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Welcome

Welcome to the Gloucester Academy. As Interim Principal, I am committed to ensuring all of our students enjoy access to the very best education in a safe, secure environment led by outstanding, passionate staff.

As a father of two, I am fully aware of the many challenges faced by young people in today's society. Ensuring our pupils develop the skills, qualities, and characteristics to flourish in all aspects of their life is essential. That's exactly what Gloucester Academy will focus on providing with renewed energy and vigour. I can't wait to get started!



I have worked as a teacher for nearly 20 years in schools across Walsall, Gloucester, and Bristol. This includes working as part of the team who took The Peak Academy from an Ofsted 'inadequate' grade to an Ofsted 'Good' within months of joining The White Horse Federation.

I'm truly excited to use my experience and passion to drive the development of Gloucester Academy forward. I'll be leading from the front, working closely with our staff and community to bring about rapid change.

About Us

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We are a dynamic school community, engaged with Gloucester, where a commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and personalised support inspires students to thrive at school and in the world.

We want our students to value and develop a strong sense of belonging to the Academy. At Gloucester Academy students and staff work together in an atmosphere that encourages respect for others, for our environment and for ourselves. Our students grow increasingly confident as they develop a range of learning and social skills, and gain knowledge that supports access to opportunities, and to pathways through to further education, training and the world of work.

Day 1

Your child will need to report to Reception on their first day. From their second day, they can make their way directly in to the Heartspace and then proceed to their first lesson as indicated on their timetable.

Your child will need to bring the following items along on their first day at Gloucester Academy:

- A water bottle (water machines are only accessible during break and lunch times)
- A school bag
- Students need to be wearing full school uniform as indicated on Page 3
- PE Kit in a separate backpack (see page 3)

A free lunch will be provided on your first day. Subsequent lunches will need to be purchased via ParentPay, login details will be issued within the first week. Cash can be used until ParentPay has been set up for your child.

Mobile phones, audio devices and wires must not be seen at all in school during the day.

Class Tutor & Head of Year

Our Tutor and Year Group Programme is designed to ensure that our students feel part of a strong and nurturing community within Gloucester Academy. His / her tutor is your first point of contact at the Academy. Heads of Year will also be available during social times to help support students through the day.

Meals

Students are able to access a free breakfast of buttered toast/cereal every school day.

We operate a cashless canteen provision for which students' biometrics will be registered and an account set up during their first week at Gloucester Academy. You will receive details of your child's Parent Pay account by their second week so **please send your child to school with a packed lunch every day for their first week.**

Pencil Cases and School Equipment

During their first week at Gloucester Academy, students will be issued a pencil case, free of charge, containing the following items:

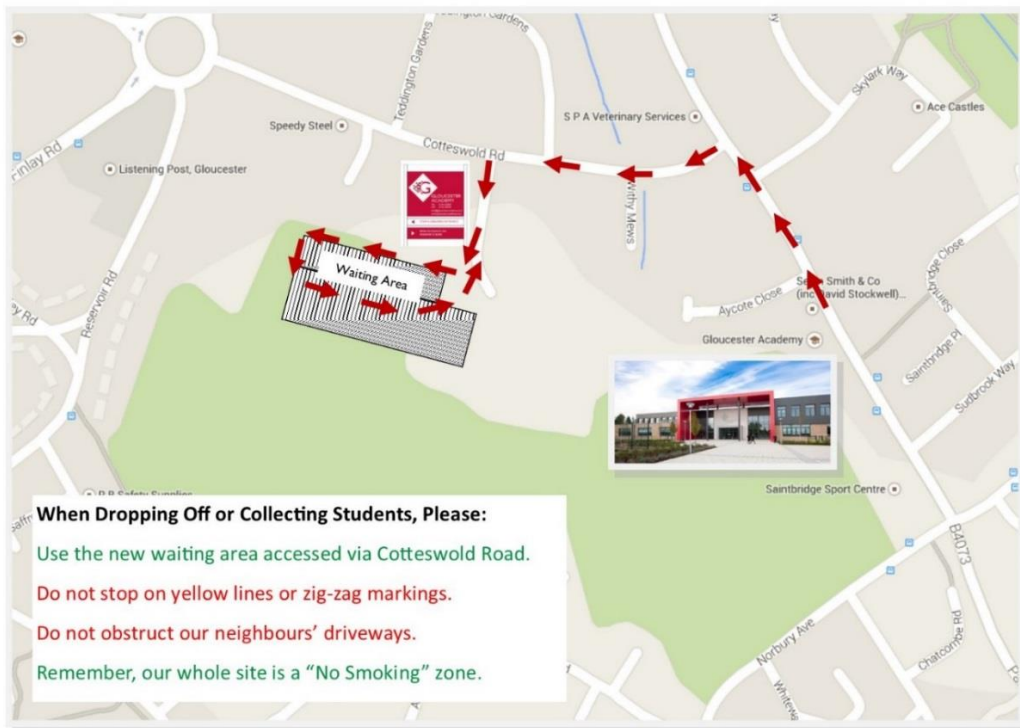
- Ballpoint pens: 1 black & 1 green
- 1 pencil
- 1 eraser
- 1 ruler
- 1 scientific calculator

Students should be equipped with these essential stationery items every day. If any of these items are lost or damaged, replacement items can be purchased from our Reprographics Department or from any shop.

Students are expected to have their full pencil cases on their desk for every lesson.

Travel to School

For safety reasons, students travelling by car should be dropped off and collected at the **Cotteswold Road Entrance**. Gates at this entrance are open *30 minutes before and after the end of the school day.*



The Visitors' Carpark on Painswick Road is reserved for visitors and students with accessibility issues.

Students walking to school may enter the premises via pedestrian gates at Cotteswold Road until 5 minutes before the start of day or at the Painswick Road entrance.

Students cycling to school are expected to bring their own bike lock to school to secure their bicycles in our bike shed located beside the Visitors' Carpark and accessible via the Painswick Road entrance.

For information on public transport, please refer to www.thinktravel.info/bus / www.travelinesw.com .

Gloucester Academy Uniform

Please ensure that your son/ daughter arrives every day wearing the correct uniform as outlined below. Wearing uniform is an important part of academy life and ensures the highest expectations are being maintained in everything we do at Gloucester Academy.

For students who adhere to the uniform policy, they will gain credit within the academy reward system. It is imperative that we praise students for the efforts they show in all aspects of Gloucester Academy life.

Should your son/ daughter arrive wearing incorrect uniform or not having all elements of the uniform they may be asked to return home, get dressed correctly and then return to the academy. A repeat of this may involve further consequences for your son/ daughter.

BOYS

- Black blazer with School Logo
- Black jumper with red trim (optional)
- Plain white shirt
- Tie (clip on or normal)
- Trousers/Skirt – black
- Shoes – black (no trainers or boots)
- Boys' PE shirt (short sleeves)
- Rugby Shirt
- Black tracksuit trousers
- Black shorts
- Long red socks
- Trainers (any)
- Football or rugby boots
- Backpack for PE kit

GIRLS

- Black blazer with School Logo
- Black cardigan with red trim or black jumper with red trim (optional)
- Plain white blouse/shirt
- Trousers – black or grey or skirt – knee length, black or grey pleated
- Tie (clip on or normal)
- Socks /tights – should be worn in keeping with the uniform
- Shoes – black (no trainers, boots, high heels or fashion shoes)
- Girls PE shirt (short sleeves)
- Plain black skirt or black shorts
- Black tracksuit trousers
- Long red socks
- Trainers (any)
- Backpack for PE kit

Items in red must be purchased from the uniform shop.

No jewellery apart from a watch may be worn.

Only 1 small stud may be worn in each ear. No other piercings.

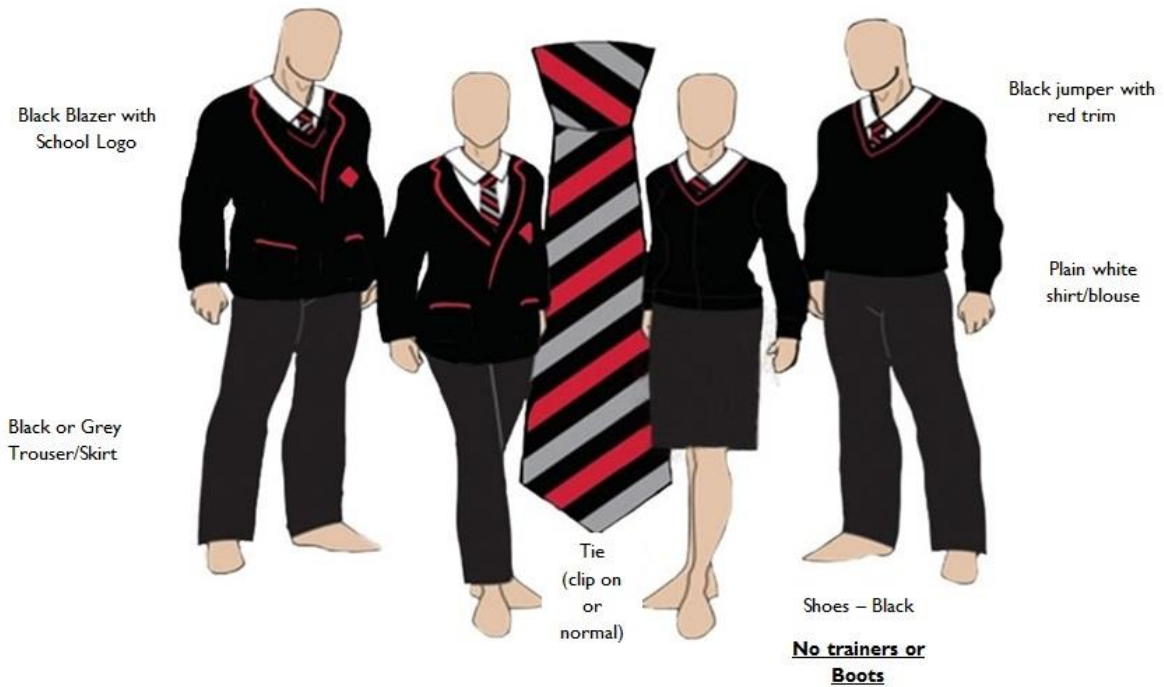
Hair – no extreme hairstyles (final decision by Gloucester Academy)

UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE FROM:

Trutex Schoolwear & More (Uniform Shop)
99 Northgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2AA
Tel: 01452 413339



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS





PE Kit Expectations





Boys PE shirt



Girls PE shirt



Rugby shirt



Training top



**Black Bottoms
(loggers/Leggings)**



Black shorts



Black Skirt



Red socks



**Appropriate footwear
(trainers / boots)**

GIRLS HOODIES - NOW AVAILABLE



Purchase in school via the PE dept. please ask for Miss Exton
 Sizes available – small, medium, large (students can try them on before they choose the size)

Lockers

Parents will receive a letter during the first week, requesting a £5 locker deposit. Once this is returned, a locker will be issued to your child.

Attendance

Appointments

Students are expected to be in attendance on every school day. Medical appointments should be made for after school wherever possible. Where this is unavoidable, parents are requested to make arrangements with the Attendance Team and provide a copy of appointment letters beforehand.

Illness

Parents are requested to phone the **Attendance Line (01452 428827) before 8:15 am** to leave a message informing us that a child is absent and the reason for the absence. If a message has not been received by 10:00 am, our Attendance Officer will contact the designated number. If the child continues to be absent, parents are expected to advise our Attendance Team by 8:15 am on every consecutive day of absence.

Holidays

We urge parents to avoid taking pupils on holiday or to non-urgent appointments during term time as it is disruptive to their learning. Permission is not granted for holidays during term time.

Term Dates 2018 / 2019

Term	Start	Finish
1 (Years 7,11, Sixth Form)	Tuesday 4th September 2018	Friday 19th October 2018
1 (All years)	Wednesday 5th September 2018	Friday 19th October 2018
2	Tuesday 30th October 2018	Friday 21st December 2018
3	Tuesday 8th January 2019	Friday 15th February 2019
4	Monday 25th February 2019	Friday 5th April 2019
5	Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Friday 24th May 2019
6	Monday 3rd June 2019	Friday 19th July 2019

Staff Training Days 2018 / 2019

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Monday 29th October 2018
- Tuesday 7th January 2019
- Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Please refer to Gloucester Academy's website (www.gloucesteracademy.com) regularly to keep abreast of any changes to this information.

Recommended Reading

A recommended reading list of good books for girls and boys:

Years 7 & 8

- Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
- The Graveyard book- Neil Gaiman
- Millions- Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- Chinese Cinderella- Adeline Yen Mah
- Holes- Louis Sachar
- Skellig- David Almond
- Carrie's war- Nina Bawden
- Private Peaceful- Michael Morpurgo
- The Boy in the striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
- Looking for JJ – Anna Cassidy
- The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins
- Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowicz
- The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien
- Harry Potter
- Danny the Champion of the World – Roald Dahl

Years 8 & 9

- Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
- Northern Lights-Phillip Pullman
- Divergent- Veronica Roth
- Maze Runner- James Dashner
- Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman
- Stone Cold-Robert Swindells
- The wind singer- Eoin Colfor
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time – Mark Haddon
- The Knife of Never letting go – Patrick Ness
- Witch Child – Celia Rees
- The Lord of the Rings – JRR Tolkien

Years 10 and 11

- The Amber Spyglass - Phillip Pullman
- The Curious incident of the Dog in the Night Time- Mark Haddon
- 1984- George Orwell
- Animal Farm- George Orwell
- Catcher in the Rye-J D Salinger
- The fault in our stars-John Green
- Perks of being a wall flower- Stephen Chbosky
- The Life of Pi – Yann Martell
- Rock War – Robert Muchamore
- I predict a riot – Catherine Bruton
- Echo Boy – Matt Haig
- Lies we tell ourselves – Robin Talley
- Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde