



## GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

Whilst many of us took the opportunity to relax over the Easter break, I was delighted to hear about the adventures of our more energetic students who spent the holidays flying down the slopes and soaking up the culture of Italy.

The Ski Trip was a fantastic, life-changing experience for our pupils. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the teaching staff - Mrs Rainbow, Mr Armer, Mr Conway, Mr Passerini, and Mrs Shepherd - for their dedication in organising such an incredible opportunity.



Thanks too, go to Dr Ludley, who continues to support our students with their Duke of Edinburgh awards with their first trip and honing their map reading skills and interacting with local wildlife.



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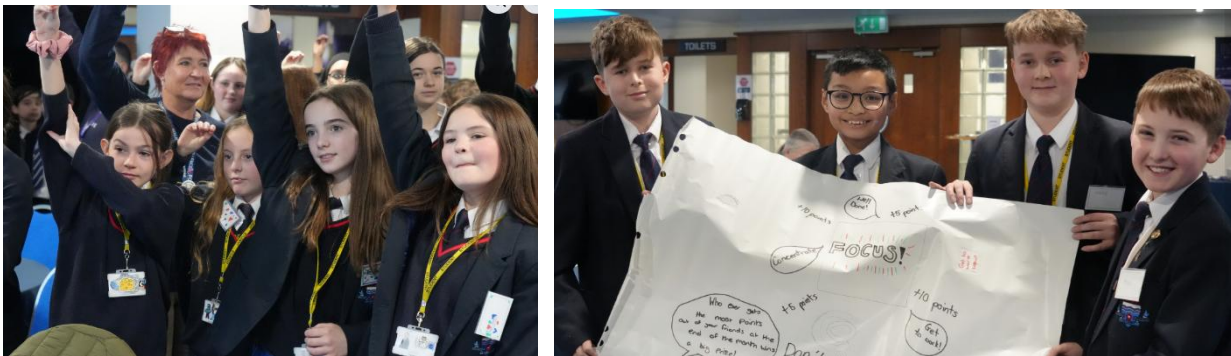
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### Career & STEM Initiatives

We continue to bridge the gap between the classroom and the professional world through several high-impact events:

Our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an action-packed day exploring the cutting-edge world of digital technology at the BT STEM ready workshop.



Another great STEM event was provided by BAE in the 'Science Made Simple' roadshow. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were fully engaged from start to finish with hands-on experiments, brilliant demonstrations and loads of audience participation. Ruth Perkins said, the students were absolutely brilliant - enthusiastic, full of ideas and eager to get involved throughout.'



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Year 9 students gained first-hand experience in the transport and logistics sector with Ultima Skills Training, while another group visited Leach Structural Steel Work Ltd to explore careers in engineering and design.



Some of our Year 9s spent an inspiring morning at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary (RLI), discovering the diverse roles that keep our health service running.



Some of our Year 9s took a step back in time and visited Garstang Community Primary to learn more about working in education. We would like to thank Mrs Reeves for allowing our students to attend, and for the informative session she and her team provided. Many of you will be aware that Mrs Reeves is retiring at the end of the academic year. As a valued colleague, she will be greatly missed, and we are incredibly grateful for the fantastic work she has done for everyone at Garstang Community Primary during her tenure.



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Year 9 and 10 students participated in an AI Innovation Day, a challenging session designed to sharpen the skills needed for GCSE Computer Science and the future tech job market.



Huge congratulations to Finley and Viola (Year 9), who have officially submitted their entries for the STEM Energising Futures Robotics competition. After weeks of engineering and innovation, their projects are now heading to national judging!



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There have also been many curriculum trips and activities: Our Geographers have been undertaking field work in Bowness; our French students attended an event at Safran Narcelles to learn about the importance of Languages in Global Industries; and our history students have been constructing 1000-year timelines.



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### *Sporting Excellence*

Our sports teams have been in peak form, bringing home silverware and showing incredible grit:

Congratulations to our Year 8 Rugby Team, who are now the Wyre and Fylde Champions! This reflects their hard work and teamwork all season. Also, congratulations to Harry Barlow who has been selected to represent the Lancashire Hockey team.



We are also proud to announce that GCA are the Wyre and Fylde U16 Basketball Champions as well as the U14 champions. A fantastic achievement!



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### *The Arts & Leadership*

Musical Debut: Our student band 'BO Graves' (Years 8–10) made their professional debut on April 17 at the Urban Art Studio in St Annes. They delivered a performance to remember! [Read the full story here.](#)



I am particularly proud of our Spotlight Club. Run by students, for students, they were recently featured in the FCAT magazine as a shining example of inspirational leadership.

A New Perspective: Mr Al Fetyani has produced a stunning new drone film for our website, showcasing our beautiful school and its place within the community. You can view it here: [garstangcommunityacademy.com](http://garstangcommunityacademy.com).

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### Academic Focus & Attendance

We are now into exam season and have been preparing for this across school. Our Year 11 students have been working conscientiously on their English Language 'Walking, Talking Mock'. Led by Mrs Banks and the English team, the students showed great maturity in solidifying their understanding of exam expectations.



We also celebrated the achievements of our students who have participated in the Compass Programme. We are now in our second year of this unique approach to study and have been proud to witness the growth and journey of our Year 11 students.



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Finally, we are excited to celebrate our Golden Ticket Attendance winners. Regular attendance is about more than just a seat in a classroom; it is about consistency and making every moment count.



I encourage you all to follow our Facebook page for regular updates and photos of these events as they happen. These events are only some highlights of what we offer our students at GCA...

Looking ahead, we anticipate a busy but exciting half term. While our older students focus on the final stretch of their exams, we look forward to the many opportunities the final term brings, ensuring our pupils enjoy all the opportunities we will offer them.

I wish you all a happy half-term.

Warm regards,

**Satinder Singh**

**Headteacher**

### **Key Dates:**

5th June - study commences for Year 11  
22nd June - Leavers assembly 8.40am  
29th June INSET Day - school closed for students  
2nd July - Y6 Transition Day and Leavers prom  
9th July - Year 6 Parents Meeting  
20th August - 10am GCSE results day

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