



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and are looking forward to warmer days and more sunshine.

It has been a busy and productive start to the Spring Term here at school. Our new colleagues have made a great start to their time with us.

	<p>Mr. Brady, our new Deputy Headteacher, joined us from Broughton High School. He will be leading on Curriculum, Teaching and Learning.</p>
	<p>Mr. Baker has joined us from Garstang St. Thomas Primary School, as our new Pastoral Manager.</p>
	<p>Ms Hooton has joined us as a Teacher of Creative Arts.</p>

Our students have been working hard and have already had some fantastic successes and experiences to celebrate.

Year 9 demonstrated their scientific prowess in the recent "Top of the Bench" competition, achieving a commendable third place! Congratulations to all involved and thank you to Dr Ludley for supporting this event.

<https://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/community/fcat-shines-at-top-of-the-bench-chemistry-competition-4957024>

Year 9 also gained valuable insights into the industrial world with their visit to the local steelworks, another great careers event from the Career's Team!

<https://www.yourworld.net/lancashire/garstang/schools/year-9-garstang-community-academy-students-explore->

Year 7 had a fascinating session exploring different cultures, thanks to a visit from Lancaster University.

Our Year 10 and 11 students have enjoyed a thought-provoking and inspiring "Poetry Live" trip and four of our senior students visited the local Meadowcroft Care home to capture some life lessons and memories from some of the residents, which we will be sharing soon.

Year 11 students are also busy preparing for their next round of mock examinations. There are lots of additional sessions being offered in school to support them. Year 9 have also been involved in options assemblies as they make decisions about their future pathways.



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We hope you also saw on social media that we had a winner for our recent pet competition. Congratulations to Ruby for her beautiful picture of her horse.



As I stated in previous communication, I encourage you to review our updated website, in particular our 'latest news' section

<https://garstangcommunityacademy.com/news> and ask you to follow the school on Instagram ([garstangcommunityacademy2024](https://www.instagram.com/garstangcommunityacademy2024)) and X/Twitter ([@GarstangAcademy](https://twitter.com/GarstangAcademy)) to gain further insights into school life.

Similar to previous academic years, we would like to share an opportunity for you 'Meet the Senior Leadership Team' on Tuesday 4th March 2025. During this evening, we will inform of you the progress we have made as a school community since the Ofsted inspection of March 2024 and our future plans. You will receive the opportunity via MCAS to either attend the event at 5:30pm until 6:15pm or at 6:30pm to 7:15pm.

We look forward to another exciting and fulfilling year ahead. Some key dates to note are listed below. As always, thank you for your continued support.

13th February 2025 - Year 9 Options Evening

Half term Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

4th March 2025 – Meet SLT

13th March 2025 - Year 11 History trip to Durham Cathedral

13th March 2025 - 627 Quest Transition event

27th March 2025 - Year 10 Parents' Evening

24th April 2025 - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Many thanks,

Satinder Singh
Headteacher