



JBT/JJA

18 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been very pleased with how well our Year 7 students have settled into life at The Gateway Academy. They have quickly embraced the culture and expectations of the school and it has been encouraging to see so many of them already taking part in clubs and wider activities. This positive start provides a strong foundation for the year ahead and it is important that students continue to build on this with sustained effort and commitment.

Over the past few weeks, teachers have also been carrying out ongoing assessments during lessons. These assessments allow us to understand how students learn best and ensure they are in the most suitable environment for long-term success.

As a result, we will be making some **minor adjustments** to the Year 7 teaching groups. These changes form part of our normal practice at this stage of the year and are not a reflection of effort, attitude, or achievement. They are designed simply to support students in making the best possible progress.

We are now looking forward to Year 7 completing their **first formal assessments**, which will take place during the week beginning **Monday 10 November 2025**. Revision materials have already been provided by staff and students have also received an assessment timetable to help them prepare effectively. If you wish to support your child further, please visit our website for more resources:

Resources - <https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Subjects&pid=70>.

Assessment timetable - https://docs.google.com/document/d/11thDHPGWRG6R_eb85U08MRHTD_zGnKiX/edit

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key dates through the academic year:

- Thursday 11 December 2025 – Year 7 Parents evening.
- Wednesday 17 December 2025 – Christmas jumper and dinner day.
- Monday 02 March to Friday 13 March 2026 – Summative Assessment 2.
- Monday 08 June to Friday 19 June 2026 – Summative Assessment 3.

If you have any questions with regards to this letter, or anything else, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Shannon, Progress Lead for Year 7 at abbey.shannon@theglc.org.uk or Mrs Acton, Lead Coach for Year 7 on lisa.acton@theglc.org.uk, in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bonnett
VICE PRINCIPAL