



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome a significant number of you to our second Parents Forum of the academic year (Thursday 9th March) and the Year 9 Curriculum Options evening (Tuesday 14th March).

You will be aware we had a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection in January 2023. We once again thank the students and the staff for a very productive two days which will result in the action points for improvement. The Ofsted report is now available on our website through the 'Menu' and 'Key Information' section of the school website. I outlined in the recent Parents Forum, we felt the report was an accurate representation of our school and it matched our internal evaluations.

As I approach the conclusion of my first term at GCA, I would like to update you on what we have worked on in school, which will also help us to react to the Ofsted report but moreover, lead to whole-school improvements. We have held a whole-staff meeting, which allowed us to plan how we will improve the school as a collaborative team. I have met and continue to meet all staff individually to ensure all colleagues have had their chance to highlight what we do really well and what we need to do to improve. I would like to acknowledge the passion and desire the staff body have demonstrated when speaking with me individually, they truly believe in helping our community to Grow, Care and Achieve. We have sought the views of our students on our toilet provision and I have also met with our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boys and Deputy Head Girls, as it is key to us that the students are part of the journey of school improvement.

Furthermore, we have commenced our Behaviour Review, which has a significant representation of staff and we will seek the views of our students and parents/carers at the appropriate time. Whilst this work is underway, we will continue to promote and expect high standards of conduct in lessons and around school and if this falls below our expectations, we will take swift action, as we have this term.

I am aware that the student progress reports published by school have evolved but require more work to ensure they inform you of where your child is on their academic journey and how you can help them to improve. This is something we will develop further next term whilst seeking your views on our proposals.

Many thanks

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