

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.

I am delighted to introduce myself as Principal of Gateacre School.

I am a strong believer in the power of outstanding education to transform lives. I have had the privilege of meeting and addressing your children this week which has highlighted the abundant latent potential they hold. I am determined to help them actualise this potential during their time here at Gateacre, ensuring they have the tools to then thrive as they finish their journey with us.

I will ensure that during years 7-11, we have forged a bespoke pathway for your child(ren) to transition into a thriving Sixth Form provision.

I cannot do this alone. Gateacre has a talented and dedicated team of staff, and Governors, and of course, you. You play an instrumental part in this journey. We will work together, united in a common vision - to provide life changing opportunities through education for every pupil.

Mr N. Jamil
Principal



EASTER ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Congratulations to
our Easter
attendance winners.

100% for the final
week of term.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Raulis Vaiciunas

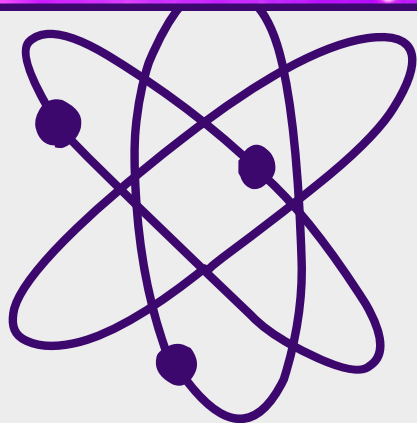
Gold Award
International Chemistry Olympiad

INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

We are thrilled to announce that our very own, Raulis (yr13), has achieved a Gold Award at the prestigious international Chemistry Olympiad! His hard work and dedication have paid off with an impressive score of 33 marks, placing him in the top 8% nationally out of 14,915 participants.

Designed to challenge and inspire, the Chemistry Olympiad is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the field of chemistry. Budding chemists develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations.

Join us in congratulating Raulis on this incredible achievement - we couldn't be prouder!



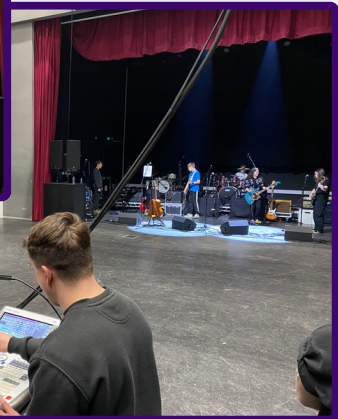
YEAR 10 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our amazing Year 10 team on their 1-0 victory in the cup final against West Derby this week. Special shoutout to Matthew Webster for scoring the winning goal in a nail-biting match. We are so proud of these talented players, they truly deserve this win!

YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL



CHAMPIONS!



ADLIB INDUSTRY DAY

Another incredible Industry Day for over 50 Gateacre students.

The event is hosted, free of charge, by professional sound and lighting company Adlib who regularly tour with the likes of The Script, 1975, Russell Howard, Jimmy Carr and Rick Astley.

The day is designed to give industry insight to the students who, by working alongside the Adlib team, learned about the production equipment, how it is set up, and the different skills required. They also gained an understanding of the necessary commitment to work in the events industry.

The day began with an Health and Safety briefing and involved all the students assisting in unloading the equipment off the truck and into the theatre at the school. During the equipment set-up, the students were informed about each item and how it all came together to produce a show. In the evening concert, the school had 7 of their bands from various years playing, plus the staff band and established local Headline band Reignmaker (with former Gateacre students as members), fresh off their latest tour supporting The Zutons. The students then remained to assist with the breakdown of all the equipment and the loading of the trucks.

This day is very much a highlight of the school calendar. It's a wonderful occasion for our students to work alongside professionals and form links, encouraging possible future careers. Being able to involve students in the technical aspect, as well as the performing roles in making this event happen, is both fantastic and memorable. The opportunity to work with such state-of-the-art equipment is a privilege and something our students really remember!



FOR BRAVE MACBETH...

The incredible theatre company Katch-22 recently staged a production of Macbeth for our Year 11 students in preparation for their GCSE exam which is only a few weeks away!



Before Easter Year 7 football team faced Cardinal Heenan in the final of the Merseyside Cup. The game took place at Walton Park and the lads endured a mix of weather ranging from sun, wind, rain and hail. Not the weather you'd want for a final.

Despite the unpredictable weather the boys came out flying. All the pressure was Gateacre with Heenan struggling to react. It was chance after chance with the woodwork being struck on three different occasions.

Heenan only managed one attack the first half and a late challenge in the box gifted them a penalty. Sam Crookham's streak of saving penalties continued as he denied the Heenan striker keeping the score 0-0.

Just before half time Oscar Fendley strikes a bullet of a freekick to which the keeper can only parry out to the feet of Jay Allport who finally breaks the deadlock. Gateacre lead 1-0.

Half time Gateacre lead 1-0 but are unfortunate to not be up 4-0 if it wasn't for the woodwork.

Unfortunately the half came at a cost as centre back Joe Dagnall was injured. Without a replacement Joe bravely resumed the second half but his mobility was limited. This played into the hands of Heenan who seized the opportunity and played on the injured centre back.

With this unfortunate injury the game flipped on its head. Gateacre weathered the Heenan attacks as well as they could but were gifted two goals by defensive errors. Heenan took the lead 2-1.

The boys battled on bravely but unfortunately couldn't grab the equaliser. With the final minutes approaching Gateacre threw everything they had at the Heenan defence and two quick counter attacks sealed the victory for Heenan finishing the game 4-1.

It wasn't the result we hoped for but the boys were fantastic and the score line certainly doesn't reflect on what was a superb game of football.



MERSEYSIDE CUP FINAL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th MAY
Bank Holiday

9th MAY
Year 10 Parents Evening

27th MAY
Half Term

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

