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Welcome to the Year 7
Parents' and Carers'
Information Evening

Tuesday 19th September 2023

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Year 7 Information Evening



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Aims

- To give you an insight into our vision and values and the expectations we have of students.
- To point you in the right direction of help and support that is available to you as a parent/carer
- To inform you of the support on offer within school and opportunities for communication

Year 7 Vision



Our Vision

Great Marlow School's vision is to ensure a 'high quality learning environment that inspires students, staff and the community to be compassionate, successful and resilient contributors that will create a better society.'

"No matter what your ability, if you work hard, are conscientious, produce a particularly good piece of work, or are helpful in some way - you will be rewarded."

MY PERSONAL BEST

Great Marlow School aims to develop and reward students who show:

- Readiness
- Reflection
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Respect
- Responsibility



Year 7 Vision & Values



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Ultimate aim: To ensure all students achieve Excellent or Good in all their Attitude to Learning Scores

- Year 7s are identified as **compassionate, respectful** and **resilient** members of the school community
- All students feel confident in taking **responsibility** for their academic, emotional and social development
- Good communication between all three stakeholders - PARENTS/CARERS, STUDENTS and SCHOOL

Student Support



Director of Learning (DOL) Student Support Officer (SSO)



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Miss Antonia Miles



Miss Blanco-Rand

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Year 7 Tutor Team



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Form Tutors



7K1

Miss J Moyse

7K2

Mrs C Lee
Mrs A Lynch (Fri)

7K3

Mr H Magnay

VS



7H1

Mrs Trigwell
& Mr Sienes

7H2

Mr D Taylor

7H3

Mr G Pightling



7E1

Mrs A Winter

7E2

Mrs A Sawney

7E3

Mrs C Gennery
Mrs K Craig (Wed)

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Pupil Premium



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Pupil Premium and Services Academic Lead:

Mr S Ross sross@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Pupil Premium Coordinator:

Mrs A Gifford agifford@gms.bucks.sch.uk

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Safeguarding: safeguarding@gms.bucks.sch.uk

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Key Staff Members



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Neil Maguire

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Karen Craig

Deputy DSL



Anna Gifford

Safeguarding Officer



Kevin Ford

Safeguarding
Headteacher



Sheryl Paul

Safeguarding Officer



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Safeguarding and Wellbeing



- Online Safety – nationalonlinesafety.com
- Vaping – can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances
- Sleep
- Mental Health - it is important to stay healthy

Internet Safety



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National Online Safety
Importance of Online Safety for GMS
Students and Parents
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/great-marlow-school>

Parents can subscribe for free.
Resources and guides available

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Working from Home

Thought for the Week

MS 365 & Teams


Useful Guides/Tips

Additional Support

Getting started on Microsoft Teams

Please [click here](#) to view a guide on how to get started on MS 365 and Teams.

From one single platform all tasks, assessments, assignments and quiz type activities can be accessed and completed online. An important function is the 'Files' category, where a bank of subject specific resources can be uploaded ready for students to access and refer to. In some subjects students are also expected to use Notebook.



Students, who have not yet familiarised themselves with Teams should do the following:

Download Office 365 onto their devices (this is free through the school)

1. Download the MS Teams app onto their phone, laptop or tablet
2. Download MS Word, PowerPoint and One Note onto their phones, laptop or tablet ([Click here](#) for guide)
3. Become familiar with their school email address and password
4. Watch the short tutorial videos found below;

For laptop use: <https://www.loom.com/share/e736b49e60de4aaea30c3b962ff5ac05>

Office 365 & MS Teams on Consoles and Smart devices

You can also use Office 365 and MS Teams on gaming consoles and most Smart devices including TV's. This is because the software is flexible enough to work in any web browser and these devices all have built-in web Edge and Chrome.

Screenshot

To do this you need to open the browser application on the device you want to load Office 365 or Teams on.

Bucks Mental Health Partnership



To help support the Mental Health of our young people, Great Marlow has teamed up with the Bucks Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

Workshop evenings

1. Promoting positive behaviours - Wednesday 11th October 6pm
2. Anxiety - Tuesday 5th December 6pm
3. Low mood - Wednesday 6th March 6pm
4. Self-harm - Tuesday 30th April 6pm

Details of how to sign up for the in person Parent Sessions delivered by MHST will follow in a separate, later correspondence

Curriculum and Homework Setting



Curriculum



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All subjects are taught in their mixed ability form groups- Eagles, Hawks and Kites.

Core PE for all students; set dependent on skills displayed.

RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)

- One lesson per week (by form tutor).
- Covers important topics such as; Mental wellbeing and health, sex and relationships, managing money, careers and other life skills.

Y7 Maths at GMS

Support Available:

- In class Sparx support – minimum 15 minutes every week
- Before school, break times and after school by arrangement
- Keep Up and Get Ahead – Weds 3-4pm
- Drop in sessions - Fridays Breaks 1 and 2

Sparx Maths Homework

- Individually tailored weekly maths homework
- Practice of recent topics and consolidation of prior learning
- 100% completion required
- Video support for every question

Learning Ladders

For information on the learning journey of your child(ren) please see our new Learning Ladders on the school website. These are available under the “curriculum” tab

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- Art & Design
- Business
- Citizenship, PSHE & Politics
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies

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Geography Department

ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. Stated simply, it is about the world in which we live. Geography builds many of the physical concepts studied in science and investigates the impact of these on the world's people.

Geography links this understanding of human and physical processes to places and regions - recognising the big differences in cultures, economies and environments across the world. Understanding the causes of differences and inequalities between places and people are a key part of modern geography.

Geography provides an ideal framework for relating other subject areas. It is not surprising that those trained as geographers are often involved in global decision-making, such as politics or working to manage the challenges of climate change and sustainable development.

Adapted from the Royal Geographical Society

Geography at Great Marlow School

- Learning Ladders
- Key Stage 3 Geography
- Key Stage 4 Geography
- Key Stage 5 Geography
- Career Options in Geography

GEOGRAPHY KS3 & KS4

GEOGRAPHY KS5



Planners

Students to note ALL homework and deadlines in their planners when set.

Microsoft Teams

Staff to post homework assignment details on MS Teams – calendar

Parents

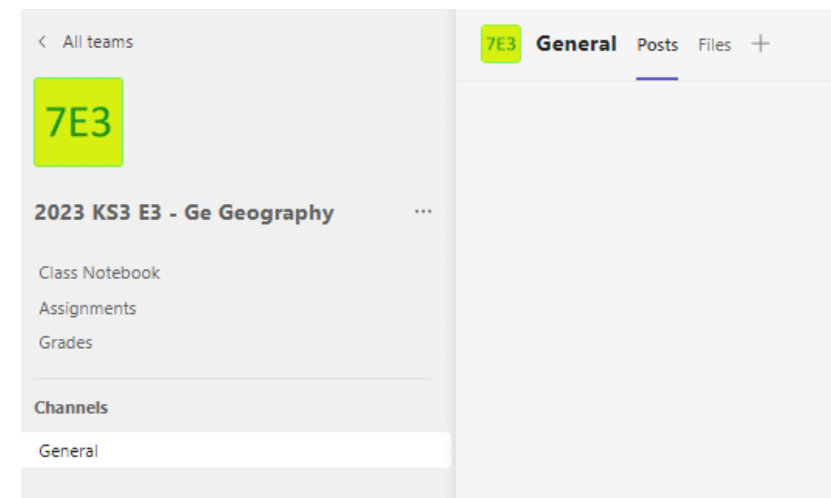
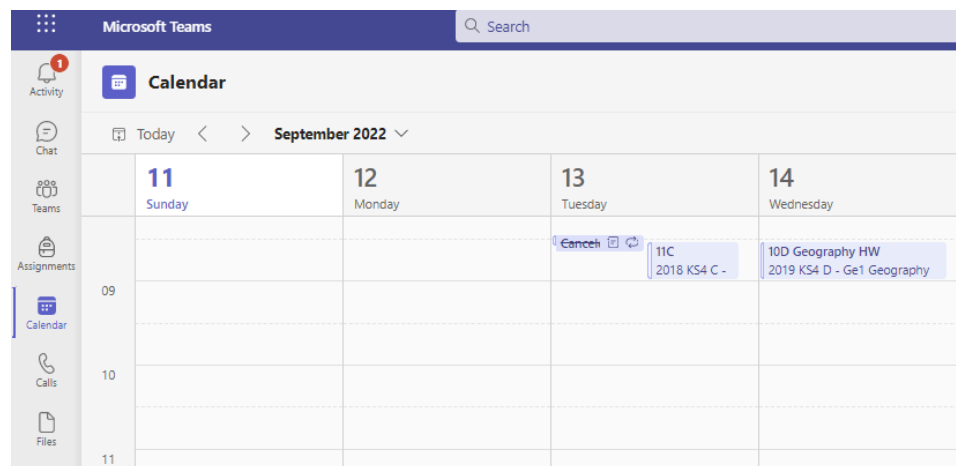
Encourage completion of homework to the best of the student's ability

Microsoft Teams



Microsoft Teams

- Used for setting of homework via **assignments**
- Additional feature that the homework can get added to the students' Microsoft calendar so that students can see when the homework is due in
- Also used for classwork resources, exam questions, tests, online lessons where necessary and much more
- Calendar function provides useful overview of when homework is due in



1:1 Devices

- We recommend a device that is able to run the **Microsoft 365** programmes.
- Subscription to this is free to the student and linked to their school login.

Progress Reports



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Working At Standard

Working At Standard							
YEAR 7	Foundation	Emerging	Secure	Advanced		Exceptional	
YEAR 8	Foundation		Emerging	Secure	Advanced		Exceptional
YEAR 9	Foundation			Emerging	Secure	Adv	Exceptional

First one of Autumn term

ATL= Attitude to Learning

AFD= Area for development

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Classroom Teacher: Attitude To Learning

(4) EXCELLENT	Always on task with high levels of commitment. Follows instructions speedily and with courtesy. Well organised. Classwork and homework are always completed to the best of his/her ability.
(3) GOOD	Nearly always on task and has books and equipment. Instructions are followed willingly. Homework is handed in, usually to the best of the student's ability. Classwork is generally of a high standard but there are areas that could be improved.
(2) INCONSISTENT	The student is usually engaged with the work but sometimes needs re-direction from the teacher. Homework activities are not always completed and only sometimes are they completed to the best of the student's ability.
(1) POOR	The student shows a lack of interest in the subject in general and the activities that they are required to do. The student rarely has the correct equipment and is often slow to follow instructions and can be discourteous and/ or disruptive to learning. Homework is rarely attempted and completed to an acceptable standard.
(0) INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	Extremely poor attendance (less than 50%) to lessons in this subject makes it impossible to comment or student is new to the school and has not attended many lessons.

Form Tutor: Attitude To Learning

(4) EXCELLENT	The student voluntarily contributes to form/ house activities and always has high standards in respect of their uniform. There is a high level of attendance and he/she is always punctual to form time.
(3) GOOD	The student will contribute to form/ house activities if requested to. Occasionally needs to be reminded about standards in respect of uniform. Attendance is good and the student is normally punctual to form time.
(2) INCONSISTENT	He/she shows little engagement towards form/ house activities. The student regularly needs to be reminded about the quality of their uniform. Attendance is below the school average and the student is often late to form time or does not attend at all.
(1) POOR	There is no engagement in form/ house activities. He/ she regularly, does not comply with school standards with respect to uniform. Attendance is poor and the student is regularly late to form time or does not attend at all.

Expectations



Attendance & Punctuality

Every school day matters!



**90% attendance means
up to 4 hours learning
missed every week plus
homework!**

**96% is our school
target**

1. If you are late to school, there will be a sanction of a 15 minute break detention
2. If you fail to attend, you will have a 30 minute after school detention on the next Thursday
3. If you fail to attend, you will have a 1hr after school detention on the Friday



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Uniform



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- Tutors will perform regular uniform checks to ensure that students look presentable.
- Natural nails- no false or acrylic
- Students are responsible for the security of their own jewellery. The only items acceptable are:
 - a small, plain single stud in each ear (to be removed for games)
 - a plain, simple ring (to be removed for games and design & technology)
 - a watch

A note from home is needed for any reason that you are unable to wear the appropriate uniform – this will then be considered by tutor/DoL

Tutor Time



Tutor Time



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 ASSEMBLY & Uniform Check	 TFTW	 Readiness Checks & RSHE	 reading. PROJECT ...our 7th 'r'	 FUN FRI 
				

GMS Reading Project



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- Year 7 Autumn Term Reading Book
- The reading project is all about exposure to a range of authors, genres and language
- A growing number of academic studies show that promoting reading can have a major impact on children and adults and their future!

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Important Dates



The School Calendar



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Today ◀ ▶ September 2023 ▼							Print	Week	Month	Agenda ▼
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
28	29	30	31	1 Sept	2	3				
SUMMER HOLIDAYS				INSET Day						
AUGUST BANK HO		Little Aces; Art Roc								
4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
INSET Day	Catering Fingerprin	ALL STUDENTS BA	School Health Advi	Y13 Geography Residential: Cranedale; departure 6 am Fri						
Week 1	START OF TERM Y7	DoL Meeting 3:15	Y10 Parent / Carer	FoGMS; Y7 Parents						
	LT Meeting 3:15 -			MIDAS minibus tra						
				QA Scrutiny Sched						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
Y13 Geography R	MIDAS minibus tra	MIDAS minibus tra	Y11 Parent / Carer	Y7 Author Q&A Ses						
MIDAS minibus tra	Y9 Parent / Carer I	Y8 Parent / Carer I	Tutor Meeting 3:15	Personnel Meeting:						
New Staff Meeting	Y11 Art Trip, Oxfor	U18 Girls' Hockey:		HoDs: KS4/5 exam						
Week 2		Associate Staff Mei								
		LT Meeting 3:15 -								
18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
New Staff Meeting	Trustees Monitorin	FoGMS AGM & Mee	Jeans For Genes -	Y11 Geography Tri						
Week 1	Y7 Parent / Carer I	Y9 Drama Trip; Glo	School Health Advi							
	T&L Meeting 3:15		SCHOOL CLOSES 1							
			Y6 Open Evening (
			LT Meeting 1 - 3 pm							
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Oct				
Y11 Drama GCSE;	Y7 Sustainable Fas	DEaR p3	School photos: Y7,	Staff Fit Friday 3:4						
Academy Full Boar	LDG Meeting 3:15	Y6 Open Morning (An Evening with Je	Y10 RS Curriculum						
Redgrave Sports C		LT Meeting 3:15 -		Y6 Open Morning (
New Staff Meeting				Appraisal Review d						
Week 2										

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September

Thursday 21st- School closes at 12.30pm (Year 6 Open Evening) & Jeans for Genes Mufti Day (item of denim)

Tuesday 26th– Y7 Sustainable Fashion Talk PD2

Thursday 28th- School Photographs

October

Thursday 5th- School Health Advice Clinic- room T3- 10am-2pm

WB Monday 9th–Student Voice year group meetings

Tuesday 10th- Kites Activity Day

Wednesday 11th- Hawks Activity Day

Thursday 12th- Eagles Activity Day

Thursday 19th- FoGMS Y7 Disco (7-9pm)

Friday 20th – INSET Day

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th
HALF TERM

Monday 30th – *Start of half term (Week 2 Timetable)*

November

Monday 30th Oct- Friday 10th November- Book Fair in library (8-8.30, break 1 and 3-4pm)

Wednesday 29th– Year 7 Progress Reviews issued

Thursday 30th- Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening (Virtual) 3.45-7pm

Communication



Form Tutors

Your first point of contact...



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To access the School Calendar- https://www.gms.bucks.sch.uk/?page_id=409)

For attendance: attendance@gms.bucks.sch.uk

First Point of Contact- Form Tutors (Pastoral Support)

- **7H1 Mrs N Trigwell & Mr N Sienes** ntrigwell@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7H2 Mr D Taylor** dtaylor@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7H3 Mr G Pightling** gpightling@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7E1 Miss A Winter** awinter@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7E2 Miss A Sawney** asawney@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7E3 Mrs Gennery & Mrs K Craig** cgennery@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7K1 Miss J Moyse** jmoyse@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7K2 Mrs C Lee & Miss A Lynch** clee@gms.bucks.sch.uk
- **7K3 Mr H Magnay** hmagnay@gms.bucks.sch.uk

For **further pastoral/general year group support** (Y7 Director of Learning) Miss A Miles - amiles@gms.bucks.sch.uk



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is a place where...



Posted on 31 Aug, 2022 in About GMS, Featured, General News

Autumn Term 2022

GMS welcomes all students back for the 2022 autumn term in September. Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 return on Monday 5th September for registration at 8.35. All year groups are in school (Years 7-13) on Tuesday 6th September for registration at 8.35. Full school uniform with correct footwear is expected for all students in Years 7 to 11. Those in the Sixth Form must adhere to the Sixth Form dress...

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Posted on 5 Sep, 2022 | Comments Off

GCSE Information Evening ...



Mrs Webster, Director of Learning for Year 10, is inviting all Year 10 parents and carers to a GCSE Parent Information Evening on Thursday 8th September, from 6-6.45 pm in the main hall. The purpose of the evening is to give relevant and up to date information to about Year 10 so that support for students comes from home and school together. There will be an...

[Read More](#)

Posted on 2 Sep, 2022 | Comments Off

Tanzania Charity



Here in GMS we support a charity that sponsors the schooling of children in Tanzania. We are delighted to hear that Martha, one of our children, is now in the first term of secondary school; in Tanzania there are two academic terms, commencing in January, so she is half way through her first year. She is doing quite well achieving Division III in her mid-term...

[Read More](#)

Posted on 26 Aug, 2022 | Comments Off

GCSE Excellence

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Website

Keep up to date with GMS achievements and events on the Great Marlow School website.

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FoGMS

Friends of Great Marlow School (FoGMS) are a friendly group of parents and teachers whose aim is to support the children in the school through involving parents, carers and the wider community in fund raising events.

FoGMS invite all parents / carers to the first FOGMS meeting & AGM of this school year on

Wednesday 20th September 2023 6:30pm in room T4

THIS TERM'S FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR DIARIES (detailed info will follow in due course)

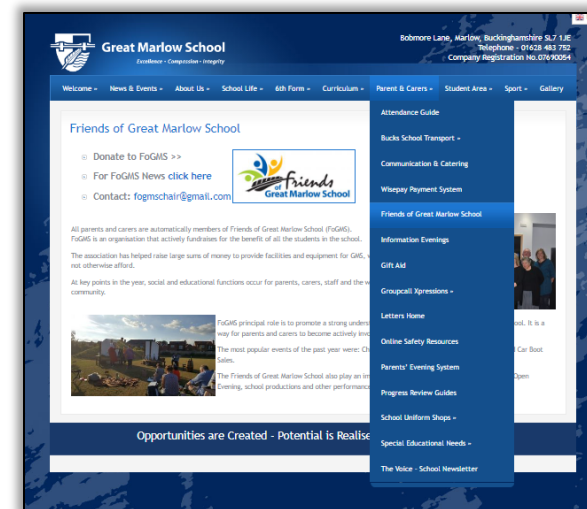
- **FoGMS AGM** - Wednesday 20th September 6.30 in Room T4 - All Welcome
- **Year 8 Disco** - Thursday 12th October 7-9pm
- **Bag2School Collection** - Wednesday 27th September am collection (more details about bag2school will follow nearer the time)
- **Year 7 Disco** - Thursday 19th October 7-9pm - a chance for the Year 7's to celebrate their move up to secondary school
- **Christmas Door Wreath Making with Joanne Caldwell** - Thursday 30th November Bar opens 7pm at school, ticket price TBA, no experience required, a fun evening with friends creating your own stunning floral wreath for your front door under the guidance of the amazing Joanne
- **300 Club** - £20 annual subscription with 2 winning numbers selected each month for a chance to win £150 1st prize or £50 2nd prize

Total raised by FOGMS during school year 22 - 23 was £25,000



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Our Roles



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I Will...

- Reward students
- Support students
- Educate students
- Monitor progress
- Communicate openly
- Respond as soon as able

Form Tutors will...

- Be your first point of contact
- Utilise form time
- Celebrate successes
- Support progress
- Communicate effectively
- Work closely with DoL and SSO

You can...

- Monitor Progress
- Have open and honest conversations
- Monitor and support with homework
- Encourage good habits
- Discuss student experiences

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My commitment to you...



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- ✓ ***You are never bothering me.***
- ✓ *I will usually respond to communication within 24 hours*
- ✓ *You might not get the outcome you intended, but I will always provide one with the interests of the students at the forefront of my mind*

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Thank you



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Thank you for watching this presentation...

We look forward to working together with you to enable your son or daughter to achieve their full potential.

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