



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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2nd October 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I hope you are all well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for their resilience and adaptability following the ongoing impact of the ransomware attack that has affected us.

Throughout the last two weeks all our staff ensured that the students' daily experiences were as undisrupted as possible, which was quite an undertaking.

I, together with a range of staff have commented on the warmth, resilience, creative imaginations and humour that has been on display for our students to ensure we continued to provide a high-quality education.

We were overwhelmed with the support our school community provided during our very successful Open Evening on Thursday 19th September with over 205 families visiting the school. Over 150 students supported our event and the students will be awarded with 10 award points for community involvement. All the teachers appreciated the support and the comments from our visitors were overwhelmingly positive about our students.



We welcomed a number of prospective students and their parents/carers during our 'school in action tours' during our Open Mornings. This was a unique opportunity for our community to experience the purposeful atmosphere and observe our students learning first hand.

On Monday 23rd September our Student Leadership Team started to plan for their social action programme. Mr Wilkins (FCAT Culture and Climate Lead) continued with their leadership training and we are looking forward to their plans coming to fruition.

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Our Year 7 cohort attended Hothersall Lodge last week with their tutor for the 'Getting to Know You Event' The students and staff had an incredible day and the feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive.

We are also incredibly proud to announce our PE Department has been nominated for the Secondary School of the Year award by the Active Wyre Awards 2024. The team won the award in 2022 and were runners-up in 2023.

Other activities taking place recently in school have included:

Streetwise in school for Year 7

'Streetwise' attended school this week to deliver an engaging theatre presentation focussing on the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and risk-taking behaviour around roads. Issues covered included distractions such as using mobile phones and listening to music, as well as 'messaging about' with friends. During the presentation we see Year 7 characters being distracted from safe road use, examining the potential consequences, and highlighting the importance of paying full attention on the roads at all times. The project was designed to change unsafe behaviours and attitudes.

PSHE Smoke Free Lancashire

Smoke Free Lancashire are in school weekly, delivering educational sessions on smoking and vaping to our Year 9 form groups. The goal is to provide valuable knowledge and resources to support our students in understanding the dangers of smoking/vaping. In the coming weeks, they will also be delivering assembly sessions to our Year 10 and Year 11 students.

Year 10 Netball Tournament

Year 10s Played their Wyre and Fylde Netball tournament at Fleetwood High School. They were placed in a very competitive group and worked hard for each other. A lovely group of girls who continue to train hard. Player of the Tournament was Katie Prest - who was an incredible Goal Defence.

Year 11 Netball Tournament

Year 11s finished 3rd in the Wyre and Fylde Netball Tournament out of 14 schools. We are incredibly proud of how well these girls have trained and gelled together for the tournament. Some Outstanding Netball on Show - Player of the Tournament was Hannah Smith - Who didn't miss a shot.

Year 11 Cambridge University Experience

Dr Ludley took a group of our Year 11 students to Cambridge University. The students stayed overnight at Churchill College and visited the Physics at Work exhibition at the Cavendish Laboratory.

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Year 10 and the Compass Curriculum

Our students have completed a number of lessons at Blackpool and the Fylde College and Myerscough College as part of their new Year 10 curriculum. We are delighted with the progress the students are making and the experiences they are encountering on a range of courses including Hair and Beauty, Construction, E-Sports, Agriculture, Motorsports and Animal Studies.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Satinder Singh', is positioned below the text 'Many thanks,'.

Satinder Singh
Headteacher