



# GCA NEWS

SUMMER 2022

This term has been a busy one at Garstang Community Academy! We have had lots going on, with numerous opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop their skills and celebrate their successes.

## BUGSY MALONE!



Students were delighted to share their talents when they performed 'Bugsy Malone' on 8th and 9th July. The story told the tale of rival gangs led by Fat Sam and Dandy Dan— featuring lots of custard pies and splurge!

Students from all year groups were involved in the show which also featured a live band, fantastic lighting and sound and the opportunity for audience members to enjoy a VIP ticket with interval food.

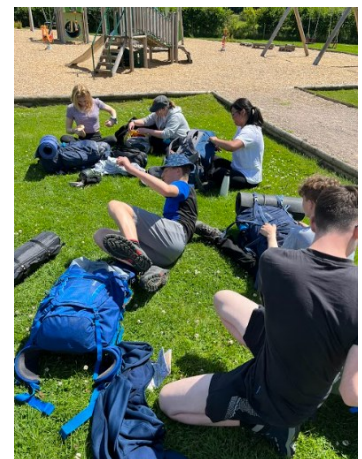
Audiences loved the show and we are already making plans for next year!





# D of E Expedition

Fifty-six of our intrepid year 10 students complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition this month. There were two successful expeditions to the Arnside Silverdale area where all teams walked for a total of 16 miles over two days, navigating the route and carrying all of their own food and camping equipment. The weather was perfect (not too hot, not too cold!) and we had a brilliant time. Everyone was very tired at the end (students and staff included) and I think everyone learnt a lot too. They all showed amazing teamwork and resilience. Well done all of you!





# Careers Events

## Taster Days

This term our year 10 students have taken part in a range of taster activities with our local colleges. It's given them a chance to experience the college environment while trying out some of the subjects they are interested in. This quote from one of year 10's sums up the reason why taster days are so important:

"My perception of the different courses at the colleges has changed as I now understand what each option includes and what each college will offer me, it has helped me see what options will help me get towards my future goals and where I want to go"



## Year 10 Mock Interviews

Members of the local business community kindly volunteered their time to give all our year 10 students an experience of a mock interview. This was a fantastic opportunity to gain 'real job' interview experience and is part of our provision for careers education, information, advice and guidance that students have access to. It is of vital importance that we help our students to recognise the relevance of their studies in a wider context, and the importance of personal qualities such as communication, reliability, self-discipline and resilience. We hope that this event helped inspire and motivate our students and gave them the opportunity to develop these skills while providing them with a real interview experience.

The volunteers were extremely impressed with the way our students conducted themselves on the day and many of our students were 'hired'!



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## Year 9 Learn to Earn Enterprise Day

The aim of the day was to explore future goals, discuss what success might look like, explore different job opportunities and discuss the idea of keeping to a budget.

During the day pupils were given the opportunity to think about the lifestyle they would like to lead, and the level of income needed to support this. After looking at their preferred type of work they looked at careers in that job sector and the local LMI (Labour Market Information). The LMI showed who the large employers in Lancashire are and the occupational areas in the county where there is likely to be job growth in the future.





# Sports Day

GCA Sports Day was, as always, an incredible day which enabled all students to get involved. Whether competing for the first place, or dressing up to support your form/year group, our students rose to the challenge and an amazing time was had by all!



# Rewards Events

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July we enjoyed our 'Rewards Days'. Thursday saw the arrival of three giant inflatables into school (complete with a PA system) and 60 students from each year group, selected by Year Leads, were rewarded for their hard work this year with this special treat. In addition, we had a visit from an ice cream van with those students who had achieved Gold or Platinum badges receiving a free ice cream.

On Friday, we held our annual end of year awards assemblies with those students who had particularly stood out in lessons or around school being awarded certificates, badges and prizes.

Well done to all those who achieved an award- and to those who did not this time, keep working hard because there is always next year!

