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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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A FORTNIGHTLY PUBLICATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS AT GATEACRE SCHOOL

We know that as parents of Gateacre School students, you have high hopes for your children's futures, and we share those aspirations wholeheartedly. Your feedback has been invaluable, clearly indicating your desire for greater insight into their academic progress.

In response, we are proactively developing clearer pathways for you to support your child's learning in 2025-26. This will include:

- Subject Roadmaps: Comprehensive outlines of the curriculum content in each subject, showing progression across the academic year and beyond.
- Assessment Transparency: Clear schedules detailing when and how your child will be assessed in each subject.
- **Focused Homework Strategies:** A more structured approach to homework, designed to consolidate learning effectively and, in many cases, provide opportunities for advanced exploration.

Our dedicated teaching team is working hard to ensure that you, as key partners in your child's education, are fully equipped with the information you need to provide the best possible support. We are confident that these enhanced communication strategies will further enrich your child's learning experience.



UNLOCKING EXCEPTIONAL POTENTIAL: INTRODUCING THE GATEACRE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

At Gateacre School, we are passionate about nurturing exceptional academic talent. Our dedicated Scholars Programme offers a specialised and personalised journey designed to stretch and challenge our most able pupils, empowering them to reach their full potential.

We recognise the well-documented link between background and academic achievement in the UK today, and we are determined to ensure that access to the very best universities is within reach for all our gifted students. The Gateacre Scholars Programme is an exclusive initiative, carefully crafted for a select group of exceptionally talented individuals. This programme goes beyond simply developing academic abilities; it provides enriching experiences and cultivates the confidence needed to not only access but also thrive within the UK's most prestigious higher education institutions.

For instance, all our Scholars will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and participate in musical gradings. Our research strongly indicates a positive correlation between musical training and academic success, fostering discipline, focus, and cognitive development.

Northern Schools Trust has a proud track record of guiding students towards top universities, including Oxbridge, LSE, Imperial College, and Durham. Our growing alumni network will also provide invaluable support and inspiration, encouraging our Scholars to believe that their highest ambitions are truly attainable.

Scholars will benefit from a range of exciting enrichment opportunities, including fencing, Classics, Latin, and rowing. They will also hone their oracy skills through the Lamda project, culminating in participation in debating competitions. Furthermore, enriching overseas trips will broaden their horizons and provide invaluable cultural experiences. Join us as we invest in the future success of our brightest minds.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY - 23RD JUNE 2025

To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day, we are inviting Year 5 girls to take part in an exciting and hands-on engineering challenge.

The event is designed to test creativity, problemsolving and teamwork skills. Students will spend the day at Gateacre School, getting the chance to work with one another, alongside Gateacre staff and students, to design, build, test and present an exciting engineering project.

Successful completion of the day's challenges will enable participating students to achieve the Crest Discovery Award.

The event will also provide them with the opportunity to solve real-world challenges and discover how science and engineering impacts everyday life.



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