

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.

A TALE OF TWO HALVES

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another week I reflect and look back at the highlights of this week. Last night saw the Drama Team provide us with a fabulous evening entitled a 'tale of two halves.' The first half saw our students hosting an evening of poetry, showcasing their work, positioned in the atrium at various locations. The second half moved to the theatre where Year 11 students performed their examination pieces to parents/carers and guests. A hugely successful evening that highlighted the wealth of talent that is present in Gateacre students. Well done to all students and staff who made this evening possible.

On a slightly less positive note, attendance this week has been shocking. We have seen a slow decrease in attendance over the last few weeks, however, this week it has reached an unacceptable low. As I and others always state, young people need to be in school in order to achieve. Unless they are in school, learning, they are not going to achieve. It is a simple fact that we need to get right. Our attendance and pastoral team colleagues will be in contact with those parents/cares when their child's attendance becomes a concern.

For those parents and cares who are not ensuring their child attends regularly please can you rectify this. For those parents/carers who do ensure their child gets it right, I thank you.

Please have an enjoyable weekend and remember school is closed to all students on Monday 2nd October due to staff INSET.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones



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We are thrilled to have been shortlisted for the following awards at the years Educate Awards.

- Innovative & Creative Literacy Award
- Outstanding Arts in Secondary School
- Most Inspirational Secondary School
- Catherine Chapman for Teacher of the Year

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	92.65% up
Year 8	88.75% down
Year 9	85.5% down
Year 10	83.9% down
Year 11	86.2% down

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GATEACRE GREATS

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

Year 7- Zalan Fazekas

For an amazing baseline assessment result, and for a fantastic start to Geogrpahy. Mrs Woods

Year 8- Enyah Maher

Enyah turns up to football training, week in week out without any excuses. Enyah's always on time and gives 110% without fail!

Year 9- Deniz Bektas

For his excellent contribution to our discussion about planning a piece of extended writing in History.

Year 10- Yona Dyar

For his positivity and energy in Drama, which lifts everyone around him.

Year 11- GCSE Drama class

For all of their hard work preparing for their Drama showcase.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2ND OCT
INSET Day

10TH OCT
Year 7 Form Tutor Meet & Greet

17th OCT
Sixth Form Parents Evening

27th OCT
Break for Half Term

A big congratulations to our year 8's who progressed in the national cup yesterday after defeating Notre Dame. It was a dominant display and the boys ran out victorious with a scoreline of 9-0. We now face Hilbre High School in the next round.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

A huge congratulations to our U13/14 Girls Football team who progressed through to the second round of the ESFA Girls PlayStation Cup knocking out All Saints Catholic High School, winning 8-0 on the day.

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

