

## WELCOME TO GATEACRE SCHOOL!

As we embark on a new academic year, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all our new Year 7 students and their families. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are excited to have you join the Gateacre School community.

At Gateacre School, we believe in nurturing each student's potential, fostering a love of learning, and creating a supportive environment where everyone can thrive. Our dedicated staff are committed to providing an enriching experience that will inspire and challenge our students to reach their full potential.

Central to our ethos are the Gateacre GREAT values—Gratitude, Respect, Excellence, Aspiration, and Teamwork. These values underpin everything we do at Gateacre School. They guide our interactions, encourage a positive culture, and help build a strong sense of community. By embracing these values, we empower our students to become responsible, compassionate individuals who contribute positively to society.

This coming year, we are thrilled to offer a diverse array of exciting opportunities. Our enrichment programs are specifically designed to build a solid foundation in leadership for all pupils. In 'sports', students can take advantage of our new state-of-the-art cricket and rugby facilities and join related clubs that foster teamwork and resilience. For those inclined towards the performing arts, participating in drama or our spectacular Theatre Production annual extravaganza will enhance their confidence and communication skills. Our creative arts clubs, including arts and crafts, provide avenues for self-expression and innovative thinking. Additionally, our 'futures' programs, such as Combined Cadet Force (CCF), offer unique opportunities for leadership development and personal growth. For pupils who feel a deep sense of responsibility for its community, our 'citizen' offer includes being leaders in areas such as climate change, an Eco warrior club will help us build sustainability for generations to come through climate-conscious awareness building, skills development, and knowledge dissemination. Be changemakers!

As part of our commitment to fostering a strong sense of pupil voice and promoting school improvement, we are excited to introduce a Junior Leadership Team that mirrors the structure of our Senior Leadership Team. This initiative will empower our Year 7 students to actively participate in shaping their school experience while ensuring their perspectives are heard. The Student Council will play a crucial role in discussing key topics that matter most to pupils, ranging from our school reward experiences, to off-site experiences and trips. By involving students in these important conversations, we aim to create a collaborative environment where their insights contribute to meaningful changes and enhance overall pupil progress.

We understand that transitioning to secondary school can be both exhilarating and daunting. Rest assured, we are here to support both students and parents every step of the way. Our open-door policy encourages communication, and I invite you to reach out with any questions or concerns.

As we look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and new friendships, I encourage our new Year 7 students to embrace every opportunity that comes their way. Remember, the best way to predict your future is to create it!

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Gateacre School!

Warm regards.

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