

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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**1.** 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.

Dear Parent/Carer,

## SNOWDAYS

Once again may I thank you for your understanding during what was a difficult week. Unexpected snow or icy weather does present its difficulties for us all.

As this week comes to an end and we welcome the weekend, next week will see the end of the options presentations for students and the beginning of conversations with parents/carers around appropriate choices for GCSE studies. With that in mind, I shall be sharing with you the options booklet detailing the courses available and the content within the course. This will be released to all Year 9 families on Monday in preparation for the Year 9 parents' evening taking place on Thursday 25th January 2024. It is imperative that you make that evening a priority so that you are able to understand and work with your child and ourselves so that the right GCSE course is chosen during this process.

Clearly attendance has been affected with the difficult weather conditions experienced this week. I would ask that as we return to warmer temperatures we once again make it a priority to attend school every day. As the attendance campaign states, "moments matter, attendance counts".

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY VISIT

A group of 13 Year 9 students recently visited University of Liverpool for a STEM event.

The day started with the students splitting into groups and completing tricky maths questions for points. They had a total of 65 minutes to complete as many questions as possible. The winning team had Carson, Enock, Rexley and Chris in it who scored a total of 200 points, the highest of any team over the two days!

The second event involved the students going into a giant dome and using the telescope to view the planets. They got to learn all about the different planets and moons in the solar system.

The final event was an AI event where the students were asked to complete a task manually and then have AI complete it and see who did it the quickest. The answer... AI did!

The students had a really fun day going around the university and looking at topics that they wouldn't normally cover in school.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	88.8% down
Year 8	85.3% down
Year 9	86.8% down
Year 10	88% down
Year 11	85.75% down

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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# GATEACRE GREATS

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



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## Year 8- Finlay Thompson

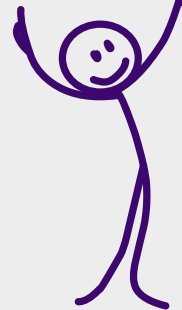
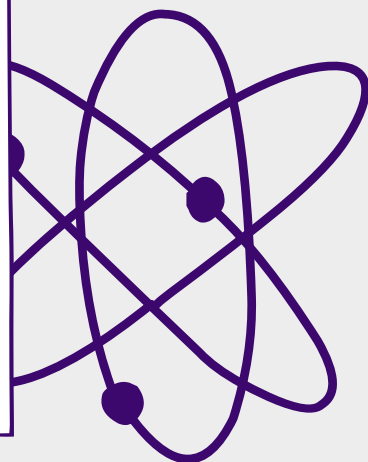
Finlay spent time during his lesson supporting a student who was struggling. He guided them through their work with care and compassion. He is a lovely mature young person who puts others before himself. I am so proud of him! Mrs Ward

## Year 9- Millie Ridgeway and Lee Costello

For achieving top marks in their geography assessment. Well done Miss Joe x

## Year 10- Yona Dyar and Aysa Heydarian Ivrih

Who represented the school at the Liverpool School's parliament. They were a credit to Gateacre!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th JAN

Year 9 Parents Evening

8th FEB

6th Form Open Evening

9th FEB

Break up for Half Term



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