



Glenwood School

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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the half term, I want to look back on what has been an incredibly busy, productive, and rewarding few months at Glenwood School.

As we all know, the Autumn term is always a settling-in term which can be challenging for young people. I am so pleased that the students have settled into their routines beautifully across the school. Thank you for your continued partnership during this crucial transition period.

As you will appreciate, we are currently focusing on a few big projects in school to ensure we continue providing the highest quality education and environment for our learners. These projects include our pathways-based curriculum, a new behaviour approach, and teachers have begun to baseline students against our new assessment system.

Implementation of changes this significant is a deliberate, multi-stage process that takes time to embed fully into daily school life. It begins with careful planning and staff training, followed by the baseline assessments we are doing now, before moving into full classroom integration and ongoing review. Because these developments directly impact your young person's daily experience and long-term progress, we must take the necessary time to ensure we get these important stages right rather than rushing the process.

Home-School Communication & Corridor Coffee Mornings

I want to also thank families for your patience whilst we set up our new parent communication tool, Evisense. We have sent reminders out to parents to sign up for this platform. This tool is vital for capturing your young person's achievements and keeping you connected to their day-to-day milestones. If you haven't done so yet, please look out for your sign-up invitation or contact the school office if you need assistance.

Looking ahead, we are also planning our next corridor coffee mornings. These are a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, and I will endeavour to be there to see you all. We will share the exact dates and times for these soon.

We want to work collaboratively with parents. I would like to ask that parents and carers treat staff respectfully and understand that we are all working with you to support your young people.

Confidentiality is equally important to us. To keep our learners safe and maintain a supportive environment, I would ask that communications on school grounds and social media are respectful. If you ever have a concern, please approach us directly so we can work together to resolve it.

Finally, a big thanks to the staff team for all their dedication, care, and hard work during this busy settling-in term. Their efforts have made all of our students' achievements possible.

Wishing you a happy break.

Yours Sincerely,



Amanda Lambert

Headteacher