



Great Wyrley Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of this exciting academic year at Great Wyrley Academy and look forward to you joining our school community in September, I wanted to take a moment to share some reflections on the journey we have embarked upon.

Over the past year, we have witnessed tremendous growth in our students. Their dedication to learning, resilience, and the willingness to explore new ideas have been truly inspiring. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through various extracurricular activities, they have consistently displayed a commitment to excellence that reflects both their hard work and the unwavering support from their families.

We have had many successes this year including OFSTED, winning the Warwick University Engineering competition, achieving Eco School status, running residential trips to Andorra, Belgium and Paris, WAT a Run fundraising event, the school list is endless and highlights just some of the fantastic things that have been happening this year. Students, parents and staff should be truly proud of all of these fantastic achievements this academic year.

As we look forward to the upcoming academic year, we have planned exciting improvements, innovative teaching approaches, and engaging activities that will enhance the learning experience for our students even further whilst we continue in our journey from good to great.

This letter is purely to outline some of the essential need to know information for your child's first day at Great Wyrley Academy on Tuesday 5 September and reminds you of the information you have already received during the induction evening a couple of weeks ago.

Programme for Tuesday 5 September 2023

Year 7

8:30am - 8:50am

Year 7 arrival to the theatre (8:30am)
Assembly led by Mrs Kelly Moore

8:50am - 9:00am

Year 7 go to their block with their Form Tutor

10:40am - 11:00am BREAK

Normal lessons after break



Timings of the school day:

Time	Activity
08:30	All students arrive
08:40 - 08:55	Tutor Time/Assembly
08:55 – 10:40	Period 1
10:40 – 11:00	Morning Break
11:00 – 12:45	Period 2
12:45 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 15:00	Period 3





We will be following a two-week timetable (Week A and Week B). We will start on **Week A**

Before School:

Students are able to arrive at school before 8:30am if they so wish. Students can arrive at 7:45am and use the **main school canteen** where we provide a **free breakfast** for all students. Students can also use this space to complete homework or socialise with their friends. Students are not permitted to be anywhere else in the building before 8:30am.

Communication Tools:

Regular communication is vital to keep you informed about your child's attendance, academic progress, behaviour and general wellbeing. We use the following tools to keep you well informed. We advise that you download the relevant apps to your devices. Full details of logins and usernames will be sent in September.


			
General communication app - This will be the way you receive letters from school, pay for trips and top up your child's food account	Behaviour, rewards and homework monitoring app	Learning platform and homework submission app	Attendance app for reporting student absence and NHS guidance

Uniform:

The uniform expectations can be found [here](#).

Homework:

- Homework will be assigned by the class teacher via the Google Classroom at the **end of week B for a two-week period**. This will be recorded by the class teacher using Classcharts to allow students and parents to easily see what has been set
- Homework will be submitted via Google Classroom by the due date:

 Homework set	  Homework Due
Friday 15 September 2023 	Thursday 28 September 2023
Thursday 28 September 2023 	Thursday 12 October 2023
Friday 13 October 2023 	Thursday 26 October 2023
Friday 27 October 2023 	Thursday 16 November 2023
Friday 17 November 2023 	Thursday 30 November 2023
Friday 1 December 2023 	Thursday 14 December 2023
Friday 15 December 2023 	Thursday 11 January 2024
Friday 12 January 2024 	Thursday 25 January 2024
Friday 26 January 2024 	Thursday 8 February 2024
Friday 9 February 2024 	Thursday 29 February 2024
Friday 1 March 2024 	Thursday 14 March 2024
Friday 15 March 2024 	Thursday 11 April 2024
Friday 12 April 2024 	Thursday 25 April 2024
Friday 26 April 2024 	Thursday 9 May 2024
Friday 10 May 2024 	Thursday 23 May 2024
Friday 24 May 2024 	Thursday 13 June 2024
Friday 14 June 2024 	Thursday 27 June 2024
Friday 28 June 2024 	Thursday 11 July 2024

Attendance:

There is a strong link between regular school attendance and achievement and if your child is frequently absent from school, they will not meet their full potential. Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make lasting friendships.



Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
97%	5 days	1 week	15 lessons
95%	10 days	2 weeks	30 lessons
90%	20 days	4 weeks	60 lessons
85%	30 days	6 weeks	90 lessons
80%	40 days	8 weeks	120 lessons

5 days absence over the whole year

97% - 100%

Why is it so important?

- **Better** attainment
- **Improved** health and well-being
- **Enhanced** wider life opportunities

Food - Break and Lunch Time

Students will top up their food account using ParentMail as we use a cashless system at Great Wyrley Academy. Year 7 will have their own indoor and outdoor area at break time located by the hall.

During lunch time all students will collect their food from the main canteen. The indoor and outdoor canteen area will be seating only and coats will not be allowed to be worn inside.

Mobile Phones:

We have a policy of '**gate to gate**' when it comes to mobile phones. This means that phones need to be turned off at the start of the day at the school gate and remain off and out of sight until leaving the school gate at the end of the day. If you need to contact your child during this time it can be done via the school office on 01922 419311.

If a phone is seen during the day it will be confiscated until the end of the day and will need to be collected by the student from the school office.

Sanctions:

Behaviour Type	Sanction
Late to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 minute lunchtime detention (same day) Escalates to 50 minute after school next day if students don't attend
Late to lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x late to lesson in 1 day = 15 minute lunchtime detention the next day Upscaled to 50 minute after school detention (next day) if fail to attend Upscaled to refocus periods 1 - 3 the next day if fail to attend
Truancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 minute after school detention the next day Upscaled to refocus periods 1 - 6 (next day) if fail to attend
No iPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 minute lunch time detention (same day) Upscaled to 50 minute after school detention (next day) if fail to attend
Not attending after school detention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upscaled to refocus periods 1 - 3 (next day) if fail to attend
Incorrect Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placed in refocus until the issue is resolved - offered to borrow
Nails / Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placed in isolation until the issue is resolved
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 minute compulsory attendance everyday to Homework Club until all homework is submitted

Rewards:

Students are awarded in and out of lessons for demonstrating our character and learner skills. Students collect the Aspire points through the year for which they can exchange for rewards or put towards trips. We are also revamping the rewards which students can claim for so watch out for the Parent Bulletin when we return in September.



Before we part ways for the summer break, I encourage you to take the time to celebrate your child's achievements, big and small in their school career so far. Every milestone, every effort, and every step forward should be acknowledged and celebrated. Each student's progress is a testament to their hard work and your unwavering support. I am delighted that Great Wyrley Academy is going to be with you on the next phase of their journey as we continue to unlock their academic and personal potential.

I wish you and your families a restful and joyful summer break.

Kind regards

Mrs Moore
Headteacher