



10 January 2025

“A year from now, you're gonna weigh more or less than what you do right now.”

Phil McGraw

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy new year to you all!

I hope you all had a relaxing and restful Christmas. It has been great to welcome all the students back this week seeing them catch up with their friends and looking ready and prepared for the term ahead.

I would like to thank you all for your support with attendance this year as we are getting nearer to pre-pandemic levels which is brilliant to see as we all know being in school is the best place for our young people for their health and their prospects. We are here to help so please speak to your child's guidance manager if you need any support at all.

You may have read in the local news recently about the closure of Monkseaton High School. We will play our part, along with other local schools, to support students who have been displaced. We will be increasing our intake in Year 9 and 10 slightly next year to support and help families at this difficult time and have the capacity to ensure that current students aren't affected. I have met with several parents and students to reassure them and that they will be warmly welcomed into our school community.

Temperatures have dropped dramatically over the last few days and the lake has frozen over, please remind your child not to go onto the ice no matter how safe they think it may be.

Finally - we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to find out more and are interested in this vacancy, please click the link [here](#).

Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2025,

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

January

Thursday 16th – Parents' Meeting for Barcelona Trip
Monday 20th – Year 11 Mock Results Assembly, Year 11 reports issued to parents
Thursday 23rd – Year 11 Live N Learn day and Year 11 Parents Evening
Monday 27th – Year 10 reports issued to parents
Thursday 30th – Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 31st – Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Day

February

Monday 3rd – Year 9 report issued to parents
Thursday 6th – NE12 Parents Evening, Barcelona Trip Departs (returns Sunday 9th)
Wednesday 12th – Year 11 Mocks Begin
Thursday 13th – Parents Meeting for Italy Trip
Monday 17th – Year 8 reports issued to parents
Friday 21st School ends for Half Term – Ski Trip

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