

21 March 2025

**“If this is a dream, never wake me up because I’m still in ecstasy.
We started together, and we’ll finish together.”**

Bruno Guimares

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week was truly one to remember, culminating in Newcastle United bringing home that long-awaited piece of silverware! It was fantastic to see our students celebrating on Monday, proudly wearing their black and white colours and arriving at school to the uplifting sound of ‘Local Hero.’ Their joy was infectious, and it was a wonderful moment of shared pride for our entire school community.

Moments like these bring people together, and I’m sure you will always remember where you were when the final whistle blew. For our staff and students who travelled to Wembley and still made it into school the next day—despite the late return—you embody the dedication and spirit that makes our community so special.

The upcoming victory parade won’t just be a celebration of the win but a tribute to our region, our connections, and the incredible community spirit we share. When we chose ‘Community’ as one of our core values, it was with this kind of moment in mind. A strong community is something we continually work on, but it’s just as important to pause and celebrate it when we can. As I often remind our students, it’s not just about where you are—it’s about who you’re with.

Through our partnership with the Newcastle United Foundation, we are currently holding a raffle for a signed NUFC shirt! Tickets cost just £1 each, and Year 11 students will be selling them during tutor time. Alternatively, students can purchase tickets from Mrs. Bell in Science.

Beyond football, we’ve had some fantastic events happening in school recently.

- **Dimensions Day** saw students stepping out of their comfort zones to take part in exciting new activities—from creating ‘stop-go’ animations on human rights to writing and delivering personal speeches to their entire year group. It was inspiring to see students pushing their boundaries and discovering new talents.
- **World Book Day** was another highlight, with staff and students embracing the reading culture at GSHS by dressing up, decorating classrooms, and taking part in a teacher book treasure hunt.

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- **Our Year 11 and Year 13 students** are working incredibly hard as they prepare for their exams. Attendance at our after-school English lectures has been fantastic, and we are so proud of their dedication. We remain committed to supporting them as they work towards their goals.



- **Year 7 students** played their part in backing Newcastle for the Carabao Cup, contributing to the Newcastle United Foundation's 'Good Luck' video—an incredible opportunity to be part of something bigger. The video can be found [here](#).



- **Year 12 A-Level Physics students** had an unforgettable experience visiting Kielder Observatory, where they explored the wonders of the universe firsthand.



- **A group of our students** proudly represented GSHS in the North Tyneside Learning Trust's School of Sanctuary project, demonstrating our commitment to inclusivity and compassion.



- A huge thank you to all students who supported the **Scholastic Book Fair!** Thanks to your enthusiasm, we raised nearly £200 to invest in new books for our library.

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Finally, a quick request to parents: Our **Year 10 work experience week** is fast approaching, and a few students are still looking for placements. If you or your workplace can offer an opportunity, please contact Mrs. Bell at lbell@gshs.org.uk we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,



Mr P. Douthwaite
Headteacher

Key dates this term (Please check the school website for any updates)

March

Thursday 27th March – Year 8 Online parents evening

Thursday 3rd April – Year 7 Online parents evening

Friday 11th April – School ends for Easter. Geography Italy Trip Thursday 24th-Sunday 27th

Student support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Louise Dunn

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders 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 enquiries@gshs.org.uk

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