



Friday 22 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 7 Head of Year Welcome

I want to take this opportunity to officially welcome you, as year 7 parents, to Glenmoor and Winton Academies. Some of you will have older children already within our school system and, for others, this will be your first child into secondary school. I hope the first two weeks for you, as parents, has been positive.

Overall, it has been an encouraging two and a half weeks for the new year 7s, and they have settled into school life well. Understandably, the routines and sheer size of the school can make it difficult to begin with. However, the year group have taken to GW life fantastically and picked things up remarkably quick.

Now that clubs and extra-curricular activities have kicked off, I want to take this opportunity to encourage students to make the most of all that is on offer within and after school. House events have already begun with the GW Olympiad beginning this week, and it's been excellent to see so many students sign up to be involved.

As always, with Glenmoor and Winton, there are lots of dates to be aware of for upcoming events. Year 7 baseline exams begin next week (**w/c 25th September**) and students would have received information and a support booklet regarding this on Monday. I would encourage students to have a look through their knowledge organisers over the weekend, so they feel prepared for those baseline assessments. These assessments will form the data to enable students to be streamed into sets. Additionally, a date to be aware of is **Thursday 5th October** as this is the 'Meet the Tutor' evening. You can book an appointment online (please see separate letter for guidance) should you have any further questions or queries please email office@glenmoorandwinton.org.uk. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

As a Head of Year, I look forward to seeing students in their classes and enjoy learning walks where I can see students working so hard. A special shoutout to W7-5 and G7-6 as these have caught my eye in particular.

It has been excellent to see students so organised considering the big step up to secondary school. Students have found their way around the school site considerably well, been on time, been organised with homework and equipment and been a pleasure to see around the school site. A reminder that any lost/misplaced/additional equipment can be bought in the school shop, which is located in the Brundle building.

If you have any questions/queries, please direct them to tutors, in the first instance. However, if you have any further questions then please contact the following:

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Finally, I just want to extend a huge thank you, to you as parents, for supporting the students with the start of a hugely successful new year at Glenmoor and Winton Academies. I am so proud to lead the year group for their first year at the Academies.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Reiffer
Head of Year 7

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