



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are all well.

As I conclude my first half-term as Headteacher, I wanted to thank you for welcoming me to Garstang Community Academy.

The first six weeks have been busy and productive, we have; gathered your views via the Ofsted Parent/Carer Survey (in addition to the survey you completed in November 2022), been provided with some details about next steps from His Majesty's Inspectorate and gathered the views of staff through a whole-staff meeting. This research base will be further enhanced by a key stakeholder; your children, our students, once we return from the half-term break. In addition, I will be writing to you in the near future, to invite to you our Parent Forum event, building upon our collaborations of October 2022. I am pleased to announce, we plan on hosting our next Parent Forum on Thursday 9th March 2023. All of the research we are gathering will be used to improve GCA in a sustainable manner.

The approach to half-term has been eventful as our staff and students have successfully combined on a range of projects including:

- A Cake Sale with all funds going to charity.
- An informative apprenticeship week.
- The fabulous Garstang's Got Talent, where performances were well supported by many of you.

We have had immense success from a sporting perspective since January 2023. Within the discipline of Handball, we are the:

- Year 8 Boys, Wyre and Fylde Champions
- Year 8 Boys, Lancashire Champions
- Year 8 Girls, Wyre and Fylde Champions
- Year 8 Girls, Lancashire Champions
- Year 9 Boys, Wyre and Fylde Champions
- Year 9 Girls, Wyre and Fylde Champions
- Year 10 Girls, Wyre and Fylde Champions

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Within Basketball, we are the:

- Under 16 Girl's Lancashire Champions
- Under 14 Girl's Lancashire Runners-up

In addition, Annie Dickinson (Year 10) was 2nd place in the Wyre and Fylde Cross Country Championship and Jack Dixon (Year 8) has been selected as Goalkeeper for Lancashire Hockey Club.

These achievements are in addition to the accolades we achieved within Football, prior to January 2023, when our Year 8's and 9's reached the round of 16 in the Lancashire Cup and the Year 8's and 9's became Wyre and Fylde Champions.

Our celebration of student achievement continues with Melissa Otway's (Year 9) Art and Design and Fashion & Business work, being displayed in an exhibition at the University of Central Lancashire.

I, together with my colleagues, were delighted to see many of you at our Year 9 Parents' Evening. We would welcome any feedback on how we can improve your Parents' Evening experience by asking you to email us on 'info@garstang.fcat.org.uk' and including 'Year 9 Parents' Evening' in the 'subject' section of your email. We will be writing to you soon, to update you on the date and details of our Year 9 Curriculum (GCSE Options) Evening.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe week.

Many thanks

Mr Singh
Headteacher

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