

Year 6

Transition

Monday 29 June – Wednesday 1 July 2026



Welcome from the Head of School

Mrs. McLaughlin



At The Gateway Academy, we are determined to give students the best start possible and the transition programme has all the ingredients necessary to give our students the confidence they will need to succeed in Secondary School.

Our transition programme is specifically designed to support our students by enabling them to experience a range of subjects from across our curriculum and enjoy many aspects of Secondary School life. Students will be challenged and supported to adjust to the fast-paced, exciting and engaging learning expectations in our progressive school. The lessons have been organised to motivate students and provide them with a clear vision of what to expect in their exciting journey through our secondary provision.

Most importantly, this week gives students the opportunity to get to know the Academy and our expectations, their peers and experience the wonderful learning opportunities that we offer.

We know that by providing the right transition experience for our students, it ensures they can enjoy the summer holidays confident in the knowledge that they are fully prepared to start their educational journey with us in September.

I look forward to welcoming your child to The Gateway Academy. I know by us all working together in partnership, your child will flourish.

The Gateway Academy

Transition Team



Assistant Principal Mrs Shaw



Progress Leader Ms Mead



Year 7 Coach Mrs Smith

Year 6 Transition Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Period 1 – 8.15-8.45	Assembly	Tutor time	Tutor time
Period 2 – 8.45 – 9.45	Culture lesson	English or Maths	PE or English
Period 3– 9.45 – 10.35	T & L lesson	Arts or Technology	PE or English
Break– 10.35-11.15	Break		
Period 4 – 11.15-12.15	English or Maths	Humanities	Humanities
Period 5 – 12.15-1.05	Science or English	Maths or Science	Arts or Technology
Lunch – 1.05-1.45	Lunch		
Period 6 – 1.45-2.30	Maths or Science	Science or English	Assembly

Key Information:

- Transition week is from Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July 2026.
- The day starts at 8.15 am and finishes at 2.30 pm. (Please be in the Courtyard by 8.12 am)
- Students should arrive via the courtyard gate.
- Lunch is available in the Courtyard Cafe or students can bring a packed lunch / additional snack.
- Students are expected to wear their Primary School uniform.
- Students will participate in Food Technology, Design and Technology, Art, Spanish, Geography and History.
- Students will need to bring their Primary PE kits for PE lessons which will be on Wednesday 1 July.

The Learning Experience



Mathematics and Science:

Students will take part in a range of activities combining scientific curiosity, questioning and data collection with the rigour and skills involved in mathematical problem solving and analysis. This programme will give students some experience in the high-quality environment they can expect in Maths and Science when they start in September.



English:

Students will be exploring the school poem. Students will be demonstrating their Oracy and writing skills which they have been working on in Year 6. These will be developed with a particular focus on language analyse and learning to recite confidently the school poem.



PE:

Students will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of sporting activities whilst under the guide of experts. They will be inspired to adopt physically active lifestyles to support their emotional and physical well-being.



Foundation subjects:

Students will study a diverse range of topics and have a chance to experience learning with a subject specialist in areas such as Art, History, Geography, Food Technology, Design and Technology and Spanish.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What time do students start and finish each day?

A: The day starts at 8:15 am and finishes at 2:30 pm. Please be in the Courtyard by 8.12 am.

Q: Do I have to meet my child after school?

A: It is your choice. If you want to, you can meet your child at the courtyard gates when students are dismissed at the end of the day, however, you may wish for your child to come home independently.

Q: What class will my child be in?

A: For the duration of transition, students will be in mixed class groups and will follow a class timetable provided for them.

Q: What time do students have their breaks?

A: Students get a break between 10:35 am and 11:15 am and between 1:05 pm and 1:45 pm during transition.

Q: When are students allowed to go to the toilet?

A: Students have designated toilets and students are permitted to use them during their two breaks.

Q: What are the arrangements for lunch?

A: Students will be able to purchase a selection of hot and cold food from the Courtyard Café. Students also have the choice to bring their own packed lunch (fizzy drinks are not permitted). Students may wish to bring in a snack and should carry a refillable bottle for water. If students are entitled to a free school meal they should inform the Courtyard Cafe staff at the point of purchase. In September, students will have an encrypted fingerprint identity code (their thumb print taken) and this will be used for purchasing food only (being topped up via ParentPay).

Q: Is my child allowed to bring a mobile phone to school?

A: Yes, but it should be turned off or on silent as soon as students walk through the courtyard gates and remain in their school bag until the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to use their mobile device during the school day. If mobiles are seen out, they will be confiscated and a phone call made home.



OUR GLC CORE VALUES

The GLC's mission is to develop active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

Responsibility

We own our behaviour and actions. We recognise that we play a fundamental role in shaping our lives, the lives of others and every aspect of the world. We understand the importance of 'making the weather.'



Resilience

We tackle challenges head-on. We approach people and situations with confidence and a positive mindset. We learn from our setbacks and failures.



Compassion

We care for ourselves and each other. We contribute to making the world a better place. We treat others with kindness, respect and dignity.



Aspiration

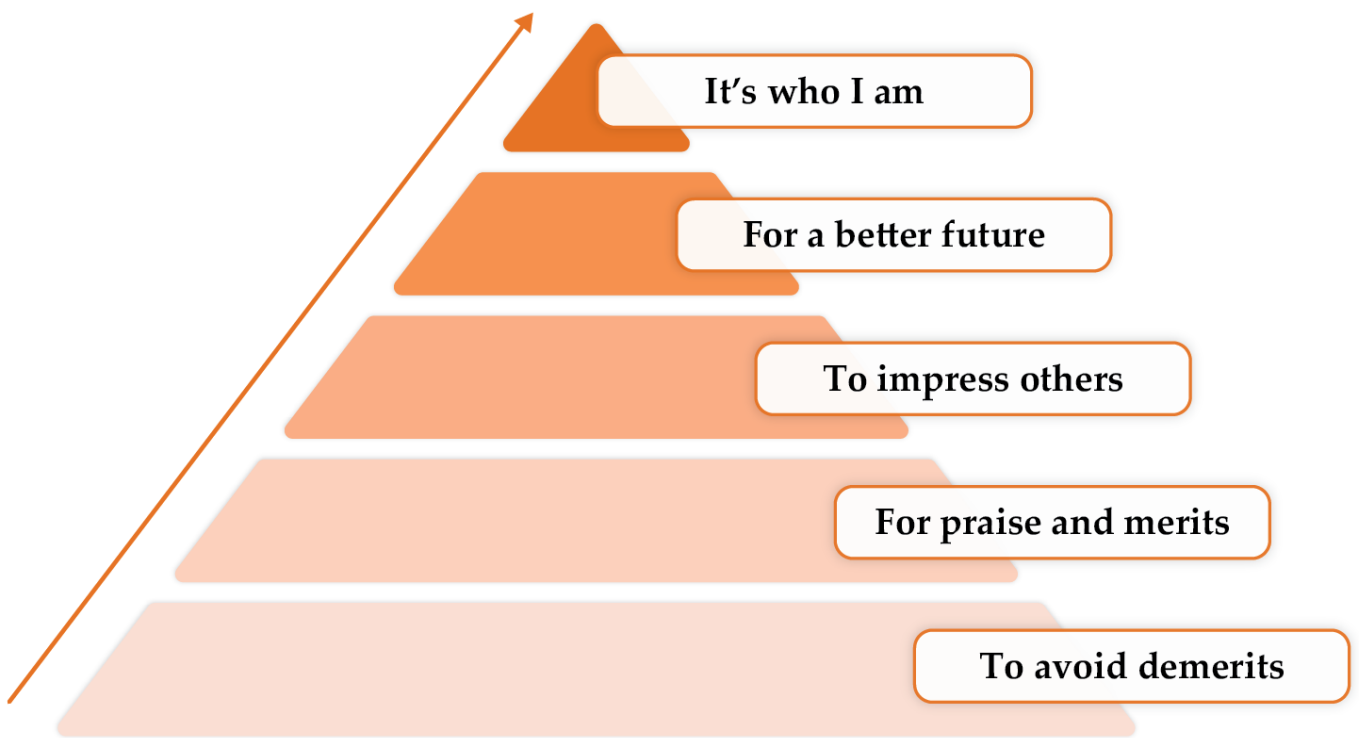
We aim high and work hard to fulfil our potential. We believe everybody can achieve something great and realise the importance of 'improving upon our best.'



Learning is prized



We Are Gateway



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We were not born to stay in the shadows,
or to tread where timid footsteps go.
Our aspirations take flight on wings of courage;
fearless, we soar towards unbounded skies.

Resilience is our sword and shield.
When trials emerge, we embrace the fight.
With hearts of compassion, bold and true,
nothing can stop us in all we pursue.

With unwavering purpose and an inner fire,
we are powerful in our knowledge, strength and desire.
It is our responsibility to rise above,
lifting ourselves and each other higher.

Each morning, we stand and forge our way,
born not for less but for something greater.
We are exceptional in all that we do.
We are Gateway — strong, proud and true.

