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"Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters."

Margaret Peters

Dear Parent/Carer,

An additional newsletter this week to say thank you for your support this half term and give a few reminders.

With the clocks going back this weekend, and the nights getting darker, it's a good time to have a conversation with your child around staying safe, ensuring they have lights on their bikes, the dangers of fireworks, and particular to us, to avoid going on the lake if it gets icy.

It's also a time to check and ensure any uniform issues are addressed. The students have looked fantastic this year so thank you for playing your part in this and remember to let us know if you need any help with uniform at all.

We also want to help prepare our young people for the real world and to avoid falling into bad habits. Arriving on time is one of these traits and it is important that we send out the right message. School starts at 8.30am and students should be in their tutor group by then. We encourage students to take ownership of this but please check that they are giving themselves enough time in the morning.

We have also had some great opportunities for our students over the last week.

Congratulations to Ellie who was a mascot for NUFC with our favourite Jacob Murphy. Inspiring a great performance and a 3-0 victory!



Year 7 took part in a careers event with a Careers Speed Dating morning where they experienced the first of many opportunities at GSHS to talk to a range of employers. The organisations involved were really impressed with the questions they were asked.

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Last night we held our 6th form open evening. It was a delight to have so many people attend and welcome families and students from other schools. As always, we were pleased to welcome back a number of our ex-students who were keen to share how much the support they received from George Stephenson Sixth Form had helped them with their careers.

Finally, we wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck in their mock exams which start straight after half-term. We know they will be doing lots of revision over the break in preparation for these and hope you can encourage them to strike the right balance of working hard and having some time to refresh.

Thank you and have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes,

Mr. P. Douthwaite
Headteacher

Key dates next half term (Please check the school website for updates)

November

Return to School – Monday 3rd November
Year 11 Mock Exams – 3rd-13th November
Literature Festival – 3rd-7th November
INSET Day – School Closed – Friday 14th November
Year 8 Parents Evening – Thursday 20th November

December

Year 8 Sikhi Day – Monday 1st December
Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 4th December
Christmas Concert – Thursday 11th December
Year 7 iLearn Human Rights Day – Friday 12th December
School Closes for Christmas – Friday 19th December

Student support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Louise Dunn

Deputy Safeguarding Leader: Mr Alex Lunn

SENDCo: Mrs Rebecca Bennett

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time.

You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email absence@gshs.org.uk