



Welcome to the Year 6 Parental Information Evening



Welcome

Mr Singh



What's ahead?

- **Transition from Primary to High School**
- **Getting to know the staff**
- **Communication – child to home, school to home**
- **Social media**
- **Expectations**



Questions?



Laura Royds
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GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

GROW

CARE

ACHIEVE

TOGETHER



Year Leader

Mr Conway

A little information about me ...



- Grew up in Preston
- 3 grown up daughters
- 38 years in teaching
- 20 Years as deputy head and Head of school
- Former rugby player
- Love rowing will row 50-60,000 metres a week
- Love being outdoors
- 3 Labradors, 2 horses, 15 chickens, 9 sheep and 2 cats

Form Tutors



7.1

Ms Bates



7.2

Mr Weaver



7.3

New teacher



7.4

Mme Grix



7.5

Mrs Howarth



7.6

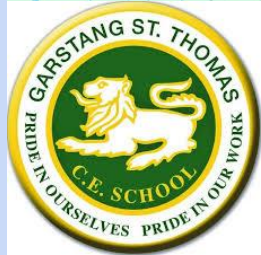
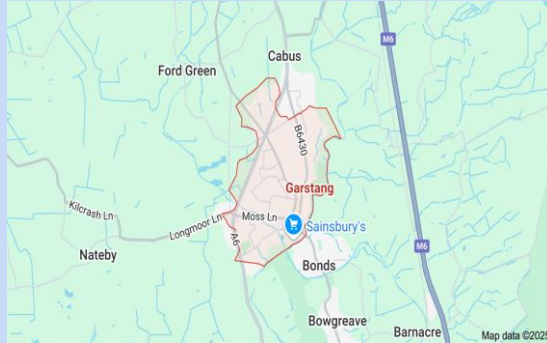
Mr Careless



Lead Pastoral Manager

Mr Baker

A little information about me ...



- Garstang and the community.
- What both schools mean to me and why. (other primary schools are available)
- Knowing a large proportion of the surrounding community and its dynamics.
- Becoming a parent and sharing the same concerns and worries as you right now.
- Relationships are key! My experience of secondary school/ memories
- A promise from me.



Pastoral care @GCA

At Garstang Community Academy, we pride ourselves on ensuring that all our students receive a high level of quality pastoral care. We expect all our students to look smart, be punctual, be organised and ready to learn. It is our aim that all our children have all they need to be an asset to the school and wider community. All children are expected to meet the high standards of behaviour no child has the right to disrespect the learning of others.

The pastoral team within school ensure that all students are able to report concerns about themselves and others that will be taken seriously and always dealt with effectively in a professional manner with the child being at the centre of every decision. We will communicate with all head of Years and share relevant necessary information.

We will provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. We can help you with any worries you may have about your child's education and wellbeing.

What will change and what will stay the same?

My perspective as a parent and pastoral manager at GCA.

Similarities

- Children and staff
- Class teacher/pastoral ethos
- Learning expectations
- Extra curricular activities
- Parents evening
- Uniform
- Rewards
- Consequences
- Homework

Differences

- Numbers of children and staff
- Form teacher point of contact
- Subjects
- Wider choices (Get involved!)
- See all subject teachers
- Structured system of behaviour
- Homework

Grow, Care, Achieve Together



- Together is key and very important to us. We will refer to the importance of achievement, being part of our community, providing personal support and being a member of the GCA community to your children on a regular basis.
- Always encourage your children to let us know if they have any concerns or worries and we will always be available to listen to them. I also encourage you as parents to raise any concerns or questions about your child as soon as possible.
- The family feel to a school is hugely important. Every single student has their part to play to ensure the school runs efficiently and smoothly.

Everything I have mentioned this evening can not be achieved without the support of you as a family.

We welcome
the Year 6's to
the GCA family



School Website



Transition

**Important
Information**

Welcome to Garstang Community Academy

GCA: Grow Care Achieve



MCAS - My child at school Bromcom

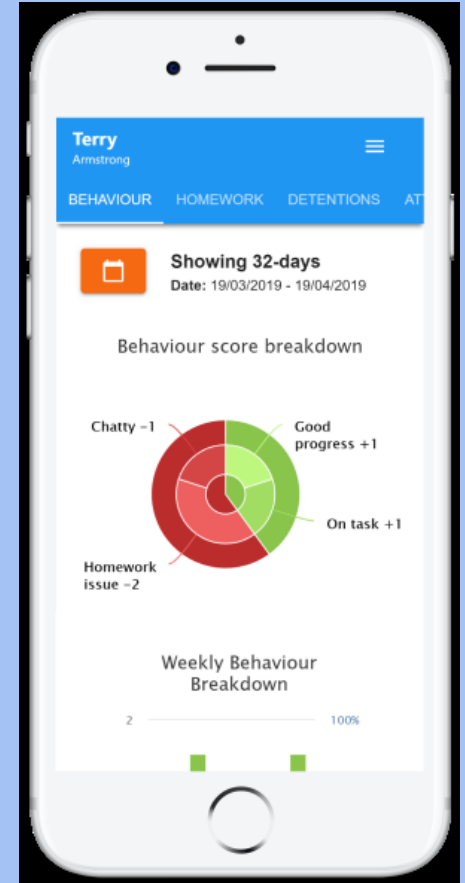
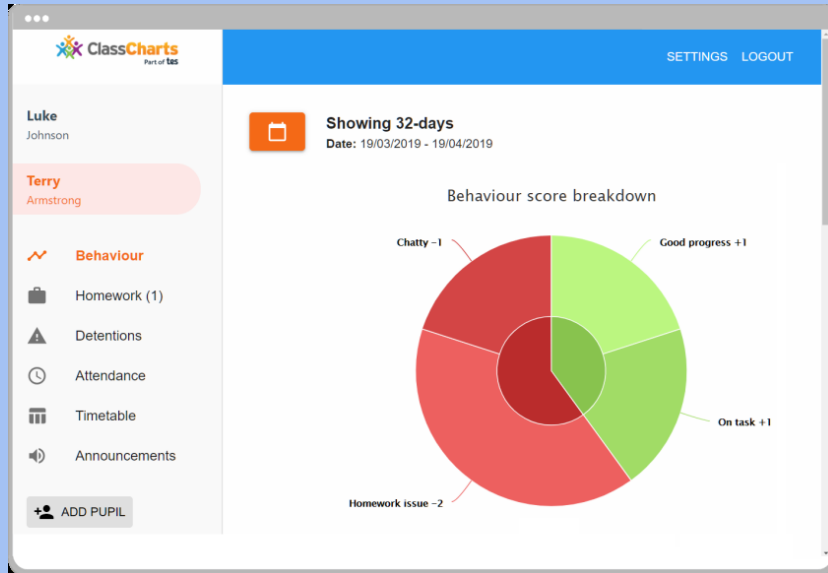


This is our Parent Portal. It is a single place where you can view school information for one or more children. You can view attendance, behaviour and achievements, parent letters, school calendar, parent communication, homework and more.



Please download the MCAS app.

We have a [section on our website](#) for further information, which includes a [parent guide](#).



What is ClassCharts for parents?



- You will be able to use ClassCharts to keep track of your child's **behaviour**, view **attendance** records, access their weekly **timetable**, view assigned **homework** tasks and track scheduled **detentions**.
- If you have more than one child, you can access ClassCharts information about your children from a single, centralised parent account.
- ClassCharts for parents can be accessed via our website, or through our iOS and Android apps.
- A parent/carer guide will be shared with you to help you setup an account.



STANDARDS

At Garstang Community Academy, we require all students to wear the correct uniform when travelling to and from the academy, whilst in the academy and when representing the academy. It helps to establish a clear identity which supports equality among students, and promotes a sense of pride and belonging within the community.

Year 7 School Uniform

- GCA Branded Blazer
- White long or short sleeve standard school shirt
- GCA Tie (Y7-10) Red Tie for Y11
- Medium grey school style trousers or
- Medium grey pleated school skirt - tights must be worn with the skirt with minimum of 60 denier. *Skirts must be a reasonable length, falling just above the knee covering the thigh when standing or sitting.*
- Plain Black flat shoes (no trainers or logos)



Further information about uniform policy

- Minimal natural makeup (no false eyelashes are to be worn)
- No fake tan is to be worn
- Hair must be of a natural colour. Extreme hair styles are not permitted (no shaved hair / below a grade 1 or no patterns)
- No nail varnish, gel nails or false nails are to be worn
- No jewellery is permitted including no earrings which includes clear studs. It will be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them.
- Only a wrist watch can be worn, this has to be taken off for exams.



PE Kit

- GCA Navy and Red Branded PE Top
- GCA Navy and Red Branded PE Shorts or unbranded Navy Leggings
- Plain Black socks
- Sports Trainers

Advised Extra's

- Branded Navy and Red 1/4 zip jumper
- Navy/Black sleeved skins
- Gum shield
- Shin pads
- Football boots
- Navy Football socks

Uniform can be bought from The Uniform and Leisure Shop in Garstang and Lancaster or on <https://ualonline.co.uk/> or Top One Uniforms in Preston 01772 828616



Garstang Community Academy Uniform Policy



Additional Information regarding Uniform Policy

- Uniform checks are conducted regularly by form tutors, year leaders and teaching staff.
- Non compliance to follow the uniform policy will result in a signature on standards cards, persistent breaches of this policy will result in further sanctions, communication home and meetings with parents/carers.
- Pupils will be awarded positive points for having correct uniform and equipment at the end of the week by form tutors.
- We ask for the support of parents and carers in ensuring that students arrive each day in full, correct uniform and prepared for learning.
- We ask that parents/carers contact school and update us regarding any issues with uniform for their child.
- If your child can't wear their school shoes, they will be asked to wear black school pumps. Trainers are not permitted. We advise you to contact school directly if there is any issues with school shoes.
- If a child chooses to wear jewellery, this will be confiscated and parents/carers will be asked to collect this from the school office.
- If your child can't take part in PE for a medical reason, they will need a note from home and are still expected to get changed into PE kit for the lesson.
- If your child forgets PE kit, they will be issued with a warning on the first occasion and then a lunch detention with the PE department after this. The PE department may issue after school detentions if a student continually does not bring PE kit. Parents/Carers will be contacted regarding this.
- If students have PE period 5, they may choose to go home in PE kit.

Standards Card

- All students are issued with a standards card on a half termly basis, they are to keep this with them at all times. This card monitors standards of uniform and equipment.
- Signatures are given for infringements of the uniform policy, lack of equipment and jewellery.
- 3 signatures on their standards card will result in a 45 minute detention for standards infringements.
- If a student misplaces a standard card, an hour detention will be issued and logged on class charts, the student will be issued with a replacement standards card.

Uniform

**We wear our
uniform with
pride**



What we expect students to bring to school every day from September:



Bag

Coat

Pencil Case with all items

Reading Book

Completed Homework

Calculator

PE kit on PE days

Equipment



You must bring the following equipment to school: a bag, blue/black pens, green/purple pen, ruler, eraser, pencil, pencil sharpener, glue stick, pencil case and a calculator



The logo consists of a red square background. Centered within the square is a blue circle with a white border. The word "ATTENDANCE" is written in white, uppercase, sans-serif font across the middle of the blue circle.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Officer

Mr Peter Atkinson

Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence and most of all....
- ✓ Have the best start in life

DAILY LATENESS

equates to...



5 MINUTES LATE
15 hours of lost learning

10 MINUTES LATE
30 hours of lost learning

15 MINUTES LATE
50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!

100%

PERFECT

100% Attendance

98%

IMPRESSIVE

Equates to 4 school days off each year

96%

GOOD

Equates to 7 school days off each year

95%

NEARLY THERE

Equates to 9 school days off each year

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

Equates to 11 school days off each year

90%

DANGER ZONE

Equates to 1 month off each year

80%

EXTREME IMPACT

Equates to 2 months off each year

We expect students to attend **everyday and on time**

The **minimum** percentage we expect is **97% attendance**

- this means missing no more than

5 DAYS IN THE YEAR

AM Registration time



1st Bell



2nd Bell



Registration closed

AM / PM Registration time



Morning registration



Afternoon registration

Support is available both in school and outside of school to help families improve attendance.

We encourage all children with minor illnesses (e.g. mild cold, sniffles) to still attend school.

- Medical appointments
- Unauthorised holidays during term time.
- **Fixed Penalty Notices** can be issued for:
 - ❖ **Unauthorised holidays during term-time**
 - ❖ **Persistent absence** (PA – attendance at or below 90%)
 - ❖ **Failure to improve attendance after support**
- Legal intervention **could follow** continued non-attendance.
- **Home visits** may take place if your child's attendance is a concern.

**GCA GOLDEN TICKET
PRIZES ARE BACK!**

GCA

GRAND PRIZE!
Brand New Apple iPad



OTHER PRIZES!



**AMAZON GIFT
VOUCHERS**



**ICE CURLING
VOUCHERS**



EARBUDS

PRIZE DRAW IS FRIDAY 19TH JULY

Lockers

Students can rent a locker for the five years they are at GCA for a one off fee of £50.



Buses

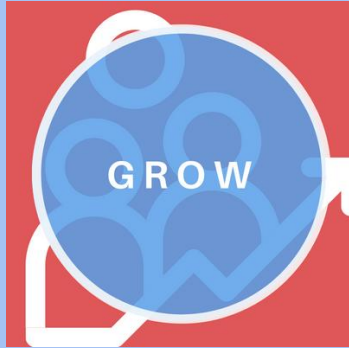
If your child will be traveling on a Local Authority school bus, please ensure you apply for a bus pass. LCC will only guarantee seats for students who have purchased a bus pass.

[School transport - Lancashire County Council](#)

46X - Lancaster - school should have contacted you. If not, please get in touch with school.



Rewards will focus on:



Getting to know each other experience

September or October 2026.

Form tutors will be with their form groups.

A single day building our Team Conway

Tell us what you



‘Strengthening our team’ experience

There will be a 5 day residential at the end of the year.



- Accommodation for 76 students
- Ensuite rooms
- Range of activities, such as gorge walking, raft building, etc



What can you do?

- Ensure your child has a good breakfast!
- Engage fully with Bromcom/MCAS and Classcharts (parents AND students). You will receive an email with instructions –check ‘spam’
- Register with MCAS make online payments and keep their account ‘loaded’.
- Ensure your child packs their bag the night before.
- Check which days your child has PE - ensure they have all their PE kit.
- Encourage your child to attend at least one extra curricular club or activity as they will make new friends.
- Monitor social media
- Contact me or your child’s tutor if the need arises.





Welcome

Mrs Cooper - SENDCo

SENDCo



In September all students will be completing some screening in lessons:

- CATS Cognitive testing
- NGRT Reading comprehension testing
- Screening for spelling, decoding, numeracy and handwriting

This will inform our intervention planning.

We will contact parents/carers if we would like to put an intervention in place.

Any concerns:

Contact l.cooper@garstang.fcat.org.uk

Available at all parents evenings.

Primary discussions have already taken place however if you would like a meeting please see me at the end.





The students first day is:

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Any questions please speak to a
member of staff.