

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.

Dear Parent or Carer,

As the final week of the half term draws to a close we can reflect on what has been a short but very busy half term.

Building on the success of the Careers Fair last week, last night we hosted a busy Sixth Form Open Evening for our current Year 10 and 11 students. This again was a successful event with many parents engaged in meaningful discussions with subject leads around subject choices and associated pathways through sixth form and beyond. This process will develop as we move through the remainder of the Spring Term into the Summer Term. Further information and updates will be shared with you as this process continues.

With regards to the Year 9 options process, the deadline for submission is Friday 9th February 2024. On our return to school after half term, I shall, along with other colleagues, begin the next stage of the process, once again ensuring that you are informed at each stage.

Last week the Attendance Team shared with you updated messages about attendance and our increasing desire to swiftly respond and improve our current attendance figures. As you are aware from previous newsletters this is a national campaign and one which the Liverpool region is similarly focused on. In order to ensure that attendance remains a priority for all, I have included those messages once more in this newsletter:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of procedures for reporting absence and what we will do if we do not receive a reason for absence.

All absences should be reported to school by 8:45am

- Our preferred method is that absence is recorded via the absence section of the Edulink One app
- You can also email your year admin officer or call and leave a message 0151 363 1111

Year 7	f.henry@gateacre.org	extension 105
Year 8	a.moore@gateacre.org	extension 108
Year 9	f.henry@gateacre.org	extension 105
Year 10	k.langley@gateacre.org	extension 107
Year 11	k.langley@gateacre.org	extension 107
6th Form	a.moore@gateacre.org	extension 108

After 9:30am we will send a text / Edulink message to anyone who has not reported an absence. We will request that you contact school asap to provide a reason for absence.

We will follow up non-responses with a phone call home. We may also conduct a home visit.

Our expectation is that all students attend school on time, every day. If there are more complicated reasons for absence please contact your child's Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year who will be able to support you and your child.

As we move into the half term week I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Over the last couple of weeks our students have had the opportunity to begin looking seriously at their future pathways.

Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to take part in mock interviews with the Civil Service. As well as a formal interview they had their cover letters and CV's critiqued. A valuable process for all involved.

The following week our Year 9-13 students took part in our annual Careers Fair. This year we saw over 35 exhibitors from higher education, apprenticeships, trades, blue light services and forces discuss future career options. For our younger students this was one of the first opportunities to seriously think about how their subject choices could impact their future career.

And finally this week our Year 12 students went out on work experience.

As always our student were a credit to the school.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	90.9% up
Year 8	88.35% up
Year 9	83.95% down
Year 10	82.85% down
Year 11	83.95% down

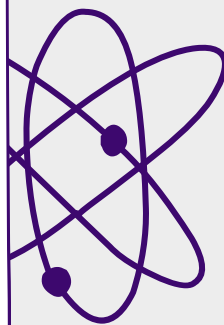
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MATTER,
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The February "Eat to Meet" programme starts on the 12th Feb. Lots of great activities over the school holidays. Specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, food is also provided at no cost as well! For more details click [here](#).

GATEACRE GREATS

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

Year 7- 7S1 Drama

Absolutely phenomenal written AP1 results and the way they work together and perform every lesson is like teaching a GCSE class.

Year 8- Euan Cartwright

Making outstanding progress on a number of instruments. Euan is in so many extra-curricular music activities and is a pleasure to have around.

Year 9- Y9 - Ellie Richardson

For being a good citizen by helping a young pupil from a different school who was in distress and ensuring she got home safely.

Year 10- Vanessa Vaiciunaite

For achieving a 9 on her AP1 in Geography. She is working so hard at the moment and I am really impressed. Well done Vanessa. Mrs Woods

Year 11- Reece Hambleton

Is consistently hard working. His work on the GCSE English Literature poetry anthology this week has been mature and thoughtful.

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Year 7- Ava Lily Furlong

Who showed real dedication in there Numeracy Session.

Year 8- Isabella Kemp

For getting 97% in her Spanish AP1. Totally blown away! Well done! Mrs Thomas

Year 9- Annabella Nyenre

Her attitude to learning and achievements in History have been outstanding all year!

Year 10- Fraya Fendley

Stayed behind for a 1-1 for maths on Monday.

Year 11- Aaliyah French

For securing her own volunteer working experience.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th FEB

Break up for Half Term

29th FEB

Year 7 Parents Evening

14th MARCH

Year 8 Parents Evening

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