



**GEORGE  
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# The Pindar Postbag

## 28 October 2024 Edition

### Message from the Principal

The longest half term of the academic year has come to an end and I hope you and your families are now enjoying the half term break! In school we use the last week to run a series of rewards assemblies where students receive certificates after being nominated by staff for demonstrating the PINDAR values and as Tutor or Head of House stars. 66% of our students received at least one certificate with 945 certificates handed out in total. I hope if your child received a certificate they have shown it to you and if they did not receive a certificate on this occasion, remind them that the next rewards assembly takes place in December and they have the next seven weeks to show their teachers what they can do!

### Beyond The 25

Over the last half term over half of our students have participated in enrichment activities which have taken place during or after the school day. We are pleased that so many students are benefitting from additional opportunities and would like this number to grow further! This half term the Year 10 & 11 Hospitality & Catering classes have excelled in their after school sessions, using the additional time to create culinary masterpieces including spring rolls, profiteroles,

hummus, Swiss rolls and much more! Our Year 11s participated in the Beach School initiative at Coventry University Scarborough Campus where they enjoyed a range of activities designed to engage young children in education. Our Year 8s participated in a visit to the annual Scarborough Science and Engineering Week at Scarborough Spa where they enjoyed a whole host of hands-on activities with local and regional employers and we are grateful to have had this opportunity. Our sports teams have continued to participate in a range of fixtures, including netball, cross country, 7-a-side football, 10-a-side rugby and girls football. Students have travelled across the county to participate in fixtures and they have all made us #ProudToBePindar! Students who are interested in the after-school programme should ask their form tutor / PE teacher for more details.

### Meet The Professionals

Preparing students for their future careers is a vital part of our work and over the last half term, our Meet The Professionals series of events have provided great insights into a huge variety of careers. Students have found out more about the life of an electrician and a plumber, with hands-on practical experiences. We have welcomed Stephen Joseph Theatre to school twice this month and have had great participation in the after-school sessions on circus skills and stage combat acting. Thank you to all the professionals who have supported our school and Anglo American who have funded opportunities for our students.



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## Restart A Heart

In school, Mrs Prentice leads our Personal Development work which aims to equip students with all the skills they need for their future lives. As part of this programme, Mrs Prentice organised a special event for all members of the school community during Restart A Heart day. Every student in the school learnt what to do in an emergency and how to perform CPR during the day which was supported by members of the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services. We are very grateful to all the services who supported the day and are very proud of our students' participation on this vital day.

## Smashed Live

As part of our Personal Development programme, we also think about issues which can impact on students' future health and wellbeing - this also has links to our safeguarding work. Last Friday our Year 7 & Year 8 students attended a performance of Smashed Live which warns of the dangers of underage drinking and the peer pressure associated with this. During the play, students were thoroughly engaged and we are certain that they learned a lot from it. We are very grateful to Collingwood Learning for bringing their superb performance to Scarborough! Follow-up materials have been sent to all Year 7 & Year 8 families and we will also follow up in school. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact our safeguarding team.

## Uniform Consultation

As you are aware, our Trust is currently consulting on a change to our uniform which will be in place from September 2025 (there are no changes to the uniform for the current academic year). Thank you to those families who have already responded to our survey - we would be delighted to receive even more feedback to get the views of our whole-school community. Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you have not already done so:

## 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 and on Friday three lucky students won £100 vouchers for gaming, shopping or Amazon. Students need to be in to win so aim for 100% every week on the return to school.

If for any reason your child is too ill for school, or if you have booked a holiday, 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@gps.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@gps.hslt.academy) or [news@gps.hslt.academy](mailto: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 our attendance team via the school office.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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:  
<https://www.facebook.com/georgepindarschool>  
<https://www.instagram.com/georgepindarschool>

Our website contains a huge amount of useful information:  
<https://gps.hslt.academy/>