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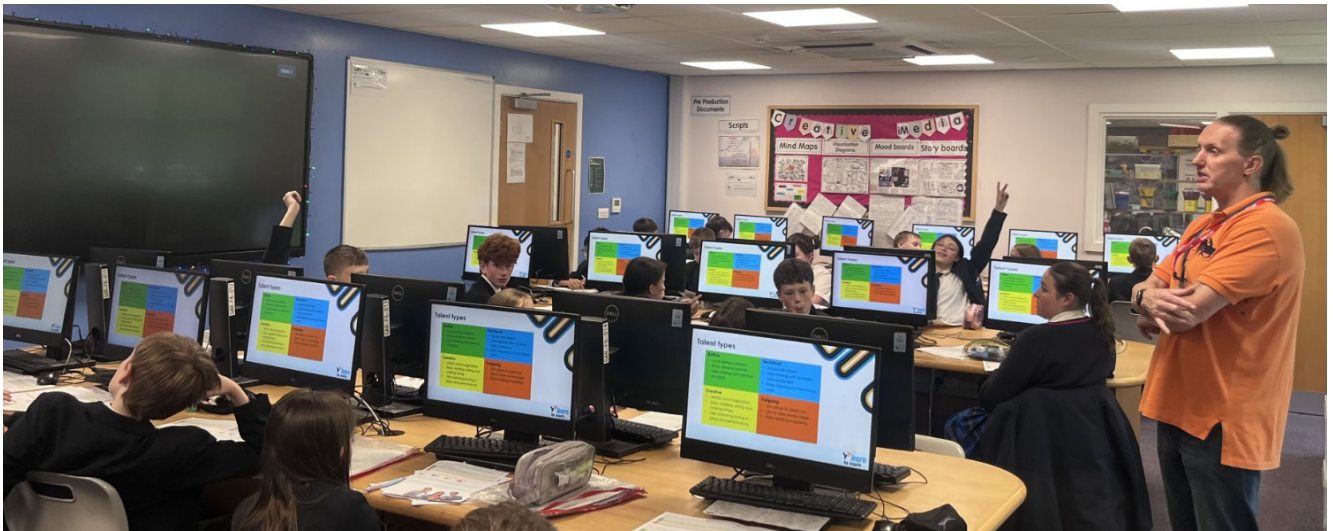
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will agree that this half-term has flown by; there has been so much activity since I last wrote to you.

Our Year 7 students took a giant leap into the world of work and financial planning, trading their usual timetable for an exciting, fast-paced Learn to Earn day delivered by Young Enterprise. This interactive event was designed to bridge the gap between education and life after school, helping our youngest students connect their current studies with their future earning potential and lifestyle choices.



We recently welcomed the Animal Care tutor from Lancaster & Morecambe College (LMC) for an educational drop-in session. This forms part of our commitment to providing students with meaningful encounters with further education providers. The team brought a selection of creatures, including a snake, guinea pigs, a gecko, and a stick insect. Students were able to handle the animals under expert supervision while learning about the skills required for their care.

Our Year 9 students visited the TeenTech Festival at the University of Central Lancashire. This immersive event brought science, technology, and engineering to life, showcasing the diverse career paths available in these sectors.

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Furthermore, our Year 9 Sports Leaders returned to Garstang Community Primary School to officiate their Sports Day. It is always a proud moment to see our students give back to their former primary schools with such leadership and maturity. We would like to acknowledge the many years of service Steph Reeves has dedicated to Garstang Community Primary School as Headteacher and we wish her well in her retirement.



Year 10 have been enjoying a range of taster days at local colleges as they consider their future pathways. Mrs Askew (Careers Adviser) continues to provide our students with a range of exciting activities and experiences to help them with their decision making.

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Outside of school, we are incredibly proud of Eve Gardner and Ellie Slater, who competed at the English Championships in Leicester over the weekend. Well done to both of them! We are also incredibly proud of our basketball team who excelled at the Junior NBA finals



A team of staff from GCA recently tackled the infamous Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for our new outdoor space. We would also like to thank Mr Baker (Lead Pastoral Manager) for securing a £1,000 Outdoor Essentials Grant from The Ernest Cook Trust, which will support nature connection and outdoor learning.

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We were delighted to welcome our prospective Year 7 students for their Induction Day, as well as a keen group of Year 5 students for our School Experience Day. On both occasions, students enjoyed a range of activities designed to reassure them about the transition from primary to high school.



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A great time was had by students at the school trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and the annual Bude trip. So much time and effort goes into these trips to ensure students have a safe and enjoyable experience. Staff also generously give up their time to ensure our young people are given access to a range of experiences and activities.



Final Farewell and Celebration to Year 11

Watching this year's group progress has been an incredible journey. They have proven themselves to be caring and honourable young people. Our recent Prom was a wonderful highlight, and we look forward to celebrating their successes on results day, which will take place on Thursday 20th August 2026 from 10am.

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Here are a few pictures to show you from the Prom celebration; I encourage you to follow our Facebook page for regular updates and photos of these and many other events at GCA.



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We also have some colleagues who are moving on to pastures new. We wish Ahmad AlFetyani, Miranda Wild and Clare Boyce a fond farewell and good luck for the future. Laura Royds (Deputy Headteacher) is also leaving GCA following many years of loyal service. I would like to personally say thank you to Laura for all she has done to support the students and staff of our school.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Thursday 3rd September.

Warm regards,

Satinder Singh, Headteacher

- 20th August 10am GCSE results day
- Return to school Thursday 3rd September

Year Group	Key Dates
Year 7	Meet the tutor - Thursday 1st October 2026 Progress Evening - Thursday 28th January 2027
Year 8	Progress Evening - Thursday 25th Feb 2027
Year 9	Options Evening - Thursday 7th January 2027 Progress Evening - Thursday 11th February 2027
Year 10	Learn to Learn Evening - Thursday 15th October 2026 Progress Evening - Thursday 18th March 2027 Y10 Mock exams - 7th - 21st June 2027
Year 11	Y11 Mock Exams window - 23rd November 2026 - 7th December 2026 Mock results morning - Wednesday 13th January 2027 Progress Evening - Thursday 14th January 2027 Final GCSE exams commence on 10th May 2027 (practical and vocational courses could be assessed earlier) Exam Results Day - 19th August 2027

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