

# 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.

## AUTUMN DAYS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we have moved securely into autumn and have 2 full weeks remaining, I would wish to continue to emphasise attendance and the importance of ensuring that your son or daughter attends school regularly. The recent decrease in attendance has thankfully been halted, so thank you to you all for continuing to keep it as a priority. We just need to ensure that it continues to improve.

On Tuesday, this week we welcomed our Year 7 parents/carers into school for a face-to-face meeting with form tutors and Year 7 pastoral staff. It was good to see you all and I'm sure we have benefitted from those honest, professional conversations that provide that support and guidance for all concerned.

With regards to improving standards, I would like to spend the last 2 weeks focusing on chewing gum or ideally, the lack of it in school. It has appeared to become an essential piece of school equipment which is unfortunately not disposed of properly. Could you please remind our young people that chewing gum is not an essential piece of school equipment and the chewing of it and correct disposal of it should be done before and after school. Thank you for your support.

I hope the autumnal weekend weather remains dry so that we are all able to enjoy what the weekend brings.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

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## YEAR 7 NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2 VICTORY

This week our year 7 football team faced Rainford High School in the next round of the national cup. The first half both sides played decent football with the game being end to end. Gateacre fell behind twice but responded superbly, managing to finish the half 2-2 with goals from Rhys and Abdulrahman.

The second half Gateacre started to dominate, piling on the pressure to the tiring Rainford defense. The bombardment of shots led to a number of corners for the home side. Captain Mason whipped in a corner to the front post which was met by the flying head of Finn. Gateacre lead 3-2. After that, Gateacre just managed the game without any difficulty into the ref blew the final whistle.

We now progress into the next round of the national cup!

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## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	93.15% up
Year 8	89.4% down
Year 9	88.1% up
Year 10	86.3% up
Year 11	84.75% down



## OCT EAT 2 MEET

The October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme starts on the 30th October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Please click [HERE](#) to see what is happening local to you.



## GATEACRE GREATS

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

### Year 7- Drama Class 7st3

Students took part in a debate to see if we are going to keep the dragons that have recently "attacked" our safe zone. The class have impressed me with their debating abilities, their creativity, their believable characters and their overall attitude to learning. Please congratulate them for me, Mrs Ward

### Year 8- Alyssa McGovern

Just completed bronze keyboard, praise from her drum teacher AND an important member of Pop Voices.

### Year 9- Emily Lonergan

Showed me her science home learning which she had completed following our lesson completely from memory and only used the knowledge organiser to mark at the end well done!

### Year 10- Darcie Rainford

For making a fantastic start to English GCSE. Well done!

### Year 11- Scarlett Owen

For positive effort and attitude to learning in History.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th OCT  
Sixth Form Parents Evening

27th OCT  
Break for Half Term

7th NOV  
Year 11 Parents Evening

8th DEC  
INSET Day

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

