

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.

1.

STORMY DAYS

Dear Parent or Carer,

As the end of the seventh week closes and the weather today is stormy and particularly unpleasant, I once again need to request that we all continue to push attendance. As you can see from the figures, there are more decreases than increases across the year groups. We all need to continue to work together to ensure that all our young people attend regularly. Nationally, attendance is a priority as well as a city-wide priority, and we along with all schools must continue to work together to ensure our young people attend regularly.

On Tuesday, we welcomed parents and carers of our sixth form as they met subject teachers in an early evening meeting to discuss attainment and effort in their individual subject specialisms. This was a productive occasion that saw many parents visit school engaged in support of their son or daughter's post 16 education.

As we end the penultimate week and look forward to the final week of half term, I encourage you all to support the school to ensuring that attendance is as much of a priority for you as it is for us.

May you all have an enjoyable weekend whatever the weather.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones

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METAMORPHOSIS

Y10 and 11 GCSE Drama students were blown away this week by the mesmerising production of 'Metamorphosis' at the Playhouse theatre. Performed by renowned theatre company Frantic Assembly, we were thrilled to see Felipe Pacheco playing the lead of Gregor as he has worked with many of our students in recent years. His physical ability and attention to detail was remarkable and we were happy to tell him this in the post show discussion, which was also attended by some of our students. As always, Frantic Assembly were phenomenal in their interpretation of the script and for our students, particularly those who had never attended a theatre trip before, they were a true inspiration.

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 7	91.8% down
Year 8	91.4% up
Year 9	87.55% down
Year 10	85.3% down
Year 11	85.05% up



U15' GIRLS CUP VICTORY!

Last week our U15s Girls Football Team, brought home our first piece of silverware of the academic year, after competing in the U15s Girls Cup. As always, our students were a credit to the school.



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GATEACRE GREATS

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

Year 7- 7.6

For their amazing effort in their home learning.

Year 8- James French

He is always fantastic in my History lessons!

Year 9- Ellie Richardson

Has shown great resilience upon trying some difficult questions in science keep up the great work.

Year 10- Imogen Corbett

Excellent work all year, getting involved in lessons, working hard, taking pride in her work and outstanding Home Learning.

Year 11- Emily Patel

Outstanding Business homework and I have been so impressed with her attitude to learning this year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th OCT

Break for Half Term

7th NOV

Year 11 Parents Evening

8th DEC

INSET Day

22th DEC

Break for Christmas

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