

GMN/JJA

07 July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

RE: September 2025 – Return Arrangements, Uniform, Equipment and Key Expectations

As we prepare to for the new academic year, please find below important information about your child's return to The Gateway Academy in September 2025.

Return Times – Week Beginning 01 September 2025

Students are only expected to attend at their scheduled time during this first week.

Wednesday 03 September

- Year 7 – 08:15–14:45 (Full school day).
- Year 8 – 11:30–14:00 (Student launch session only).

Thursday 04 September

- Year 7 – 08:15–14:45 (Full school day).
- Year 9 – 08:15–10:45 (Student launch session only).
- Year 10 – 11:30–14:00 (Student launch session only).

Friday 05 September

- Year 7 – 08:15–14:45 (Full school day).
- Year 11 – 08:15–14:50 (Full school day, including student launch).

Monday 08tSeptember

- All year groups (Years 7–11) return for a normal GA Academy day.

Uniform Reminder

Students must return in full school uniform from their first scheduled day. Please note the following update from September:

- -Skirts **must** now be worn below the knee.
- Students **must** wear appropriate black shoes.

You can find the full Gateway Academy Uniform Policy and expectations here:

<https://www.theglc.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=337&type=pdf>

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Essential Equipment List

Every student **must** bring the following items daily:

- 2 black pens and 1 red pen.
- 15cm clear ruler.
- Pencil, sharpener, eraser.
- Yellow highlighter.
- Scientific calculator (Casio FX-85GT recommended).
- Academy journal (provided on first day).
- Laptop and charger (Year 7 will be issued a laptop and charger in their first week).
- All required exercise books (provided by the Academy).

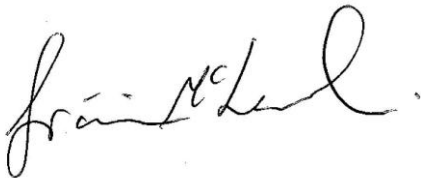
Assemblies will explain expectations in more detail during the first week.

Key Priorities for 2025–2026

- Positive Culture – Respect, kindness and strong relationships remain at the heart of our values.
- Merit Focus – We will increase celebration of students who consistently show positive behaviour.
- Excellent Attendance – We are aiming for 97%+ attendance for every student. Every day counts.

We are excited to welcome our students back in September and begin another year of high achievement and growth. Thank you for your continued support in upholding the high expectations we share as a school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G McLaughlin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs G McLaughlin
HEAD OF SCHOOL