

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.

DATE CHANGES

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of this cold, wintery week comes to an end, I hope that you are all remaining warm.

May I start with a reminder to you all; Gateacre School will be closed to all students due to an INSET Day on Friday 8th December 2023. Please ensure that you make provision for your child next Friday.

Also, parents' evening in the new year will move from Tuesday after school, reverting back to Thursday, after school. The first parents evening that will be affected by this change is Year 9 which will now take place on Thursday 25th January 2024. The start and end times will not change. All will begin at 3:30pm.

Unfortunately, attendance so far this week has not achieved the improved position that we noticed last week. Year 11 students, in particular need to be in school every day, particularly during the mock examination period. Please ensure that your child, whatever year they are in, attend school on a regular basis. Remember, attendance, impacts on grades. An attendance of 90% will cost a student a GCSE grade!

I hope you enjoy your weekend when it comes.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

BOOK FLOOD

Last Saturday we held our annual Book Flood in our BIG Little Library.

It was a wonderful day, and we managed to give away over 3000 new (and some preloved) books!!

There are too many incredible stories from the day, but to pick just one, a woman travelled from Anfield as she had heard that a family with 3 children had just lost everything in a house fire and she wanted to help them. We managed to fill a box with books, chocolates, crayons, board games, knitted toys from the knit and natter group and even wrap it for her!

We were also able to give our Advent Book Boxes out to visiting Primary School Teachers. This year we have been able to help 28 schools from across the city with the gift of 24 individually wrapped books to be opened each day during December. Keep a lookout on our BIG Little Library social media accounts for the photos.

It was great to see some of our students and staff pop in, along with lots of the local primary students with parents as well as many new customers.

Our student helpers on the day were incredible and didn't stop once, and we even had an impromptu visit from former student Ethan Fitzgibbon dressed as the Grinch!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	88.8% down
Year 8	91% down
Year 9	86.9% down
Year 10	86.9% up
Year 11	86.1% down

GATEACRE GREATS

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

Year 7- Finnlay Barnes

For just being an absolute pleasure to teach. Such a polite and hard working young man. An absolute credit to our school and a Spanish superstar!

Year 8- Leighton Kierman

He has been trying so hard in English. He always volunteers to read and continuously puts his hand up and participates in class discussions. He has been a real role model to others lately.

Year 9- Leo Korucku and Thomas Connor

Working exceptionally hard in their Numeracy Sessions

Year 10- Joseph Fielding

Story with a great atmosphere and characterisation created for English assessment.

Year 11- 11W4 - Science

I am so so proud of every single one of my students in 11W4. I see how far they have come since year 9 and the incredible changes in work ethic they have made. I'm so excited to see what they can achieve this summer in their GCSEs. Miss. Robinson

Gateacre School
Music Department presents



Christmas Concert

7PM, 19TH DECEMBER

TICKETS £3

AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th DEC
INSET Day

19th DEC
Christmas Concert

Tickets available from reception and Music Dept.

22th DEC
Break for Christmas

25th JAN
Year 9 Parents Evening

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

