

10th September 2026

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Greatfields School. It is a real privilege to be joining the school, and I am excited to build on the work of Mr Paul and the many staff, students and families who have helped shape Greatfields over recent years.

There is much to celebrate. This summer we saw further improvements in examination results, alongside students progressing to university, apprenticeships and the world of work. These successes reflect the ambition we have for every young person.

Our vision is simple: **every learner should be known, challenged and empowered**. I want your child not only to succeed academically, but to thrive, develop confidence and character, and leave Greatfields with genuine choice and opportunity for the future. I also hope that more of our young people will see Greatfields as their school for the full seven years, from Year 7 through to Sixth Form.

We can only achieve this through a strong partnership with families. You know your children best, and I hope we are united by the same goal: helping them become happy, successful and well-prepared young adults. Open and respectful communication is essential, whether we are celebrating success, resolving concerns or providing additional support. If you need help, please contact us early so we can work together.

Who to contact:

Year Group	Head of Year	Assistant Head of Year	SLT Link
Year 7	Mrs J. Moore	Ms T. Vardaki	Mr S. Leather
Year 8	Mr P. Ockri	Miss A. Drakes	Ms A. Clift-Matthews
Year 9	Mr A. Kissack	Ms F. Khan	Mr H. Kwabi
Year 10	Miss H. Malaveci	Miss K. Jones	Mr H. Kwabi
Year 11	Miss T. Adeyini	Ms G. Acquah	Miss E. Lethbridge
Year 12	Miss A. Nurse-Glace	Miss R. Charles	Mr A. Darr
Year 13	Miss A. Goncalves	Miss R. Charles	Mr A. Darr

Everything we do is underpinned by **high expectations, consistency and teamwork**. Our values of **Kindness, Aspiration and Action** shape how we learn, behave and contribute to our community, while staff work together to know students well, identify concerns early and provide the right support when needed.

The basics matter. We expect students to attend school every day and on time (by 8.40am), arrive prepared to learn with planners, equipment, wear the correct uniform, completed homework and follow our expectations around phones and devices. Families can support by establishing strong routines around sleep, food, organisation and study, and by reinforcing healthy boundaries around social media and screen time. **Excellent attendance is particularly important**: 90% attendance means missing around one day every fortnight, or roughly four weeks of education across the year. Greatfields is also a **no-smartphone school**, and we ask families to work with us in protecting students' attention, wellbeing and learning.



We ask all families to download and regularly use MyChildAtSchool (MCAS), our school app. It is the main way to keep up to date with your child's attendance, behaviour, progress, timetable and wider school information, helping us to work together. Details of how to use MCAS can be found on our website on the following link: [MyChildAtSchool | Greatfields School](#).

If you think your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**, we strongly encourage you to apply through the **London Borough of Barking and Dagenham**. Eligibility is linked to certain benefits, and applying can also help the school access additional funding to support your child's education. Families can apply through the council's Free School Meals service; if you are unsure whether you qualify, it is still worth checking. For help with an application, you can contact Barking and Dagenham Benefits on **020 8227 2970** or benefits@lbbd.gov.uk.

As Headteacher, I am looking forward to listening and learning as well as leading. I want to hear from students and families about what makes Greatfields special, what works well and where we can make it even stronger.

I look forward to meeting many of you and working together to ensure every young person at Greatfields is **known, challenged and empowered**, and leaves us ready to thrive in the next stage of their life.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Hudson
Headteacher
Greatfields School