

# The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It seems incredible that we find ourselves in the middle of Year 9, and thus the halfway point of this cohort's time at The Gilbert School. This year they face their first true experiences with examinations, before starting their GCSEs next year, along with other huge milestones such as applications for Senior Student roles. They have trialled new subjects, experienced new skills and learning, and begun to explore pathways beyond their time at The Gilbert.

Whilst there remain some who perhaps need to reflect and act upon these reports, using this moment as a time to rise to the challenge of achieving their potential, it is a delight to see how many are already doing so. These reports demonstrate a consistency stretching back to the Autumn of Year 8, however, it also features many personal bests. As always, students should be fair in their reflections, celebrating their successes as well as setting themselves new targets. Their next steps await.

Your child's Spring Term school report is now ready to access on the Go4Schools website. Unfortunately, reports are not currently available through the Go4Schools app at this time. Reports will be made available for you regularly to ensure that you are kept informed as to your child's progress. We are piloting a new report format that includes details on your child's participation in co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities. Please note that these sections of the report are a work in progress and may not be entirely accurate. Additionally, as it takes several weeks to generate, some data may be slightly out-of-date.

Their form tutor will also discuss the report with your child and set appropriate targets over the next few weeks. Some of the subjects will not have a homework profile yet. This will be due to either the practical nature of the subject or the number of lessons per fortnight.

In addition to the ongoing process of mentoring and support by Subject Teams and Year Teams, students also receive individual mentoring from their Form Tutor at least once each year.

If you have any questions regarding either your child's report or their learning, you can read our **frequently asked questions** about reports or the **learner and homework profile** information, located on the Gilbert School website in the Parents Section in **Parent FAQ**. If the frequently asked questions are unable to answer your query, then please contact the relevant teacher, your child's form tutor or myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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