

Welcome to

GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY



Mr Ashcroft's Welcome

**"Thank you for choosing
Garstang Community
Academy as your secondary
school – you've made a great
choice!"**

[Click here](#) for Mr Ashcrofts Welcome message



Mr Alasdair Ashcroft, Headteacher

GCA VISION

GROW:

Proud to grow happy, considerate and successful people

Proud to grow a vibrant, safe & successful school

Proud to grow

ACHIEVE:

Proud to be inspired to achieve amazing things

Proud to be resilient & independent life-long learners

Proud to achieve

CARE:

Proud to care for & respect all others

Proud to care for our school & our planet

Proud to care

PROUD TO GROW • **C**ARE • **A**CHIEVE

STAYING IN TOUCH

Website: www.garstangcommunityacademy.com (Year 6 Transition)

Twitter: @garstangacademy for news and updates

Email: info@garstangcommunityacademy.com



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) IN SEPTEMBER

Headteacher

Mr Alasdair Ashcroft

Deputy Headteachers

Mrs Katie Rawcliffe

Ms Laura Royds

Assistant Headteachers

Mr Gary Felvus

Mrs Leoni Smith

Mr Ashcroft



Mrs Rawcliffe



Ms Royds



Mr Felvus



Mrs Smith



YEAR 7 PROGRESS LEADER



"As Year 7 Progress Leader, the smooth transition from Primary school is very important to me. Secondary school presents an exciting, yet challenging, time for any child and it is my job to ensure that each child is fully equipped to meet the challenges that lie ahead."

Mrs Rainbow – Year 7 Progress Leader

YEAR 7 PROGRESS LEADER

We work closely with all our feeder schools to ensure that Year 6 pupils are prepared for this period of change in their lives. Detailed discussions with class teachers allow me to gain an insight to each child's strengths and areas where support may be needed.

Once the Autumn Term is underway, the Form Tutors are the first point of contact for both pupils and parents. The Settling-In Evening ensures that any teething problems are quickly resolved.

The partnership between Garstang Community Academy and parents/carers is very important to me. I encourage parents to be fully involved with their child's progress and they are welcome to make an appointment with me to discuss any aspect of their child's education.

Year 7 pupils can look forward to an enjoyable and productive year, full of new challenges, hard work, success and rewards!

I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Mrs Rainbow – Year 7 Progress Leader

FORM GROUPS

- There will be 6 form groups in Year 7
- Form groups are set up by Miss Rainbow (Year 7 Progress Leader) and Mrs Smith (Assistant Headteacher) who will take into consideration recommendations from your child's Year 6 primary teachers
- Your child will be with their form group for all lessons initially

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Form 7.1



Hi my name is Mr Farquharson and I am a History teacher at GCA. I have been a teacher for 15 years. My interests include the great outdoors, travel, geocaching and football—especially watching Liverpool FC. I have 2 children and a sausage dog! My favourite food is Thai green curry. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and being a Year 7 form tutor.

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

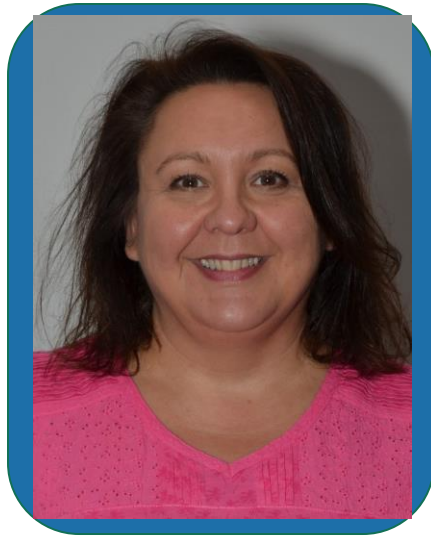
Form 7.2



Hello year 7,
My name is Miss Ashworth and I teach Business, Computing and Media. I am really looking forward to having a year 7 form. I haven't had a year 7 form since my first year at GCA - 10 years ago! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and helping you on your GCA journey. I hope you all have a fantastic summer.
Stay safe, Miss Ashworth

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Form 7.3



Hello my name is Mrs Whitehead and I am so excited to have a year 7 form this year! I have worked at GCA for a longtime and had quite a few forms over the years - I'm really going to miss my year 11 form but so glad that I have been given a year 7 form. I'm probably known for being a bit bossy, (we do things right in my form!), but I am also very fair and my forms are always happy and supportive towards each other. 😊

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Form 7.4



My name is Dr. Glover and I'm a French teacher at Garstang Community Academy. I love having a bit of a sing-song in lessons (in French, of course!), and when I'm not at school I love reading and spending time outdoors (and cuddling my guinea pigs). I'm really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all.

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Form 7.5



Hello Year 7!

I am Miss Shepherd. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and I hope you're all super excited to start at GCA. I want you all to know, you can always come and talk to me whenever you need any help. I have also been in your position when I started as a year 7 at Garstang many years ago.

Here is a little bit more about me, I am one of the PE teachers and have been at Garstang for 6 years. I like going for walks with my two dogs Doris and Lily and enjoy playing netball and going skiing. I also love Haribo's and Italian food!

Stay safe and I hope to see you all very soon!

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Form 7.6



Hi, my name is Mr Armer and I am a P.E. Teacher, D.T Teacher and Sports coach.

I am looking forward to meeting my new form and welcoming them into the GCA way.

Anyone who is entering my form, needs to be prepared to get stuck into everything, push themselves every day and be ready to show up for big form activities such as dinnertime form competitions and the prestigious form sports day!

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)



Mrs Davis – SEND Co-ordinator

Hello, welcome to Garstang Community Academy. My name is Mrs Davis. I am one of the English teachers here at GCA but I have another role as well. I am also the school's SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator)

I have an office and a classroom called Learning Development near to the science labs in the Parlick building. I also have a fantastic team of teaching assistants (TAs) who may help some of you in some of your lessons and possibly outside of lessons as well.

<https://garstangcommunityacademy.com/parents/sen-arrangements>

SEND (continued)

If you find some parts of your learning difficult – if reading, writing, speaking or numeracy skills are tricky for you – I am here to support you and provide you with someone (a TA) who can help in lessons if you need it. If you have a learning need that your teachers need to know about, it's my job to tell them about that need and advise them about the best way for you to learn. I am very approachable, and I will always find time to listen to you if you are worried about any aspect of your learning. I cannot wait to meet you all!

Mrs Davis – SEND Co-ordinator

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Inclusion Centre



Mrs Robinson – Inclusion Centre

Hello, my name is Mrs Robinson. I am based in the Inclusion Centre and it is my job to help young people if they struggling a little or need some extra support. I am here every day and you can find me at lunch and break times if you would like to pop in for a chat. I am really looking forward to meeting you!

Key Information



INFORMATION SHARING

Year 6 teachers share information on effort, attainment, attitude, safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and friendships. The teachers help us get to know the children a little before they arrive at Garstang Community Academy.



BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The GCA Behaviour for Learning Policy is easy to understand, a firm but fair system that allows teachers to teach and students to learn

<https://garstangcommunityacademy.com/information/policies>

Our BfL rules are:

- Students arrive promptly to lessons and bring the correct equipment
- Students wear the school uniform correctly
- Students act respectfully towards all members of staff and their classmates
- Students work to the best of their ability and contribute positively to their lessons

LESSONS

- Students will complete 5 one hour lessons each day and will meet with their form tutor once a day for 20 minutes.

The School Day

8:40 – 9:00am	Registration/Assembly
9:00 – 10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00 – 11:00am	Lesson 2
11:00 – 11.20am	Break
11:20 – 12:20pm	Lesson 3
12:20 – 1.20pm	Lesson 4
1:20 – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00 – 3:05pm	Lesson 5

UNIFORM



- All our uniform is available via The Uniform & Leisurewear Company at 66 Church St, Garstang, PR3 1YA <https://www.ualonline.com/product-category/schoolwear/garstang/garstang-community-academy-school/>
- Please read our uniform guidelines carefully - these are detailed on our website <https://garstangcommunityacademy.com/parents/uniform>
- Please be aware of our expectations regarding personal appearance - hair colour, jewellery and makeup etc

COMMUNICATION

- ParentMail – for all correspondence and payments (www.parentmail.co.uk). Download the app.
- Satchel:one – homework platform (www.teamsatchel.com). Download the app.
- Synergy – for behaviour/attendance

Parents/carers will be sent details and log-in details for all platforms at the beginning of the term

The logo for Satchel:one consists of the text "satchel:one" in a white sans-serif font, with the colon and "one" in a smaller size, set against a dark blue rectangular background.

satchel:one

The logo for the School Synergy Portal features the text "SCHOOL SYNERGY PORTAL" in a grey sans-serif font, with the "O" in "SCHOOL" stylized as two overlapping circles, set against a grey square background.

SCHOOL
SYNERGY
PORTAL

ATTENDANCE

Absence with good reason → parent/carer contacts school

No contact made by parent/carer → school contacts home

Frequent illness-related absence → doctor's note

No Holidays in term time

Excellent attendance (97%) → rewarded

SAFEGUARDING

“Garstang Community Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.”

If you have any serious concerns about the well-being of any person at Garstang Community Academy, please do not hesitate to send a message using the links on the website.

<https://www.garstangcommunityacademy.com/keep-me-safe/safeguarding>



TRANSPORT

- School bus services are managed centrally through LCC except for the 46X service
- Cycling to school is allowed and we have a lockable bike shed available. Students are advised to wear safety helmets, use cycle lanes where possible and have appropriate lights and hi-vis
- If your child is walking to/from school please note that some of the pavements are very narrow and they must adhere to road safety
- If you are driving your child to school please be aware that the car park barrier is closed between 2.45pm and 3.20pm



SCHOOL MEALS

- GCA is a healthy eating school and our serveries are open every day serving hot and cold meals, snacks, fresh fruit and drinks – at breakfast, breaktime and lunch
- Vegetarian options plus salads and sandwiches are always available
- The cost of a main course, dessert and drink is approximately £2.50
- We operate a cashless system and student catering accounts can be credited through ParentMail. More information on how to use the system will be sent out later tis term.
- If students wish to bring a packed lunch it can be eaten in one of the dining rooms

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

- If your child is currently entitled to Free School Meals you do not need to reapply.
- If your circumstances have changed and you believe your child may now be entitled to Free School Meals please see the link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

MY FIRST DAY AT GCA

What Will I Need on My First Day

- Correct Uniform
- PE kit
- A school bag
- A pencil case with at least 2 blue/black ink biros, green biro, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, glue stick, calculator
- Packed lunch or money to buy lunch
- A refillable water bottle



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When do I start?

- On: Tuesday 2nd September 2020*
- At: Please arrive by 8.40am
- Where: Staff will direct you to the gym

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** still to be confirmed due to the current uncertainties of schools reopening – please keep an eye on the website over the summer for more information.*



Lockers

- All students are able to hire a locker for the duration of their time at GCA
- These will be organised at the start of term
- The cost of hire for 5 years is £50
- Payment can be made via ParentMail

Mobile Phones



- Mobile phones are not permitted
- If students bring their mobile phone/electronic equipment to school it must be **kept in their bags and switched off**
- Students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day, including break times
- If phones are used outside of these rules they will be confiscated with collection by parents required
- The same rules apply to headphones
- If students need to contact parents during the school day they must go to the reception office

Extra Curricular Activities

We have lots of extra curricular clubs on offer – it is important to get involved and make the most of every opportunity! Joining in will help students to learn new skills, make friends and have fun.



Some of the clubs on offer

- Concert Band
- Handball
- Rugby
- Art Club
- Homework Club
- Chess Club
- Table Tennis
- Drama Club
- Choir
- Code Club
- Hockey
- Rock Band

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See You Soon!

We look forward to welcoming you to Garstang Community Academy in September

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

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