



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

Our Year 11 students have a small number of examinations remaining and I am pleased to report their conduct towards their examinations has been impeccable.

We continue to respond to the feedback you have provided. I am delighted to report we had our first meeting of GCA's Parents and Teachers Together Group on Monday 12th June 2023 at 6pm. The purpose of the group is to develop the profile of the academy in the community. I am excited by the ideas and plans the group generated during their first meeting. We would welcome more of you to join the group. We will be meeting again on Monday 19th June 2023 so more of you are welcome to join us. If you are interested and able to do so please email us on info@garstang.fcat.org.uk by including 'Parents and Teachers Together Group' in the subject section of the email.

We have listened to your views on the way we have reported home on the progress of your child. We have taken our first steps on improving the standard of student reports, which will be published prior to the summer break. We would like to share the progress we have made in this area by inviting you to school for a presentation on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 6pm. We will welcome your views during this evening so we can continue to evolve the reporting system into the 2023-2024 academic year. This will be another key step in ensuring you are able to play a key role in your child's education. If you are able to attend, please email us by no later than Tuesday 20th June 2023 on info@garstang.fcat.org.uk by including 'Student Reports' in the subject section of the email. Confirmation of your attendance will allow us to select a suitable venue for the presentation.

We have been working to increase the number of opportunities for students to take an active role in school and represent Garstang Community Academy with pride. This is evident through a significant number of students applying to become Year 10 Prefects and Senior Student Leaders. We will keep you informed as the process continues.

Looking ahead to the future, I together with the Trust are looking at how we can improve the academy. One approach is through investing additional time and resources into the professional development of the staff of the academy so we can offer your children an improved standard of education. Therefore, the Trust has taken the decision across all of the FCAT schools, to alter the academy calendar for 2023-2024 by implementing an Inset Day on Monday 4th September 2023. This Inset Day will be in addition to the one already scheduled for Friday 1st September 2023 and therefore your children will return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023. I would like to apologise for any disruption this may cause to childcare arrangements but I assure you the time will be an effective investment.

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As part of the continued drive towards helping our children to become strong Garstang Citizens, we are going to continue to be focusing on both the values and standards that we develop in the academy. Throughout tutor time we are focusing on our core values of Grow, Care and Achieve, in addition to standards such as uniform and being equipped for school. The vast majority of children in school have bought into these values and we are extremely proud of them. With your support, we can work together to continue to raise standards by embedding the correct culture across the academy where everyone is working together.

The information below lists the areas we will be placing a particular emphasis on, which all pupils will be expected to follow:

Uniform

Our school uniform is non-negotiable. It promotes pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the student body, as well as showing respect towards our school and its values. Students are now allowed to wear their GCA polo shirt together with their blazer. Prior to students departing for school, please can we also ensure that your children are wearing the correct shoes; there should be no trainers worn.

Jewellery and Personal Appearance

Jewellery is not to be worn with the exception of a wristwatch. Please can we ensure that children do not come to school wearing necklaces or bracelets. It is also imperative that students do not wear earrings or nose studs. With regards to appearance, hair should be tidy in appearance and of a natural colour; make up (if worn) should be minimal and of natural appearance; nail varnish, acrylic or gel nails are not permitted. From Monday 19th June 2023 any jewellery being worn will be confiscated and parents/carers will have to collect from school if they would like it back.

Equipment

We have noticed that a small minority of pupils are not bringing the correct equipment to school. Students must bring to school the following items: a bag, blue/black pens, green/purple pen, pencil, ruler and eraser as a minimum, all of which needs to be in a pencil case. Equipment will be checked on a daily basis by each form tutor.

I am sure we will all welcome these high standards to help our children embody the definition of a true citizen of Garstang Community Academy.

Many thanks,

Satinder Singh
Headteacher

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