

Welcome to
Year 12
Information
Evening

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S
PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

Vision and Values

Ultimate aim: To ensure all students can access their post-19 pathways, maintain a positive ATL and achieve their best in their year 13 examinations.

Year 12 students are identified as compassionate, respectful and resilient members of the school and wider community.

All students feel confident in taking responsibility for their A level or BTEC studies.

Good communication between all three stakeholders - PARENTS/CARERS, STUDENTS and SCHOOL.

6th Form Team

Mr Hollyman:
Director of
Learning for KS5
(Head of 6th Form)

Miss Jones:
Deputy Head of
6th Form

Mrs Evans:
Intervention for
Year 13

Mrs Paul: Mental
Health Lead and
6th Form support

Mrs Murray: 6th
Form
Administration

Mr Pendlebury:
Head of School



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Mrs Murray

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Tutors: name prefix with the same school address

Safeguarding

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Year 12 Tutors

12E1 Room B4: Mrs M.Guy and Mrs L.Brazier

12E2 Room A1: Mrs M.Collett

12H1 Room:S10 Mrs L.Brassington and Miss A.Jones

12H2 Room: R2 Mr S.Goodright and Mrs T.King

12K1 Room:T13 Mrs S.Bullock and Mrs A.Bansal

12K2 Room: T12a Mr S.Pugsley and Mr M.Williams

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Ethos

7 R's

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

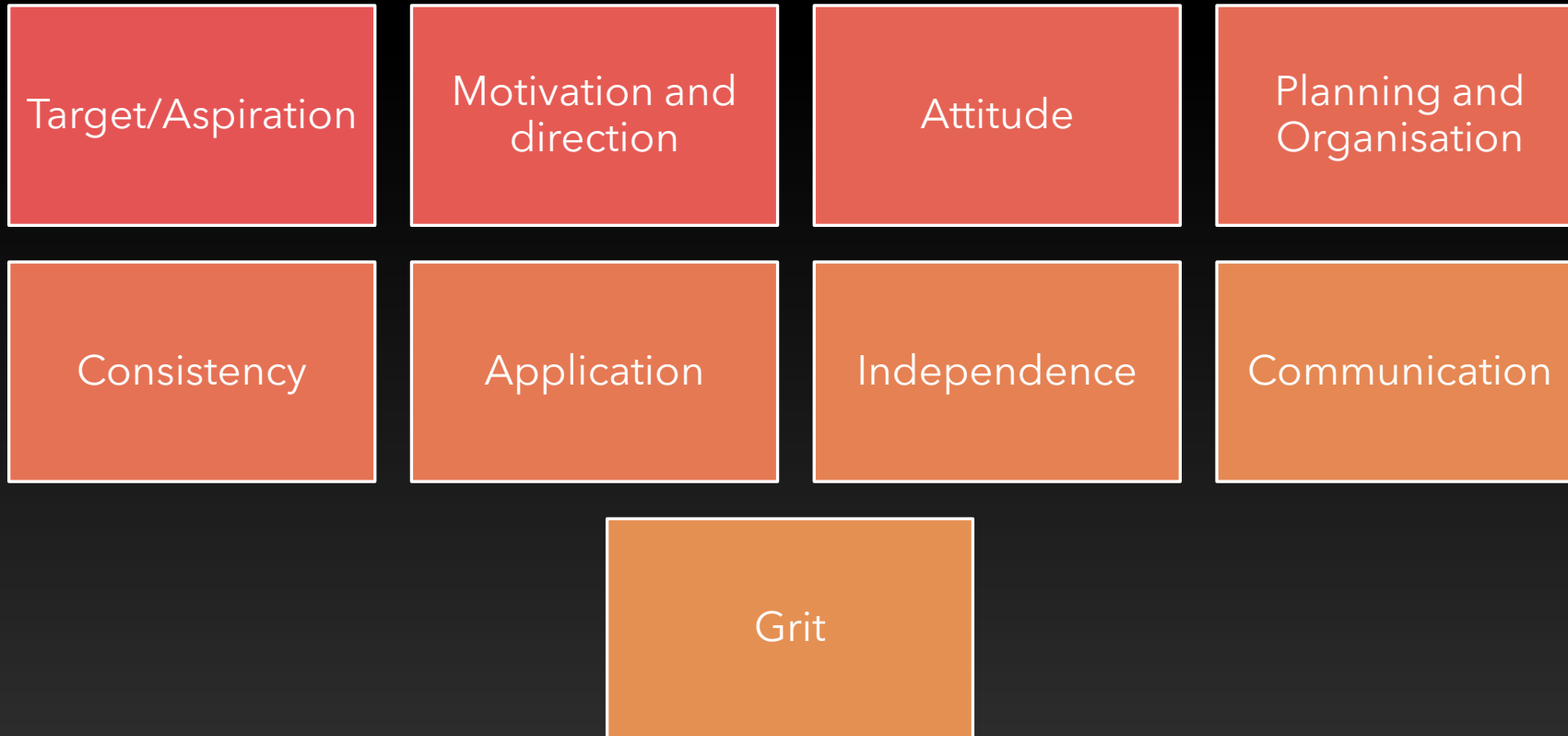
Resourcefulness

Readiness

Resilience

Reading

X Factor Skills



Timings of the normal school day



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8:25 am Arrive through the green gates

8:30am Registration

9 – 10am Lesson 1

10 - 11am Lesson 2

11 - 11:30am Break 1

11:30 - 12:30pm Lesson 3

12:30 - 1pm Break 2 (canteen – library entrance)

1 – 2pm Lesson 4

2 – 3pm Lesson 5

Opportunities are Created • Potential is Realised • Excellence is Achieved

Attendance - ks5attendance@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Students need to be in school from 8.30am to 3pm

Students who are late without a valid reason will attend a detention at breaktime. If this is missed, students will receive a one-hour after school-detention, Monday or Wednesday

Students are not allowed to leave the school site unless they have a prior engagement which has been confirmed by your parents/carers (via email or phonecall)

If students leave the school site, you must use the QR code to sign out or do so at reception with Mrs Murray

Attendance and Legislation

New Statutory Duty for Attendance from 19.08.2024 - [Information for Parents](#)

- Any holiday-related absence taken that includes 10 sessions in 10 weeks, may result in a Penalty Notice. In this instance, a 'Notice to Improve' notification will not be issued beforehand.
- We recognise that these Penalty Notices may be unpopular with families, but it is important to inform you of these changes promptly.
- Nationally, Headteachers are:
 - not permitted to approve term-time holidays except in genuinely exceptional circumstances, and
 - are to consider each application for a leave of absence individually before making our decision.
- The law clearly expects Headteachers to enforce these penalties strictly.
- GMS are currently reviewing our Attendance Policy – will be shared

Attendance Continued



All Study Periods
must be attended




All P.E lessons must
be attended



All timetabled
lessons...



Rules and Regulations

- Dress Code – smart ‘office’ wear. (No denim, trainers, hooded or sports sweatshirts, Ugg-style boots)
 - Piercings – remove or cover with plaster
 - Use of mobile phones/headphones – 6th form centre only
 - Conduct around school
 - Role models/ambassadors
 - The tightrope of treatment
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Safeguarding and Wellbeing Key Staff Members



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Neil Maguire

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Karen Craig

Deputy DSL



Anna Gifford

Safeguarding Officer and
Pupil Premium



Kevin Ford

Safeguarding
Headteacher



Sheryl Paul

Safeguarding Officer and
Mental Health Lead



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Safeguarding and Wellbeing



From ASH (Action on smoking and Health)

- **In 2023 20.5% of children had tried vaping, up from 15.8% in 2022 and 13.9% in 2020. 2024 figures will be even higher.**
- **Vaping – can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances, including:**
 - **Nicotine**
 - **Flavourings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease**
 - **Volatile compounds**
 - **Cancer-causing chemicals**
 - **Heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead**
 - **SPICE – 1 in 5 illegal vapes contain other substances other than advertised**

Safeguarding and Wellbeing



- Online Safety – nationalonlinesafety.co.uk – free resource for parents/carers
- As parents be curious – Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce
- Age limits are in place for a reason
- Less is more – less time online is healthier
- Screen time should be reduced before sleep routine

Safeguarding and Wellbeing



Sleep is Key

- **The developing brain of a teenager needs between 8 and 10 hours of sleep every night. The effects of chronic (ongoing) sleep deprivation may include:**
 - **concentration difficulties**
 - **mentally 'drifting off' in class**
 - **irritability**
 - **impact on mental health and physical health**
- **Routines and habits – crucial for term time**
- **Reduce screen time before bed – at least a 30-minute gap**

Safeguarding and Wellbeing



Bucks Mental Health Partnership

To help support the Mental Health of our young people, Great Marlow has teamed up with the Bucks Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

Workshop evenings

Promoting positive behaviours - *Tuesday 8th October 6pm*

Anxiety - *Wednesday 4th December 6pm*

Low mood - *Monday 3rd March 6pm*

Self-harm - *Wednesday 30th April 6pm*

Details of how to sign up for the in person Parent Sessions delivered by MHST will follow in a separate correspondence from Mrs. Paul.

Enrichment Opportunities

- *Senior Prefect Team*
- *Compulsory P.E (unless there is a timetable clash) on Wednesday period 5 – bring appropriate sports clothing, not football shirts*
- *Young Enterprise*
- *Youth Sports Leaders*
- *Duke of Edinburgh Award*
- *Interact*
- *Debate Club*
- *Year and School Council*
- *Rowing*
- *6th Form Teams*
- *Use of the Redgrave Centre*
- *Curriculum Support*
- *R.S Drop Down mornings*

**What is it
that you
want to do?**

Curriculum Support

- All Year 12s will initially be timetabled into 2 lessons per week (CS).
- Opportunity to support younger students.
- Fantastic for CV and for the 6 Rs!
- Great for the rest of the school to see – raising profile of 6th Form.
- The aim is to enhance the experience of the 6th formers here at GMS, the students they support and the teachers



Level 3 Sports Leaders

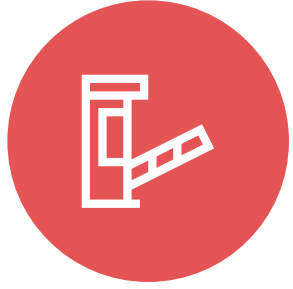
- Accredited Course
- Leadership Skills Foundation is the awarding body - Nationally recognised
- Worth 16 UCAS points / 12 credits
- Enables students to lead groups of children/adults for sporting activities by themselves - fully insured (once aged 18)
- When working as a Sports Leader, with the qualification you would receive increased pay
- Utilises CS as the practical and practical assessments
- Theory delivered each Wednesday period 5 / catch up session Thursday registration if missed
- 6 units, delivered across 1 year
- Huge number of skills will be developed and assessed, looked on favourably by employers or universities



Topics in Term 1:

- Becoming a year 12 student
- Time Management
- Cultural Diversity and Inclusion
- Next Steps-Unifrog
- Alcohol and Safety
- Driving Safety

Please alert tutor if you feel there is a topic which may be sensitive for a student



SOME STUDENTS IN YEAR 12
MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BURSARY
FUNDING.



THE BURSARY IS DETERMINED BY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND IS
PROVIDED TO STUDENTS TO
REMOVE BARRIERS AND
OBSTACLES TO LEARNING.



FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY
MRS MURRAY AND VIA TUTORS
NEXT WEEK. FAMILIES WILL
NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORM
AND PROVIDE EVIDENCE.



RECEIPT OF THE BURSARY IS
DEPENDENT ON ATTENDANCE.



STUDENTS MUST HAVE A BANK
ACCOUNT IN WHICH MONEY
CAN BE DEPOSITED.



STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A SUM
EACH TERM AND WILL HAVE TO
RE-APPLY IN YEAR 13.

Bursary

Study Periods

- Independent study is the single most important contributing factor in the students' control that leads to success
- All students should be spending at least 2 hours for each subject area per week beyond the lesson/homework
- Study Periods are NOT Free Periods – silent, with member of leadership team. Students welcome to attend even if not timetable that session
- Every student in year 12 has two hours of compulsory Study Periods on their timetable each week
- Study Periods are conducted in the Silent Study Room and students are registered by a member of the Leadership Team
- Opportunity for students to develop their independent study such as: research; wider reading; completing coursework and homework; developing progress feedback; investigating post-KS5 options

Intervention:

- Support for all students
- Half-termly student progress reports
- Focus Groups
- Sprint plan
- Open door policy
- Strong tutor team
- Experience in pastoral and academic matters

KS5 results 2024

A* to B
= 40%

A* to C
= 70%

A* to E
= 98%

GMS Website

<http://www.gms.bucks.sch.uk>



▶ **6th Form Menu – Induction booklet**

▶ **School Calendar**

▶ **Wisepay**

▶ **School number:
01628 483752**



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Our commitment to you...



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- ✓ You are never bothering us
- ✓ We will usually respond within 24 hours to your communication
- ✓ You might not get the outcome you wish, but I will always provide one with the interests of the students at the forefront of my mind

Key Dates



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- Thursday 19th September – Early close 12.30pm for Open Evening
- Tuesday 1st October – Senior Maths Challenge and Year 12 R.S Drop Down Day
- Monday 21st October – Progress Reports issued – ATL only for first set
- Tuesday 7th November – 6th Form Open Evening (for Year 11 students)
- Tuesday 21st January – Progress reports issues – ATL and grade
- Wednesday 22nd January 2025 – Year 12 Virtual parent/carer evening
- Monday 9th June – Friday 27th June (tbc) – Year 12 exams
- Monday 30th June – Year 12 Work Experience week
- Wednesday 16th July – Progress reports issued