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GUILFORD SCHOOL Creative Education Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the academic year 2024/2025!

I'd like to once again introduce myself as the very proud Principal of our school. Over the coming academic year, I am hoping to meet many of you as we support your children to achieve their very best.

To ensure our Home-School Communication is as effective as possible, all of our communication will go through our Arbor App. Please do ensure that you are logged onto this app and that you can see your child/children's information through it. If you are experiencing any difficulties, or need any support, please do get in touch with Main Reception either in-person or via our enquiries email address (at the top of this letter).

We have recently celebrated some excellent exam results for us as a school; our Year 11 children worked exceptionally hard to achieve them, alongside our very dedicated staff.

Our school improvement journey has enabled these outcomes. Interestingly, in the summer exams, children who attended school over 95% of the time, achieved better than other children nationally. Children who did not attend school as well, did not achieve as highly.

This clearly demonstrates the impact that high quality teaching and learning is having in our school, for our children.

I therefore make a plea to you; please support us to ensure your child attends school every day. They really do deserve the very best chance at success.

Could I also remind you of a few important developments which I wrote to you about before the summer, including links to the initial communications that were sent out:

- School now finishes at 3:00pm for all, unless children have detentions or are taking part in Ellis Electives (previously known as Extra-Curricular Activities).
- Our back gate is now closed. The only entry and exit is the Bar Lane entrance.



- Our new Year 7 children are wearing our new EGS uniform. Children in Years 8-11 are wearing the old uniform. All children will wear the new uniform as of September 2025.
- There is now a pre-loved uniform shop in school where uniform can be purchased at a much lower cost. Further information to follow about the opening times of the shop.
- Coco, our school dog, will be here with us onsite every day.
- Please note that breakfast will be available for all children from 8:20am in the canteen.
- We will now operate Family Dining, and therefore a split lunch, to enable all to access the canteen and benefit from a warm, sit-down meal.

I am looking forward to working with you in partnership, to ensure a truly 'EGSellent' academic year 2024/2025.

Kindest regards,

Ms Johnson Principal