



Dear students,

Welcome to George Salter Academy! My name is Mr Harrison, and I will be your form tutor throughout your journey at this school. I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September! I am one of the English teachers at the Academy, and I am a new teacher, so you will be my first ever form group! However, I am not a stranger to the school – I was also a student at the Academy, so I look forward to welcoming you to the community that the school has built over many years.



My main role as your form tutor will be to make your time at George Salter Academy the best that it can possibly be. Over your school careers, you will develop and mature as individuals, find your favourite subjects and your passions inside and outside of school – I will be there to support you all on your individual journeys, and answer any questions or concerns that you may have! Starting a new school and making new friends can be a bit nerve-wracking, but I am confident that you will all settle in very quickly and feel welcomed in the Academy. Try to think of some facts to share about yourself over the summer that you could share in our first week together!

As an English teacher, I love to read and interpret meaning from all types of texts, especially fiction and non-fiction, in order to learn about the experiences of writers all over the world. During your time at George Salter, you will be given the opportunity to develop your reading and writing skills across a wide variety of text types, including some creative writing as well as for information. Over the summer, I have set you a book review task at the end of this letter that I hope you will enjoy writing – I am going to complete one of my own as well so that we can share book recommendations and opinions for when we meet. As an English teacher, my responsibilities include teaching a wide variety of material to promote a love of reading, and helping everyone to find books that they will be interested in. There are lots of opportunities across the school to get involved in no matter the subject, and I really look forward to sharing these with you!

During my spare time, I love gaming – I was always known for being the ‘nerd’ of my class, and it is a badge I always wore with pride! I also love going to concerts and festivals, and I am so glad to be able to go on lots of adventures across the country. My favourite so far has been travelling to Cardiff to see one of my all-time favourite rock bands. I also love animals, and I am currently planning on getting either a dog or some pet rats to add to the family!

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and that you stay safe and well – I look forward to September!

Best wishes,
Mr Harrison



Book Review Challenge

Over the summer, I would like you to write a book review for one book you have read. This can be fiction or non-fiction.

Here are some things to think about that you could include:

- What is the story about? Can you explain the beginning?
- Why did you choose that book? What does it mean to you?
- What did you like/dislike about the book?
- What would you rate it out of five?
- Who would you recommend this book to and why?

Bonus point:

Why do you think reading is important in schools?