

Thursday, 04 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Open Day – Friday 5th July 2019

Great Torrington School would like to extend a warm welcome to all our prospective Year 5 pupils and invite you to attend our Year 5 Open Day. The day will provide an opportunity for pupils to become familiar with our caring, successful school and staff, and give them a taste of what GTS has to offer.

At GTS we believe that GCSE's alone do not define the talents and abilities of our pupils. Our enrichment programme is second to none and offers all pupils opportunities to excel beyond what GCSE's can offer.

This year for example, pupils have performed the school production at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth, participated in national sporting competitions, made their voices heard at youth speaking competitions, excelled in cookery and photography competitions, visited several different countries, to mention but a few of the experiences that have truly provided opportunities in line with our values.

On Friday 5th July 2019 pupils will be met by our Transition Leaders who will support, guide and mentor them throughout the day. Following a welcome from staff at GTS, pupils will be grouped; given a GTS LBacc style timetable to follow which will involve a range of lessons giving a snapshot of life at secondary school. Throughout the day photographs will be taken giving you the opportunity to see what your children have been experiencing during their time with us, whilst enjoying refreshments and having the opportunity to talk to staff.

Arrival

We ask that pupils should arrive at the front of school between 8.50am and 9.00am where they will be met in the school dining hall by our Year 7 Transition leaders and staff.

Groups & Activities

There will be approximately 150 pupils with us for the day. They will work in groups during the day and gain an insight into a variety of subjects.

Photographic Consent

We may take group photographs of the children during the taster day for use in printed publications, display boards or on our website or social media platforms. We will not take individual photographs or name any children.

Lunch

Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle and snack for their break time and a packed lunch. If you are normally entitled to Free School Meals, please indicate this on your return slip and we will arrange a pack lunch for your child.

Uniform

Pupils should wear their usual school uniform and we will issue them with a name badge. Please bring in a pair of trainers for the afternoons sporting activities.

Pupil Information Form

Please return the visiting pupil registration form to help us provide a safe and enjoyable day for your child and to give us contact details in case we need to contact you during the day.

Invite to Parents to attend in the afternoon

If parents / carers would like join us for some refreshments, please arrive at 2.15pm and park in the rear car park on Hatchmoor Road where you will be escorted to the Drama Studio. You will then have an opportunity to watch your children finish the day with the conclusion of a sports festival.

If you are unable to join us at 2.15pm, please collect your children from the Dining Hall (access from the fire exit door, to the left of reception) at **3.00pm**. If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied or leave with a sibling, please indicate on the enclosed form.

Please return your form to Great Torrington School reception by Friday 28th June and advise your primary school of your child's absence.

We are really looking forward to meeting up on Friday 5th July and will do all we can to ensure your child has a good day.

Yours faithfully



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