



19 July 2024

“It’s not about where you are but who you are with”

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of an exciting year at George Stephenson High School we look forward to the holidays and wish all our students and families a relaxing break.

There has been no letup to enrichment activities in the last couple of weeks. We had our summer concert, the STAR awards, awards assemblies, sports day and a group of year 10 students visited a local care home.



GSHS Summer Show



Year 10 Rowan Croft Visit



Sports Day



Rewards assembly

The end of any year is tinged with some sadness, as colleagues leave us to pastures new. This year we say goodbye to Mr. Allen, Mrs. Moll, Mr. Narcross and Mr. Hawkins who have been with us for many years. We are also happy that Mrs. Routledge and Mrs. Bell (Art) have secured jobs elsewhere at the end of their contracts. We wish Ian Phillipson who has worked for the Newcastle United Foundation in our school for seven years the best of luck as he and his family move to Bahrain. They have all made a huge contribution to the school and a positive impact on our students' lives in many ways. They leave with our thanks and best wishes.

Mr. Patrick, Mrs. Barclay and I were fortunate to be invited to the STAR awards at St James Park last week. It was an inspirational evening celebrating the achievements, resilience and courage of our young people across all NTLT schools.

We were well represented by Callum Barnfather, Owen Hodgkiss and William Foggon. There were many other nominations who didn't get shortlisted, and these students have received their certificates in this weeks' rewards assemblies.



Last week my assemblies were about pride - the pride that we have in ourselves our school and community. I have been talking to students about our pride in them, but this extends to our staff and to you as parents and the impact we all have on the development of our young people. This comes from the small day to day interactions, to reminding them of our values and kindness, the support and importance given to our school and ensuring that we keep expecting the best from them.

A quick scroll on our [twitter/X page](#) shows the many things that are taking place above and beyond the classroom. It really is something we should all be proud of.

With the school closed over the summer – I would encourage you to read the [leaflets](#) on our website that cover a wide range of useful advice for students and parents including; sun, water,

railway, online, mental health advice and support as well as other important phone numbers. Please also take note of the key dates below.

The passion and will of our young people and staff continue to provide the inspiration and drive for us to be the best possible school we can be, and we all thrive from the support that we receive. I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming the students back **for a 8.30am** start in September.

Wishing you all the best,



Mr. P. Douthwaite
Headteacher

Results Days

Our students who have been sitting public exams will be able to collect their results from school at the following times:

- Year 13 Students: **Thursday 15th August at 8.00 a.m.** in the Main Hall.
- Year 12 Students: **Thursday 15th August at 9.00 a.m.** in the Main Hall.
- Year 11 results: **Thursday 22nd August at 9.00 a.m.** in the Main Hall.
- Year 10 results: **Thursday 22nd August at 10.00 a.m.** in the Main Hall.

All exam related queries (arranging for results to be emailed, arranging for results to be picked up by someone else, submitting possible appeals etc.) should be made to examenquiries@gshs.org.uk **by the student themselves, and from their school email address.**

We would like to wish all our students collecting results the very best of luck when they open the envelope!

New Academic Year

The last day of this summer term is Friday 19th July. Dates for the new academic year are below. Our Parents' Guide, which will include school expectations, uniform requirements and diary dates for the forthcoming year, can be found on our website at www.gshs.org.uk

School Re-opening Dates

From September students should arrive at school in time to be in registration for 8.30am.

- Monday 2nd September – Staff training Day – School closed to all students
- Tuesday 3rd September – Staff training Day – School closed to all students
- Wednesday 4th **School opens for new Year 7 students and 6th form induction only**
- Thursday 5th September – School opens for all year groups

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