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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Welcome to The Gateway Academy**

It is with great privilege that we welcome your child to the Gateway Academy. Your child is joining a committed, supportive and ambitious Academy that is determined to ensure that our students excel in all aspects of their lives.

It is a tremendous privilege to be the Head of School at The Gateway Academy for nearly nine years and to work with such a passionate, hardworking and dedicated Gateway Learning Community. Our teaching is of the highest quality and our academic results, student attendance and staff retention are all above national average. We are excited to see your child progress from Year 7 to Year 11 and demonstrate our values of responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration.

We are aware that the five years your child will spend with us will provide a foundation for their future. It is imperative that all students and parents/carers are on board and we have a joint commitment to support our young people to develop as active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community. As a result, if you do not feel that your child can commit to our GLC Values, please liaise with the Local Authority regarding an alternative educational provider. We set the highest standards at the Academy and do all within our power to ensure the young people within our care reach their full potential.

We are incredibly proud of our transition for our Year 7 students that includes:

- A one-week summer school for our new Year 7 cohort.
- A laptop scheme – this will give all Year 7 students access to a personal device that will support them to fully access the curriculum and become independent learners.
- Parental GCSE Focused Classes - the opportunity for you to gain knowledge of the revision strategies needed to support your child throughout their time in secondary provision.

More details, will be sent to you in the coming term regarding all of the above.

We understand that your child might be feeling nervous about joining the Academy, particularly if they did not have the opportunity to tour the Academy last September and meet our staff. Please have a look at the following clips to get a flavour of what being part of the Gateway family truly is.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDFOVP3_K7w
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSBnb4rVtuM&t=10s>

Please also check out our Gateway Academy Times, that demonstrates our commitment to ensuring our students excel in all aspects of their lives.

- <https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Gateway+Times&pid=162>.

Details of this letter, together with a very large quantity of information can be found on the Academy's website. Please feel free to visit the Academy's website regularly for updates <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/>.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Miss O'Dwyer via email at siobhan.odwyer@theglc.org.uk or telephone 01375 489000.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G McLaughlin
HEAD OF SCHOOL

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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

