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ACADEMY

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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you at the end of an incredible week. Many thanks to the parents who 'attended' the online Ethos and Curriculum evenings. These clarified any questions you have had from the start of term, in relation to uniform, the behaviour policy and homework. The presentations will be placed on the school website shortly. It is important that you continue to communicate your questions in the right manner so we can react accordingly. You may not always agree with some of our decisions, but they are made to fully support the very best for your child, using our experience and research to guide us. This fully supports our ethos of 'work hard, be kind'.

### **Homework**

The expectation is that a full side is completed in your child's practice book, when self quizzing. This may well include repeating some definitions and pieces of knowledge. This is intentional and again is supported by academic research.

We now have daily homework support available at lunch time for each year groups' bubble. Please do direct your child to take advantage of this where appropriate.

### **Behaviour - Rewards and Sanctions**

This week's assemblies have focussed on students taking responsibility and also being stoical. Students are very clear now on the school expectations for behaviour.

We have also fully launched our rewards system, with students working toward their first certificates by gaining 50 reward points. Each and every lesson a 'golden ticket' is also awarded by the teacher to the best performing student that lesson. This is worth 5 points and you will notice your child bringing home a golden ticket. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss how this was gained.

### **Reception and visiting the school**

As ever we are very open and welcome you to communicate with us directly at school. Due to the current Covid situation we must now insist that you queue up by the reception door, on the marked lines. Reception staff will then welcome one family group at a time - max of 6 persons, into reception.

### **Communication**

As ever we use several platforms to communicate. However, it is impossible if you have not provided us with up to date email addresses and phone numbers. Please contact reception, or use the login for the SIMS app that was recently sent.

We do always expect a calm and polite approach from parents, and any conversation that we believe to be aggressive or abusive will be stopped immediately. We are continually modelling to young people how we expect them to behave. Please also keep this in mind when you are talking about school at home.

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Ideally please communicate via telephone to the main reception, or email to your child's Head of Year.

Our policy is to respond within 24 working hours.

Year	Head of Year Email
7	Miss C Graves: cgraves@gloucesteracademy.co.uk
8	Mrs H Crocker: hcrocker@gloucesteracademy.co.uk
9	Miss S Reid: sreid@gloucesteracademy.co.uk
10	Mr T Marks: tmarks@gloucesteracademy.co.uk
11	Miss S Exton: sexton@gloucesteracademy.co.uk

### **'Open' Evening and 'Open' October - Academy in Action**

Please note we will be holding a Year 6 open evening event on Wednesday 30th September 2020. This will be a short 30-minute presentation at 7.00pm. We are also holding an 'open' month in October so families can book carefully organised, and separate, tours of the School.

Once again may I welcome everybody back, thank you for your continued support and supporting your child, they are looking incredibly smart and are fully equipped every single day.

I wish you the best of health.

Yours faithfully



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