

GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I am sure you will agree that this half-term has flown by but there has been so much that we have done since I last wrote to you.

Over the past week Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students have received anti-bullying assemblies with the message and theme of "Speaking Up" if they are bullied or they witness any bullying behaviour. Furthermore this past week, we have introduced a safe-base room at lunch for students that need a quiet space to go to. If you feel like your child may need this please have them speak to their Year Lead or the Inclusion Team. Lastly, if you have any concerns regarding bullying, there is a link in the 'Important Information' section of the Garstang Community Academy website.

Our Year 9 students recently had an eye-opening and empowering experience at the North-West Construction Hub Women in Construction event. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for our girls to delve into the practical skills involved in various construction trades. They were featured in 2 external publications:

<https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2025/05/preston-girls-take-part-in-event-aimed-at-inspiring-them-to-work-in-construction/>

<https://lancashiretimes.co.uk/article/Event-To-Inspire-Careers-In-Construction>



Our Year 11/10's - U16's have just been crowned Wyre and Fylde Basketball Champions beating Cardinal Allen 43 - 20 in the final. We are extremely proud of all the students who took part!

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Our Year 9 and 10 students recently embarked on an insightful career visit to HSBC in Preston, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the diverse opportunities within the banking and finance sector.



Our Year 9 students were invited to spend time with the leading construction company, VINCI Building. The visit provided a fantastic insight into the diverse and dynamic world of construction.



A group of Year 10 students recently attended lectures at Blackpool Sixth Form on Peace and Conflict, joining students from eight other local schools for discussions and debates. Our debating team – Charlotte J, Poppy C, Joel M, Jessica S, and Rowan P – will now compete at

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Blackpool Town Hall on May 20th, proposing a motion to support the return of national service.



Year 9 and 10 students embarked on an insightful Careers Insight visit to the prestigious Forbes Solicitors, gaining invaluable knowledge about the diverse world of law and the range of career opportunities it encompasses



Year 8 students recently welcomed Jonny Bayes from the Northern Interschools Christian Union (NISCU) to their RE class. This visit aimed to enrich their understanding of Christianity, particularly in relation to the Easter festival.



Representatives from our staff and student body, joined together with some other local schools and some World War Two Veterans to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. Meanwhile back at school, students who wear uniforms were allowed to attend in them and everyone observed a 2 minute silence to show their respects..

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We were also very excited to receive our results from the annual National Literacy Trust survey. This national survey investigates trends into reading and we were incredibly proud at how well our students are doing and how much they read!



Garstang Community Academy bucks national trend in literacy survey

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<https://www.yourworld.net/preston/chorley/schools/garstang-community-academy-bucks-national-trend-in-literacy-survey-97949>

In response to parent voice, we have investigated the issues of MCAS and are about to explore a new rewards and behaviour communication platform. Staff will be receiving initial training on this on the INSET day (Monday 2nd June). More information will follow for parents/carers.

Thank you to all Year 7 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.

And finally, we are very proud of the work done by our Year 11 students, as they have prepared for and now started their GCSE examinations. We wish them all the best and hope they all get the results they deserve. We are looking forward to celebrating with them during end of year assemblies, shirt signings and of course...the prom. Our focus will soon turn to Year 10 students who will undertake their mock exams from Tuesday 17th June until Friday 27th June.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. Please be reminded that Monday 2nd June is a staff INSET day, so we look forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday 3rd June.

Best wishes.

Satinder Singh
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