



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We wanted to update you on what has been a wonderful second week at Garstang Community Academy. Having visited classes throughout the week, it has been a pleasure to see your children enthused and engaged in a range of learning activities.

On Monday, we completed our whole school standards check and we were extremely proud and pleased with how the students are responding to our high expectations.

Whole school attendance has again been the highest in four years and we would like to thank parents/carers for ensuring their child/children are accessing their education every day.

This week teachers have awarded 11,381 positive points to students and already we have many students who have over fifty award points and are on their way to achieving their bronze badge.

Ms Bellamy has delivered assemblies to all year groups regarding Bruce our Therapy Dog and he made his first appearance in school today.



Our school staff have undergone specific training with KRRS. if you have any questions or concerns please talk to reception

This week, students have been volunteering to take part in our upcoming Open Evening and we are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents/carers and students from 6pm to 8:30pm on Thursday 19th September 2024.

On Thursday, our Year 8 buddies met with our new Year 7 students. The buddy scheme was launched during our two-day transition programme and it was lovely to see how our students interacted with each other.

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Year 11 had their first careers assembly delivered by Blackpool Sixth Form and there will be a drop in for all students who have questions regarding this post 16 pathway during lunchtime on Monday.

Our Year 11 students have really shone since their return to school demonstrating an enthusiastic, mature and dedicated approach towards their studies. Below are some comments Year 11 teachers have made this week.

Mrs Cook

Year 11 you have made a superb start to the academic year. Your attendance is excellent and when I am visiting your lessons your enthusiasm for learning is exemplary. Keep up the good work.

Mr Millat

Great uptake with our standards strategy which makes a huge difference to the delivery of GCSE material. I have been impressed with the attitude towards exams and desire to do well.

Miss Ashworth

A very focused start from my business class, writing 9 mark answers in the first week. My Computer Scientists have really got into their programming fundamentals and have been experimenting with adapting and improving their programmes which is lovely to see. Keep practising your Python!

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Mrs Davis

The year 11s are just brilliant! So polite, focused with their studies, planning for their futures, maintaining high standards of personal presentation etc. I just love that students still say thank you at the end of their lessons. I also love that they don't just think about themselves and the here-and-now: the student leaders genuinely care about the future of this school, and I believe that is having a positive influence on other students (of all years) in the school as well.

Mr Grindley

Fantastic start to the year for year 11. They have been very welcoming, friendly, polite and well mannered as well as hard-working and inquisitive in history. They have also shared their goals after leaving school and already started to prepare themselves for the hard work ahead needed to get them there. I am impressed.

Mrs Brown

Really proud of the hard work my Year 11s have put in this week. Even though for some students Maths might not be their favourite subject, they are really working hard to set themselves up for success this year.

Mr Ormerod

Year 11 have settled really well into their final year, applying their knowledge learnt in year 10 to new topics this year. All of them are looking really smart in their new red ties, leading the school from the top.

Mr Colluney

Really good start with Year 11 students, they are working hard the first week back. All working well with the new standards card also, which has made a great difference.

Mrs Duczak

An excellent start to the year. Students are focused, keen, and working very hard. In French, they have been asking intelligent questions and have been recalling prior knowledge to support new learning. I'm really proud of them all.

Mrs Rainbow

Year 11 have returned after summer focused and ready to learn. They have been a pleasure to teach and are very keen to demonstrate their prior knowledge whilst building on this with further knowledge. They look smart and the prefects and student leadership team are doing an amazing job around school.



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Miss Duxbury

It has been a pleasure teaching Year 11 so far this year. All classes have been extremely focussed and have come back with a very positive attitude. 11A1 had a full class completing homework today which was fantastic. I am looking forward to seeing how all my Year 11 classes progress throughout the year and with this attitude, I am sure they will fly during their GCSEs. Very proud of them all!

Mrs Hoy

Year 11 have made a great start so far this year, my form are doing really well with their standards cards. Science classes have been extremely focussed and settled and are keen to start their mock revision and complete homework on time! Well done.

Miss Procter

Positive start this academic year, with both my Business and Creative iMedia groups. All students are looking smart and have been fully equipped - well done.

Miss Rossiter

11A1 have made a fantastic start to the year. I am really impressed with their efforts and resilience as we tackle the higher GCSE content. Well done and keep going, it will be worth it!

Finally, I would like to conclude by acknowledging the achievements of two of our students. Connor Murphy (Year 11) will be auditioning for Britain's Got Talent this weekend. He is a previous winner of Garstang's Got Talent and I am sure you will join me in wishing him the best of luck for his audition. Last week, Reece Wilkes (Year 11) made his first team debut for Fleetwood FC against Aston Villa. In doing so, Reece became the youngest debutant in the history of the football club. We are extremely proud of both students.

Best wishes,

Satinder Singh
Headteacher