student is allocated a keyworker who will be there to support them from starting in year 7 right through to finishing in year 11. Each keyworker will put together an individual inclusion passport and personal support plan for your child. This will have both parents/carers and student voices. Regular parent's evenings and reviews are held for you to meet with keyworkers and the SENDCo to discuss students targets and have the opportunity to raise any queries you may have.

## 19. How are our students helped settle in around the school?

Two Transition days are held in July with some students invited to attend an additional transition day. During the day students meet their new class and tutor where possible. They attend a mixture of lessons so that they meet other teachers and get a feel for what a day is like at Guilsborough Academy. They also complete a tour of the school with their tutors. Buildings are labelled A, B, C, D & E and each room has a number on the door. The students also have sixth form helpers to show them around during the first few days.

Staff on duty wear florescent jackets so that students can spot them easily. There is also have a sixth form mentoring scheme to support those students who would benefit from a little extra help .

## 20. What is "Learning Without Limits"

**Our community is built on mutual respect as we demonstrate tolerance, trust and honesty. We have high aspirations for all and develop resilience to overcome any obstacles which might stand in our way. We take responsibility for our actions to ensure we are working positively together. We appreciate others by the strength of character they show and promote equality for all.**

Our vision, values and mission underpin everything we do. You will find these embedded across all areas of the Academy, within our curriculum, across the PSHE curriculum, throughout our tutoring programme, and in all our extracurricular activities.

All stakeholders, whether attending or working at Guilsborough Academy, agree to embody 'The Guilsborough Way', pledging to commit to upholding our vision, values and mission. Guilsborough Academy is built upon four key values:

- **Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility and Equality.**

Our values are the cornerstones of who we are and how we do things. They form the basis of how we see ourselves as individuals, how we see others and how we interpret the world in general.

We expect students and staff to uphold our values daily, both at Guilsborough and within the wider community, and for students to carry them forward after leaving school. Challenges may arise, but we're here to help. We encourage students to strive to be their best, staff will provide the guidance and support they need to develop and succeed.

Each of these contributes to our mission of '**Learning Without Limits**'.

## Guilsborough Academy Extra-Curriculum Clubs 2023-24

Club	Location	Time	Day(s)	Year Group(s)	Staff
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Cipher Club	A21	Lunchtime	Wednesday & Friday	All	Miss Rumsby
GCSE DT Electronics Catch Up	D5	15:15 – 16:30	Tuesday	11	Mr Tapley
Chess Club	LRC	Lunchtime	Friday	All	Mr Medhurst & Mrs Burt
Reading Lunch	LRC	Lunchtime	Thursday	Students & Staff	Mr Medhurst & Mrs Burt
Soul Space	C4	Lunchtimes	Commencing November 2023	Students & Staff	Mr Ditchburn & Mr Medhurst
Creative Writing Club	B3	Lunchtime	Friday	All Students	6 <sup>th</sup> Form
Art Club	D14	Lunchtime	Tuesday	Terms 1, 3 & 5 Ys 8&9 Terms 2, 4 & 6 Y7	Miss Page
Textile Club	D13	Lunchtime	Thursday	Terms 1 to 4 Y9 Terms 5&6 Ys 7&8	Miss Page
Photography Club	D11	Lunchtime	Wednesday	Year 9	Miss Page
3D Printing Club	D5	Lunchtime	Wednesday	All	Mr Spiller
Product Design Coursework	D5	After School	Thursday	Year 11	Mr Spiller
Maths	A22	Lunchtime	Tuesday	7 to 11	Maths Department
Maths Drop In	A22	Lunchtime	Thursday	12 & 13	HTG & NKS
Netball	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Monday	Y8	Mrs Dean
Football	Field	Lunchtime	Monday	Y7	Mr Jefferies
Football	Field	Lunchtime	Monday	Y9	Mr Jefferies
Extra-Curricular Rotation (See additional list)	PE	15:30 to 16:30	Tuesday	All	PE Staff
Badminton	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Tuesday	KS4 Students	Miss Boyer
Netball	Courts	Lunchtime	Wednesday	Y9	Miss Boyer
Basketball	Sports Hall	After School	Wednesday	All Years	Mr Sutherland & Mr Lamin
Rugby	Field	After School	Wednesday	All Years	Mr Woolridge
Football	Field	Lunchtime	Thursday	Y10	Mr Cope
Basketball	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Thursday	All Years	Miss Amena
Football	Field	Lunchtime	Friday	Y11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Mr Mills
Netball	Sports Hall/Courts	Lunchtime	Friday	Y7	Miss Amena
Football Boys & Girls	Field	Lunchtime	Friday	Y8	Mr Cope
Running Club <b>Week 1 Only</b>	Field	Lunchtime	Friday	All Years	Miss Boyer
Tabletop Gaming and Roleplaying Club	B5	After School Until 16:45	Thursday	All	Mr Van Asch, Mr Tapley & Miss Rumsby



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*Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust*

Drama & Theatre Studies Rehearsals	Drama Studio	After School Until 17:00	Monday to Thursday	GCSE & A Level Students	Mr L Jackson
Wind Band	E11	Lunchtime	Monday	All	Mrs Holmes
String Group	E11	Lunchtime	Tuesday	All	Mrs Cliffe
Guilsborough Voices	E10	Lunchtime	Tuesday	All	Mrs Holmes
Coursework Clinic	E10/11	Lunchtime	Wednesday	KS4/KS5 Students	Mrs Holmes
Rock Academy	E11	Lunchtime	Thursday	All	Mr Draper & Mr Charlton
Coursework Clinic	E11	15:30 to 16:30	Wednesday	KS4/KS5 Students	Mrs Holmes
National Festival Band	E11	Lunchtime	Friday	All	Mrs Holmes
Bronze DofE Drop In	A17	13.35-14.05	Tuesday	9	Mr Flanagan
Silver DofE Drop In	A17	13.35-14.05	Wednesday	10	Mr Flanagan
Gold DofE Training	A17	13.35-14.05	Friday	12	Mr Flanagan
Food High level Practical skills	A10	After School Until 17:30	Thursday	GCSE Food Students	Mrs Lauder
GCSE Support	D5	After School Until 16:30	Tuesday	Y11	Mrs Lauder