

# 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 parents and carers,

For the second week running attendance has been better than this time last year. Thank you for your continued support of this priority and long may it continue. With the change in the weather this week to normal September conditions, I would like to congratulate our students along with parents and carers for the way in which you all managed the hot weather last week. Students have attended school this week extremely smart and well presented.

With regards to communication, I am aware that a large number of parents and carers struggled to contact school last week due to the phone line being continuously engaged. We hopefully have addressed this and you should be able to telephone school and speak to our receptionist more easily. In addition, you may also contact school via our admin email address [admin@gateacre.org](mailto:admin@gateacre.org) where one of our Admin Team will field your email to the most appropriate colleague.

Could I please remind you of our school access agreement, as highlighted on our contacts us page of our website, [Contact Us - Gateacre School](#) - regarding the expected response time from colleagues here in school. Similarly, could I also ask that you communicate with school directly and not through your child who is unable to use their mobile phone whilst in school. The measures put in place regarding the telephone line should now enable you to do so more easily.

By popular student demand we have reintroduced 'win a waffle Friday' as part of our rewards system. We will, during this term, ask our young people about what reasonable prizes they would like as a reward for participation in school life.

On a final note, could I refer you to my Edulink message regarding Open Evening on Wednesday and our change to the timings of the school day on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

May I thank you for your continued support and wish you all a cooler, relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones



## WARM WEATHER AND WAFFLES!

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

## SPORTS SUPERSTARS

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Our very own superstar Ruby Webster in year 9 has been selected by England to take part in their Football Academy pathway which if chosen, can lead to Ruby being selected to represent England under 14s. Also, over the summer Ruby signed for Blackburn Rovers Ladies RTC U14s.

Year 8 boys football team faced Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy in round 1 of the national cup, which is something the school hasn't been a part of for some years and the spectacle certainly didn't disappoint. With the final score at 2-2 we went to penalties. Heroics from Andrew Quinn, seen Gateacre win 5-4 on penalties and progress to the next round and face either St. Margarets or Wade Deacon High School.

Year 7	96.2%
Year 8	91.2%
Year 9	91.1%
Year 10	88.75%
Year 11	88.35%



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## GATEACRE GREATS

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

### Year 7- Zalan Fazekas

He has been an absolute superstar in his first full week. He's happy, helpful, hardworking and a joy to teach!

### Year 8- Molly O'Neill

Excellent work in music lessons, and getting involved with Pop Voices for the first time - well done!

### Year 8- Leighton Holman

He has made an outstanding start to the year. His spoken Spanish is exquisite (he sounds like a native Spaniard!) and I'm really impressed with his positive work ethic.

### Year 9- Hallie-Rae Kever

For her great start in History. She seemed a bit hesitant at first but really worked to overcome this in a positive way.

### Year 10- Miss Kilner's Y10 class

They have made a fantastic start to their English GCSE course. They've worked really hard this week! Well done.

### Year 11- Courtney Gorman

For working consistently hard in Geography and making an excellent start to year 11. Mrs Woods

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19TH SEPT

Year 11 Parents/Carers  
Information Evening

20TH SEPT

Open Evening for 2024 intake  
(Early finish for Gateacre  
Students, 2.20pm)

2ND OCT

INSET Day

10TH OCT

Year 7 Form Tutor Meet &  
Greet



Y12 BUSINESS STUDIES

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

