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July 2024 Edition

Message from the Principal

I can hardly believe that today is our last day in school! The last half term has flown by and our students have engaged in a huge number of activities both in and out of school culminating today in our very special sports day! The final summer half term marks a chance to say goodbye to the old - with a fond farewell to our Year 11s who finished their GCSEs and celebrated with a fantastic Leavers' Assembly and stunning Prom - and a warm welcome to the new, with the opportunity to meet our new Year 7s at their transition evening and transition days in school. For students in school, the last half term has been packed with Endpoints Assessments for Key Stage Three and PPE exams for Year 10 students. We are hugely proud of our students and wish them, and all members of the school community, a wonderful summer break. I look forward to seeing all students at school at 8.40am on Tuesday 3 September.

George Pindar on tour!

In the last half term, our students have participated in a huge amount of activities off-site and we hope everyone who has been on a trip has enjoyed their time away. We are very proud of our Duke of Edinburgh group who bravely handled

their expedition along the coast to help them achieve their Bronze award. At the Kingswood activity centre, Achieve students engaged in a week of activities kindly sponsored by Anglo American to build their self-confidence and resilience. Mr Worrell and Mr Holden treated Year 7s to a cricket extravaganza with a trip to Headingley whilst Mrs Bilton and Ms Emmerson accompanied Year 10s to York St John University for a residential experience at summer school! Mrs Hamilton once again led the London experience for our Year 7 students with a group of colleagues which was hugely popular and we were so impressed by the students' behaviour during the visit - well done Year 7! Year 10 Whitby Warriors participated in a revision weekend and showed their determination, whilst Our 'Military Kids' visited Catterick Garrison with Mrs McLachlan and Miss Simpson whilst Year 7s participated in a Powering Transformations workshop at Coventry University Scarborough Campus. Miss Simpson also led a visit to Dalby Forest for a girls' wellbeing event and the minibus has nearly recovered from the after-effects of the colour run at the end! We are exhausted just reading about these exploits!

Hard work pays off!

All students at George Pindar are provided with a planner at the start of the academic year and this should be brought to school every day so students can collect stamps for their attendance, uniform, work in lessons and homework. This week 91% of



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Year 7 - Year 10 students were given a reward for the stamps they have accumulated this year, ranging from a chocolate treat to Amazon vouchers! A huge number of students celebrated the PINDAR values as well as subject, attendance and pastoral success during rewards assemblies this week - I hope your child brought a certificate home!

Careers in sight!

As Year 10 transition into Year 11, the end of their GPS journey begins to loom large. We are hugely proud of our Year 10s who participated in work experience and were excellent ambassadors for our school this half term. In school students from a range of year groups have engaged in a variety of activities to demonstrate the PINDAR value of ASPIRATIONAL with visits over the last half term from the military, the Speak Out Challenge, a lawyer, Talk the Talk, the Talent Foundry, York St John University ambassadors, NYBEP, the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and local PCSOs. A group of Year 10s have demonstrated their speaking and listening skills making Podcasts at York St John University - what a fantastic opportunity! We encourage all students to participate in these activities!

House Competitions

Our new House system formally launched in June 2024 and the rivalry between the five Houses is already palpable! Students have competed in a

range of tournaments over the last week and today's sports day will take the House competition to a whole new level! In school Miss Simpson produces a weekly update for tutor groups showing how stamps, attendance and behaviour all contribute to the House Point Totals and we encourage all students to achieve their very best to help their House!

Attendance

Our attendance target for all students is 95%; recent research shows that there is a direct link between attendance and outcomes at the end of school so every day counts! Students who achieve 100% each week are given a ticket to enter the '100 Club' prize draw where students can choose to win £100 vouchers for gaming, shopping or Amazon. Students need to be in to win so aim for 100% every week!

If for any reason your child is too ill for school, it is incredibly important to update us in the morning. You can do this by ringing 01723 582194, using the Edulink App or emailing [Hello George Pindar](mailto>Hello George Pindar) or news@gps.hslt.academy Please let us know the reason for your child's absence. If you have any queries about attendance, you can contact Mrs Watson, our Senior Attendance and Behaviour Officer, or Mrs Firth, our Parent Support Adviser.



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How to Get in Touch

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EduLink: Use the App or go online

Communication between home and school is of vital importance to ensure that all students can strive for success. Therefore, in order to ensure that this is as effective as possible, please can we politely remind parents / carers to contact reception to book meetings with staff as colleagues are not always available for an immediate meeting. Heads of Houses have a teaching commitment so there will be a delay in responding to parental contact on occasion. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Reporting a Concern

If you have a concern about a student or anyone else in our school community please report it. Mrs Welsh is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Pickles is the Advanced Safeguarding Practitioner. They lead safeguarding in school with a team of colleagues who can support your child.

You can contact colleagues by calling the main school telephone number on 01723 582194 or via email to safeguarding@gps.hslt.academy

If you need help

At George Pindar School, we are continually working to support students in feeling safe and well at school and to enable them to flourish both within and outside of school. Students are encouraged to seek support from their form tutor or teachers in school and will be directed to pastoral and safeguarding colleagues when appropriate. Students who prefer to report a safeguarding concern by text can send a message to the school's safeguarding mobile number on 07895132530 or email safeguarding@gps.hslt.academy The safeguarding mobile is available from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday during term time.

Students who need support beyond the school day, on a weekend or over the holidays should look at the range of information on our website: [If You Need Help](#)

Helpful Links

You can read all about the latest George Pindar news on our social media channels:
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Our website contains a huge amount of useful information:
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