

GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the Easter break and enjoy the arrival of sunnier days, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. The students have been working incredibly hard, and we encourage them to maintain this momentum as we move into the final term of the academic year.

For our Year 11 students, exam season is fast approaching. We know that this can be a stressful time, and we are committed to providing them with all the support and guidance they need. Please encourage your child to make the most of the revision sessions and resources available to them, and as well as enjoying some rest and relaxation, that they spend some time preparing for their exams. Year 11 parents/carers will also receive a separate letter regarding their child's upcoming GCSEs.

Thank you to all Year 10 parents who attended the recent Parents' Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss student progress, strengths, and areas for development. Your engagement in these important conversations is greatly appreciated.

We are also pleased to share that a group of students recently visited Oxford University for an exciting educational trip. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience university life and gain insight into higher education pathways. We look forward to hearing about their experiences.



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The PE department were delighted to welcome back ex-student Alicia Taylor, who inspired students with the story of her journey into the world of physiotherapy. Currently employed by Brentwood Football club. Alicia expressed her deep respect and thanks to Katie Rainbow, Head of PE, for her significant influence during her time at GCA. She acknowledged that Ms. Rainbow's dedication and encouragement were instrumental in shaping her early development.



In other careers news, some year 9 students enjoyed a visit to Lancaster Royal Infirmary. Students toured the Engineering Department, learning about the crucial infrastructure supporting hospital operations. A highlight of the visit was the Maternity Department's interactive session, featuring a simulated baby delivery, which provided a hands-on understanding of the department's work. Many students have also taken part in taster days for the Compass Curriculum offer as they make important decisions about their GCSEs.



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Additionally, we recently hosted a Road Safety Event from Lancashire County Council, aiming to educate our students on the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school. The Year 7 banner is also nearly complete and we hope to display it soon!

In staffing news, we are delighted to welcome our new Science Technician He is called Samuel Leray- Field, who has already made a great start in supporting the department. We are confident that their expertise will benefit both staff and students alike.

Finally, we are excited to share that Mrs. Fielden has sewn a smart new GCA uniform for Bruce, our therapy dog who continues to bring joy and happiness to students and staff at GCA (although he was in trouble last week for pinching Mr Steele's tuna sandwich and was awarded some negative behaviour points!)



Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We also hope that the 44 students and 5 members of staff who are going on the Ski trip to Folgardia, Italy enjoy a wonderful and safe holiday!!!



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Some key dates to note are listed below. As always, thank you for your continued support.

- 24th April - Year 7 Parents' Evening - 4pm to 7pm
- Year 11 GCSE Exams commence on Friday 9th May and run until Wednesday 18th June, although all students must be available up until the end of the Contingency day on Wednesday 25th June.
- Year 10 students will undertake their mock exams from Tuesday 17th June until Friday 27th June.

Have a fabulous Easter break.

Yours faithfully,
Satinder Singh
Headteacher

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