



# Great Marlow School

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## GMS Prefects 2022-2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to inform you that the process for selecting the next group of prefects for Great Marlow School will be commencing in the next few weeks. The role of being a prefect is an honour and I believe it offers students the chance to develop skills of leadership, boost their confidence and give students the opportunity to represent their school in a positive manner.

The invitation to apply to become a GMS prefect begins on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January** and will close on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. The process will begin when a job advert will be posted on the website asking students to apply for the job and include a CV to show their skills and suitability for the role. I invite all Year 10s to view the application form and apply if they consider they fulfil the criteria.

All students will be working on writing their CVs in form time, where their form tutor can offer specialised and individual advice on how best to write this in order to best show the students' attributes and skills. Filling in a job application form is a life skill, which is why this process is as near to a job application as possible. Students will be offered guidance on completing this job application as well.

As in real life, applying for a job does not guarantee success. There are approximately 70 vacancies each year, and I have no doubt there will be many more applications, from worthy candidates, than places available. I am conscious of the impact that disappointment brings. I am truly blessed with a fantastic year group, supported by a fabulous set of form tutors, and tremendously encouraging parents and carers. Working together, I believe student disappointment can be managed and harnessed to become a stepping stone to other accomplishments. However, should you consider that not being selected would be too big a setback for your child, or create anxiety, an open conversation, about success not being guaranteed, may result in them choosing not to apply. If that is the case, much has been achieved in being open and honest about expectations and the probability of success. Please note, there is a further opportunity to be selected as a prefect in the Sixth Form.

Year 10/11 prefects are selected after consideration of the following: the quality of the application letter; the quality of the CV; consideration of the contribution made to GMS, and the wider GMS community since Year 7; and recommendation by teachers and tutors.

I know your child will appreciate your help and guidance in choosing to apply and in completing the paperwork. There is additional information for the students on their tutor Teams Channels as well as a copy of the presentation given to students about the process.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me

Kind regards  
Mrs Wheeler  
Director of Learning Year 10