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CRICKET SUCCESS: A NEW PITCH & COMMUNITY EVENT!

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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS
AT GATEACRE SCHOOL

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent investment in a **state-of-the-art cricket pitch** at Gateacre Secondary School! This initiative has not only enhanced our sports facilities but has also provided our students with invaluable opportunities to develop their skills and confidence in cricket.

Recently, we proudly hosted a **primary school cricket event** that kicked off with a comprehensive skills workshop, followed by an exciting and competitive tournament. Schools from the local area, including Barlow's, Kingsley, Lister, St. Cecelia's, and Windsor, participated in this memorable day. The atmosphere was electric, with students showcasing their abilities while enjoying the spirit of friendly competition.

Our **Year 9 and Year 10 sports leaders** truly shone, taking on the role of mentors and role models throughout the event. Their outstanding leadership and support did not go unnoticed, as one parent remarked: "Your pupils are supportive, kind, and strong leaders."

This feedback powerfully underscores the positive impact our students have on their peers and reflects the ethos we strive to cultivate at Gateacre.

The quality of our new **2G FLICX pitch** was a significant highlight, providing an ideal playing surface. Feedback from participating schools was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing eagerness to return for future cricket events. This investment not only enhances our sports curriculum but also strengthens our community ties and fosters a love for the game among our students.

We are immensely proud of our pupils and their achievements, and we eagerly anticipate how this new facility will continue to benefit our school community for years to come. Thank you for your ongoing support as we strive to provide our students with the best opportunities in sports and beyond.



MARGARET CRANNY CHAMPIONS STUDENT SUCCESS AT GATEACRE SCHOOL WITH FUNDING INITIATIVE

Margaret Cranny, a dedicated supporter of education and community engagement, has announced her commitment to invest in Gateacre School by providing funding for top-performing pupils in each year group who exemplify the school's GREAT values: Gracious, Respect, Excellence, Ambition, and Teamwork.

This initiative aims to recognise and reward students who not only excel academically but also embody the principles that the school stands for.

Margaret, alongside a small group of other parents, raised approximately £2,700 in funds, predating the COVID-19 pandemic. She feels now is the time to cement the school's vision to be values-driven by rewarding pupils who embody and exemplify these values.

Margaret's connection to the school community runs deep. As a mother of twin children, she has actively engaged with parents and has supported her children and others by listening to them read weekly. Her involvement extends beyond fundraising; she has served as a governor, participated in appeals committees, and even invigilated exams at Gateacre. With her extensive experience and commitment, Margaret understands the challenges of fundraising and organising events, having witnessed the evolution of the school over the years, and found she could help in this respect.

Reflecting on Gateacre's journey, Margaret is incredibly encouraged by the direction of travel of the school and has acknowledged the need for change. She emphasises the importance of parental involvement, stating her view:

"I support the school, and the school supports my child. We must get behind the school as parents. Fostering a strong connection between parents and the school is essential for student success."

In addition to her commitment to the school, Margaret remains active in the community, attending events and supporting local initiatives. Her personal experiences as a working mother and her understanding of the various challenges parents face fuel her passion for helping children succeed.

Margaret's investment in Gateacre School not only aims to reward exceptional pupils but also seeks to inspire a culture of excellence within the school community. Through her recent attempts, she hopes to foster an environment where students are encouraged to achieve their best while embodying the values that define Gateacre School.