

Resilience Respect Responsibility



New Intake evening

Welcome to GTS

Opportunity Relationships Safe

GTS School Values



The core purpose of Great Torrington School is to create an inclusive community of successful learners. Our school community is built around a set of core values that shape our decisions and interactions.

Respect - To enable pupils to establish social and personal relationships based on respect, understanding and co-operation.

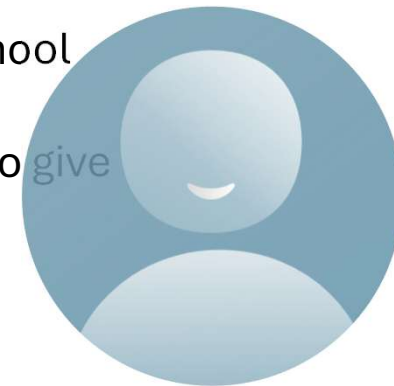
Relationships – To foster in our pupils an awareness to show tolerance and care towards others and develop the ability to create and sustain healthy relationships throughout their lives.

Resilience – To encourage resilience in our pupils, through challenge, support, opportunities, and guidance. Giving meaning and enjoyment to the pupils’ present learning experience and to encourage self-motivation, a passion for learning and the ability to adapt to change throughout life.

Health - To encourage all pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle through the many activities offered at GTS.

Opportunity - To provide equal opportunities for development for all members of the school community that will develop their skills and personal qualities.

Responsibility - To prepare pupils to be responsible citizens within the community and to give them the flexibility and skills to meet the demands of a rapidly changing society.



Behaviour at GTS



Our school and behaviours are built on three key pillars:

Ready – Respectful - Safe

These pillars underpin every aspect of the GTS way.

- We use these words in language when **engaging** with our pupils
- We use these words when we consider how we want our pupils to **be during** the transition process, towards themselves and others
- We use these words when we consider how we want our young people to be when they leave GTS.
- **Ready** to take on the world, **Respectful** of others and able to conduct themselves in a **Safe** way.

Ready

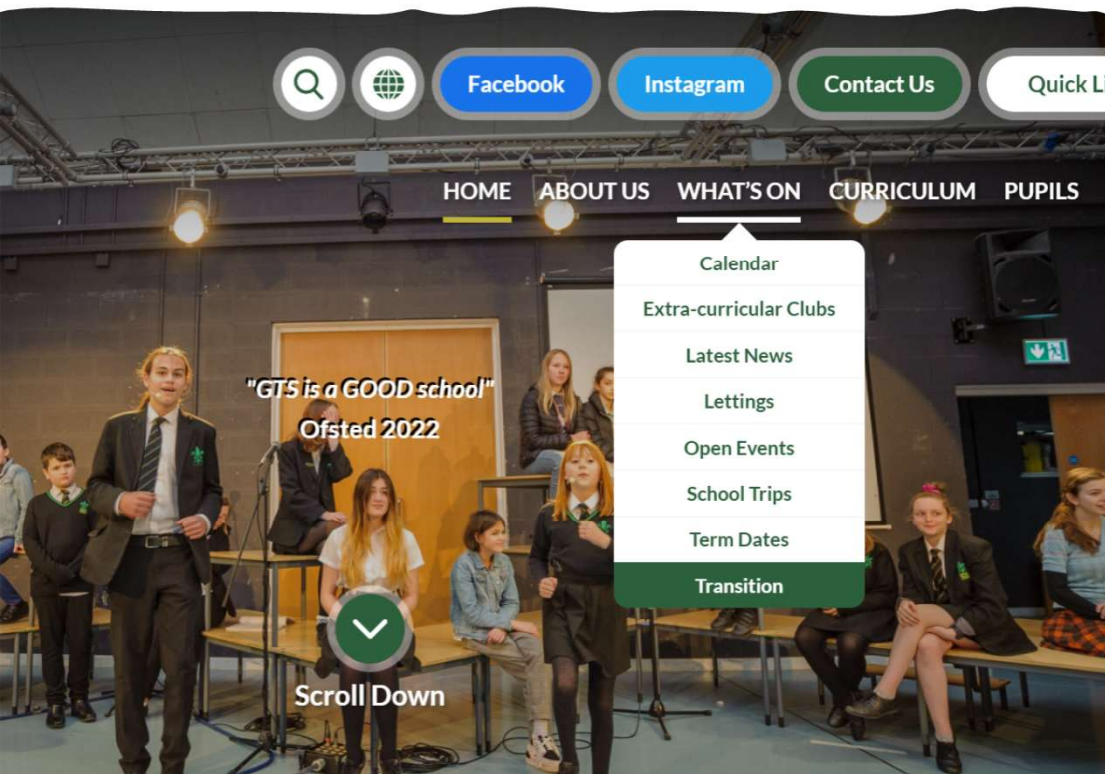
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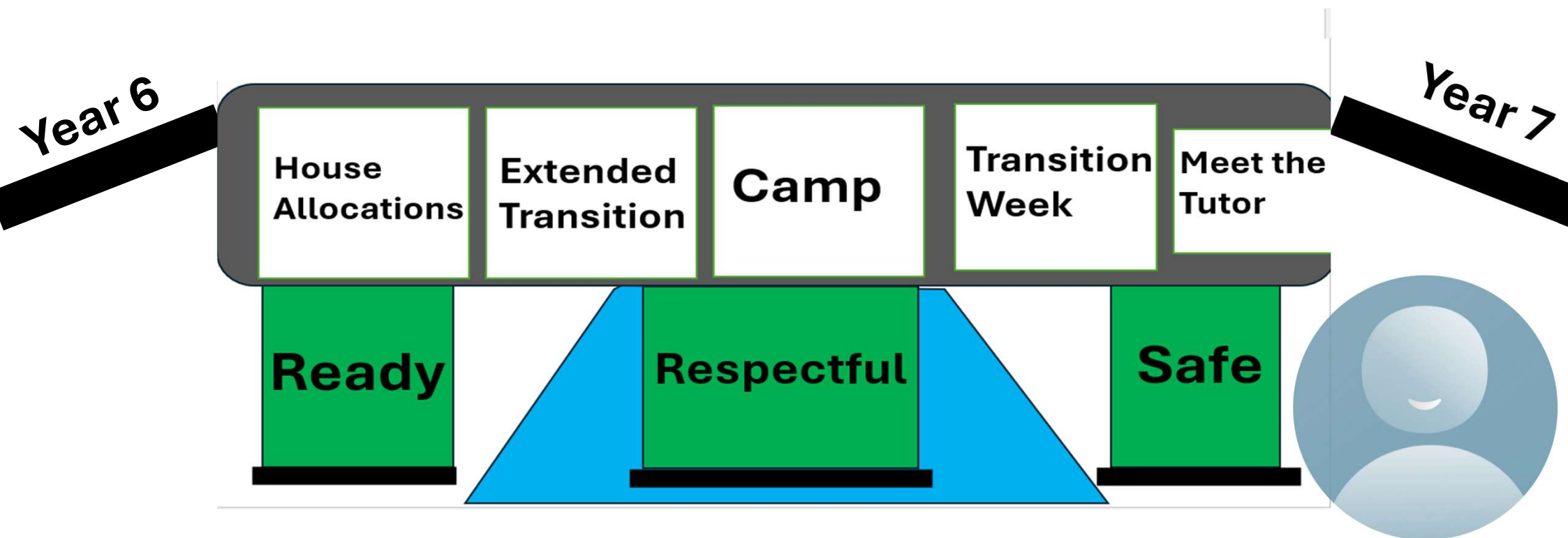
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House Allocations



In GTS we have 4 Houses that all pupils are allocated into:

Endurance / **Resolution** / **Discovery** / **Endeavour**

The House system serves many purposes in GTS:

- Pastoral Support, Pupil Coaches, Heads of House and House Tutors
 - Sense of School Pride and Identity
 - Assemblies
 - Sports Day
 - Charity Days

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House Allocations - Who goes where?

Endurance / Resolution / Discovery / Endeavour

- Siblings enter the **same house, unless specifically requested not to**
- Your child's house allocation does not affect their GTS experience, **it is the same high-quality experience in every house**
 - You will receive a letter for your house allocation
 - If you are not in the same house as your friends **do not worry.**
- **Learning groups are different to tutor groups** so you may still be with friends that are not in your tutor group

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Transition Week Dates:

Monday 29th of June to Thursday 2nd of July



Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June

- **Resolution** and **Endeavour** (Group A) go to the UAC (stay one night).
- **Discovery** and **Endurance** (Group B) school-based transition.

Wednesday 1st July & Thursday 2nd July

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“How confident do I feel about Transition?”



Everyone’s experience will be **different** and that’s okay! Some people will find Transition easy, and others may find some aspects challenging. That’s normal. However, by trying your best at every opportunity you are given, you **will** overcome challenges and become more **resilient**.

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For some people Transition may feel like walking over a strong bridge. It will be effortless and easy.



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For others it may feel like walking over an uneven bridge. Nervous or challenging.



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How can we help? – Extended Transition

For our pupils who need a little bit of extra help transitioning before our full transition week takes place.

extra sessions running up to transition week:

- Wednesday 10th June 9.15am – 10.45am

(Familiarity with SEND staff of Great Torrington school)

- Wednesday 17th June 9.15am – 10.45am

(Familiarity with the building and site)

- Wednesday 24th June 9.15am – 10.45am

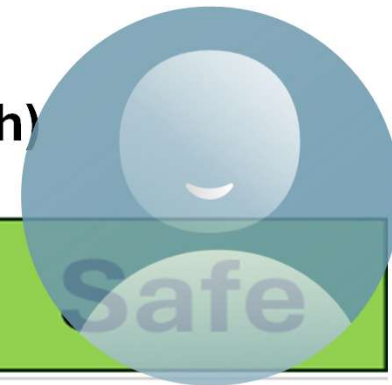
(Familiarity with new peers and friends they will be spending time with)



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Hardy Centre



Extended Transition will be run by the Hardy Centre.

The Hardy Centre helps pupils that have a **variety of needs and/or on a EHCP** to ensure they can access the wider curriculum that we offer at GTS.

The Hardy Centre will be available for pupils to access if they need to re-regulate during transition week



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Payment for Camp



Price of Camp - **£110**

You can pay for camp in **1 of 2 ways**.

1. Split the payment £60 Deposit + £50 to make up the final balance.
2. Pay in full by the **30th of April**

Deposit of £ 60 required by 30th April, and the final balance paid by 5th of June.

Payment is to be made over the phone. The Finance office is closed over the Holidays.

- **If you have an existing child in the school, you may pay through IRIS ParentMail through that child's account.**
- **You will be sent a communication via email for when the payment portal is set up**

Access for All

Not all of year 6 choose to go to camp. Those who choose not to attend camp can come to GTS for four days of school-based transition.

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Camp - The Ultimate Adventure Centre Ltd.

- A host of outdoor activities and games
- A chance to bond with new peers that are in your house
- Need to bring **packed lunch** for the first day
- **No mobile phones**, you will not need them (**unless a medical requirement such as Diabetes**)
- It is the best bit about Transition



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GTS TRANSITION WEEK TRIP



The "Why": Benefits of Outdoor Learning



**Building
Resilience**



**Social
Bonds**



Life Skills



The Centre

35 acres of land, surrounded by green fields and just a stones throw away from England's adventure coast.

A purpose-built facility with state-of-the-art activity apparatus and led by qualified and experienced staff.





Student Accommodation



Adventure Barns

**10 bed bunk rooms
with ensuite toilet &
showers**



**Large indoor &
outdoor social
spaces**



An aerial photograph of a farm complex. In the center, a red callout box with a white border and a downward-pointing arrow contains the text "GTS Block". The farm features several large, dark-roofed buildings, a paved parking area with several cars, and various smaller structures. The surrounding landscape includes green fields, a road, and a bridge in the distance.

GTS Block





Kayaking & SUP



High Ropes



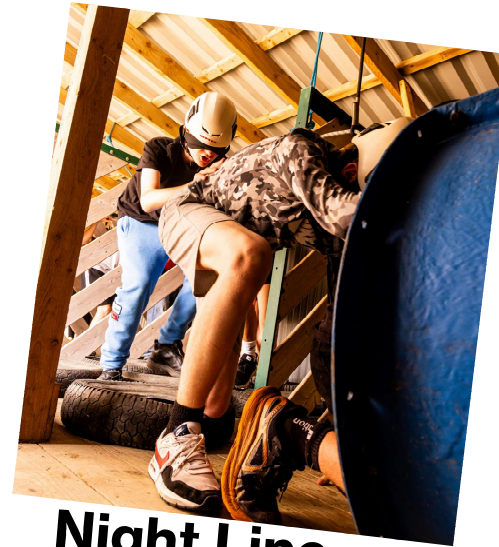
Assault Course



Rockets & Riddles



Frisbee Golf



Night Line



Climbing Walls



Catering

The food at The Ultimate Adventure Centre is renowned for quality and quantity. We have vegetarian and vegan options and can cater for any dietary requirements

We provide hot meal options for breakfast and dinner with a grab & go style packed lunch which includes a sandwich/roll, soup of the day, fresh fruit, crisps and a choice of snack bars.

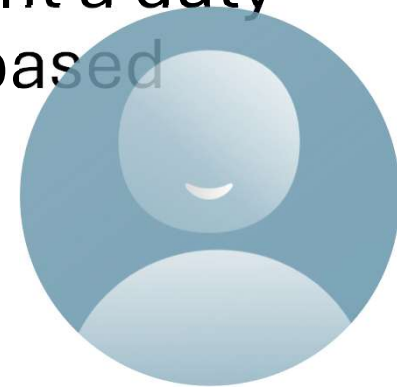




Security

The centre is equipped with CCTV, lockable gates and perimeter fencing that covers the entirety of the venue.

We also deploy 24/7 duty meaning no matter the time of day or night a duty staff member is based onsite.



Our Staff

Our team brings years of experience in outdoor education and school transitions. We work on a 1 activity leader per 10 student's ratio during activity sessions.

First Aid (Emergency/Outdoor)	100% of Team
Safeguarding & Child Protection	100% of Team
Mental Health First Aid	Accessible 24/7



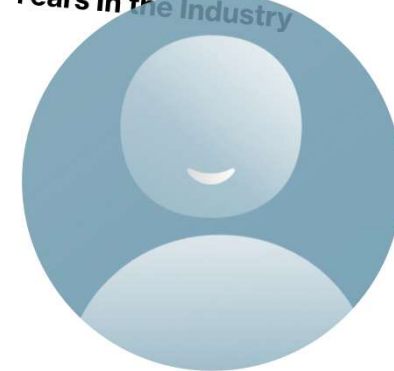
Rebecca –Bookings Manager
15+ Years In Customer Service



Simon – Activities Manager
25+ Years In the Industry



Jordan – Senior Instructor
10+ Years In the Industry



Our Industry





Q & A

Will be at the end of the session. Next to the Tea and Coffee!





Photos from Camp 2022



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Transition Week Dates for time in School



Monday 23rd June & Tuesday 24th June

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Wednesday 25th June & Thursday 26th June

- **Resolution** and **Endeavour** (Group A) school-based transition.

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Transition Week in School



By the end of the week your child will:

- Get to know the school building
- Be in touch with procedures for example where to go in the event of a fire drill
- Get to know your new peers
- Meet some of your new teachers
- Have classes in a secondary school format
- Made a positive impression

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School Based Transition



What do our current year 7 pupils think of Transition?



When asked: What did you enjoy about Transition last year?

Lewis – “I met some of the people I would be working with such as pupils and staff who were already in school and this helped me.”

Brooke- “It helped me settle in, made new friends. It made me less nervous because I knew who would be around me in September.”

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Meet the Tutor Evening – 13th July



This is an evening that is organised so you and your child can meet our high-quality year 7 tutors. The evening is about understanding:

- Expectations for September.
- What your time in GTS will look like come September
- A time to get to know your new tutor, parents get to meet the Head of Learning and offers the ability to have quick chat with your new peers

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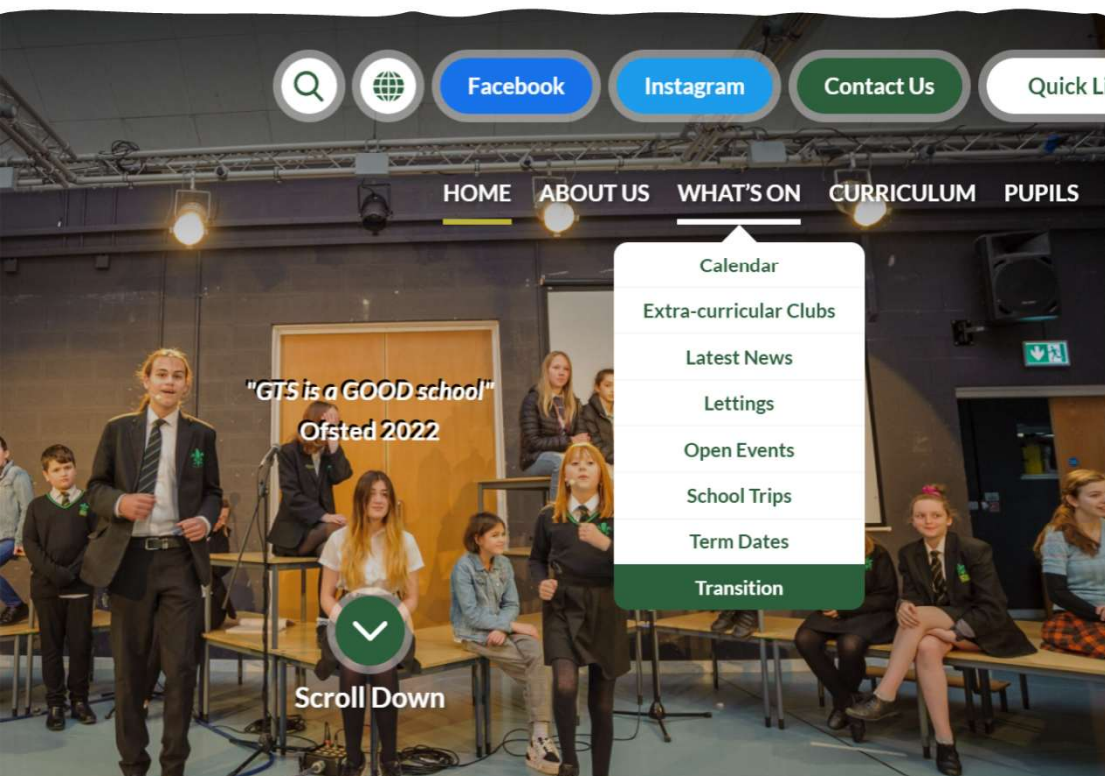
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Moving on from this evening

- If you think we should know something. Tell us. If you feel like your child's Primary school should make us aware of something. Tell them.
- I will be visiting Primary Schools to speak to pupils about the process between now and Transition Week.
- Positive encouragement throughout this time. Transition is a large process.
- If you have any questions, please speak to Lewis and Myself about Camp. Myself and Clancy about extended Transition.
- Please feel free to discuss with our Junior Leaders at the back about their time at GTS.

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**DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE**

Thank you very much for your time

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