

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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The communication between school and parent is vital in reinforcing to students that the school and you, the parent, is a team with the same goal: to support children in reaching their potential.

AIM HIGH

Dear Parent/Carer,

As this calendar year slowly moves towards its end and mock examinations begin in earnest, I would like to share some positive messages.

As I analyse the attendance data for this week, I would like to congratulate the students along with the parents and carers of Year 11 who have treated their mocks with the mature approach that they deserve and attended school regularly in order that they may complete them, hopefully to the best of their ability.

Similarly, I would wish to applaud students, parents, and carers of Years 7, 8 and 9 who have also improved on their attendance this week. Congratulations and well done. All I need for next week; is for Year 10 to improve their attendance and we may have a full set. Let's aim for that between us all!

Last Friday also saw Gateacre School attend the Educate Awards, held in the Anglican Cathedral where we won The Most Inspiration Secondary School. Gateacre School was runner up in the Innovative and Creative Literacy category whilst Ms Chapman was runner up in the Best Teacher section. Congratulations to all those colleagues involved.

Last night saw a Key Stage 3 trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This was a very popular trip and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all that went. With regards trips and their popularity, I am looking at how we can make them more accessible to you all and the procedures around the allocation. Further details to follow.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

EDUCATE AWARD WINNERS!

We had a wonderful evening at this year's Educate Awards. As well as being serenaded by one of our Year 11 Music Students, Aiden Ellis, it was a great opportunity to meet up with friend and colleagues from across the North West education sector.

We were up for an incredible 4 awards this year

- Innovative & Creative Literacy Award- RUNNER UP
- Outstanding Arts in Secondary School- FINALIST
- **Most Inspirational Secondary School- WINNER**
- Catherine Chapman for Teacher of the Year- RUNNER UP

2023 had seen a record number of entries and the high standard of entries has left the judging panel extremely impressed, making this year one of the most challenging to judge. To be shortlist for 4 awards, let alone be runner up for 2 and then win one of the biggest awards of the night is an incredible achievement, one of which we are very proud.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND PHOTOS
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [HERE](#)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 24TH NOV

Year 7	93.75% up
Year 8	91.15% up
Year 9	89.15% up
Year 10	86.05% down
Year 11	90.65% up



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

WEEK ENDING 17TH NOV

Year 7	93.2% up
Year 8	90.85% up
Year 9	88.75% up
Year 10	87% down
Year 11	88.15% down

CHAMPIONS!

The following students represented the school yesterday in the Liverpool Schools dodgeball tournament at Belvedere Academy. We had two teams involved and both played outstanding and reached the quarter finals. Team A got knocked out against Calderstones but team B progressed into the semifinal and went on to win and reach the final against ST Julies, it was a really tight game but the girls showed great resilience and went on to win 2-1. All students were a credit to the PE department and the school showing great sportsmanship.

thank Sam

Team A

Isabelle Metcalf

Abbie Harrison

Olivia Clegg

Abbie Chung

Eva Caplin

Jamie Lee Clegg

Team B

Ellie Abrams

Zynab Elmallah

Yasmina Constant

Holly Strange

Eva Houghton

Louise Thomas

Elsa Bogh



CHECKMATE

An excellent afternoon of intense chess was played by our three teams as we hosted the heats for the English School national competition, among 12 teams in total. Unfortunately none of our teams qualified for the next round of the national competition, however our A team had some great individual performances and with a more favourable draw may well have qualified. Our C team, comprised solely of new year 7 players, succumbed to a series of 4-move checkmates, "Scholar's mate", further training will be needed for them to compete with the best in the city! Well done to all the students involved, who represented the school really well and gave their best effort against tough opponents.

Notable individual performances:

Tom Frankland-Leatham - unbeaten with 2 wins and 1 draw (on board 2, a fantastic performance)

Dareen Mohammadi - 2 wins

Tony Li - 1 win, 1 draw

GATEACRE GREATS

A WEEKLY 'WELL-DONE' TO STUDENTS
BEING THE BEST THEY CAN BE

Year 7- Chloe Dunne

For always going above and beyond in science!

Year 8- Mia Morris

She did an amazing piece of writing in Spanish really challenging herself by using complex language. It was a pleasure to read!

Year 9- Hallie-Rae McKeever

For the amount of effort she has been putting into science both in and out of lessons!

Year 10- 10B Drama Class

10B have come a long way since the start of the term and have taken to devising really well creating thought provoking performances using a wide range of GCSE theatrical techniques. I am very excited for the devising journey ahead with this class! Keep up the good work, Miss Walker

Year 11- Demi Dryhurst

For teaching a group of her peers a 30 second Cheer leading routine during a PE lesson. She demonstrated amazing talent and leadership skills.

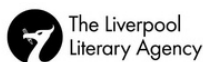
The BIG Little Library is based in Belle Vale Shopping Centre.
We are open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

CHRISTMAS BOOK FLOOD

The BIG Little Library will give away BRAND NEW books for FREE for 1 day only.

Save money by giving the gift of a BRAND NEW, FREE book this Christmas and let's create a Book Flood!

Saturday 25th November 10-4pm



THEBIGLITTLELIBRARY

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Year 7- Amber O'Shea

Shout out to the very well-mannered Amber O'Shea who maintains a really neat Mathematics exercise book, tries really hard and is making good progress. Always a role model for staff and students alike!

Year 8- Daniel Adams

For consistently trying hard in English and always pushing himself further to do well.

Year 9- Wiktorija Warda

For the amount of effort she puts in 24/7 for Science.

Year 10- Ilayda Tuna and Vitalii Drupov

Are amazing in Computing. Fantastic work on their Augmented Reality prototype.

Year 11- Amber Clews

For outstanding effort in her arr course work and working hard after school to boost her grade.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th NOV

The BIG Little Library annual
BOOK FLOOD

Brand new books and chocolate
for free 10-4pm (or until we run out!)

8th DEC

INSET Day

19th DEC

Christmas Concert

22th DEC

Break for Christmas

Gateacre School
Music Department presents



Christmas Concert

7PM, 19TH DECEMBER

TICKETS £3

AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON



Winner of
Most Inspirational
Secondary School 2023