



NEWSLETTER

TGA NEWSLETTER - EDITION 3 - JULY 2022

Message from the Headteacher - Rachael Skelton

As we reach the end of the academic year I have been reflecting on my first year at The Gainsborough Academy. It has been a busy year and one in which our students have achieved so much and we are all proud of their achievements. This was reflected in the many awards which have been celebrated in the end term rewards assemblies.

The summer term is always a term with many endings and new beginnings. Our Y11 students completed their five years at The Gainsborough Academy and sat their GCSE exams. After several years of disruption to education they approached these with determination, resilience and hard work always rising to the challenge. They have then been able to celebrate this milestone through the leavers assembly and of course the prom. A fabulous evening of glamour and celebration. I would like to wish Y11 success with their next steps and remind them to believe in themselves and dream big in all that they do in the future.

We have also welcomed Y6 students as they joined us for the last three and half weeks of the term for roll over. During this time they have taken part in a full timetable of lessons, experienced extra curricular activities in PE and taken part in personal development days all whilst making new friends. Many of them are also taking part in the Wickersley Partnership Trust Summer school. We would like to welcome you all to The Gainsborough Academy and look forward to seeing you grow and develop over the next five years.

This term all of our students have had an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions as the personal development days included team building, citizenship, equality and diversity, the careers fair and knife crime. Students were supported in these days by an amazing range of external speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

ECO Council

Miss Douglas had the pleasure of accompanying representatives from our Hope for The Future Club to our third and final Eco Summit of the year at Clifton on July 7th.



Students were able to take part in a number of activities such as crafting and poster making as well as having the opportunity to speak to John Healey, MP for Wentworth and Dearne, about Climate Change and politics. The day finished with an exhibition of work produced at the summits and examples of activities undertaken in school.



It was very inspirational to see what the other schools had accomplished. Well Done to everyone involved!

School Council

School council have had another very active year with charity fundraising over £5000 for various charities including MacMillan and Save the children. They have also been involved in local campaigns and supporting local charities like the bearded fishermen in Gainsborough. Student council have also helped host many events like the careers fair, and parents evenings.

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Careers Fair 2022

TGA were delighted to be able to host over 45 exhibitors including local colleges, sixth forms, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities at our careers fair 2022.



PSHE Update

PSHE has seen some exciting developments over the last academic year, a complete overhaul to the Curriculum has given students the opportunity to learn about a wide range of topics including citizenship, sex and relationships, substance misuse and discrimination

Further information about our curriculum coverage and our Relationships and Sex Education Policy can be found on the academy website, please take the time to read through this.

Should you have any questions, anything you wish to discuss further or any suggestions for topics in our next academic year please contact me cdouglas@gainsboroughacademy.com

Bin it to Win It

Since Bin it to Win it started we have had lots of students winning £10 raffle tickets as a reward for helping picking up litter around the academy and taking pride in their appearance.



BIN IT TO WIN IT - RECENT WINNERS

RHYS Y8 - ANNIE Y8 - CHARLIE, KASPER, CONNIE Y9 - OSCAR Y7 - EMILY Y9

Performing Arts



Another busy period for Performing Arts at Gainsborough. Open Evening saw KS3 students present extracts from the smash hit musical Matilda to visitors.

The students sang, danced and acted, showing yet again the talent of students in our school community. Miss Edson would just like to say a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time for this performance event, you were fabulous!

Y7 Drama students have been exploring The Merchant of Venice in their lessons this term. Developing an understanding of this popular Shakespearean Comedy, students have acted out key moments from the text and brought to life characters first presented on stage over 400 years ago. Students have had great fun exploring the script and developing an appreciation of theatre in Tudor England. Miss Edson is very much looking forward to seeing their final performances from this script over the coming weeks.



In Music meanwhile, Y7 students have been studying Samba this last half term and have composed their own original samba performances using the boomwhackers. They composed their own syncopated rhythms and also incorporated some choreography into their works which made for some excellent final performances.

Y8 have been exploring the roots of Reggae and have produced some amazing performances of the song Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. This half term will see our students turn into mini pop stars as we focus on covering some well known pop songs in our music lessons which Miss Moss can't wait to hear before the summer holidays!

On 6th of July our Y10 Performing Arts students went to Sheffield Lyceum Theatre to watch a performance of Chicago. They also had the chance to meet other thespians across the trust as we join with students from Clifton Community School for the show.

The show was amazing with celebrities from Coronation Street, Loose Women and Holby City on stage acting, singing and dancing. With one show-stopping song after another students saw first hand the results of hard work in the Performing Arts industry paying off. It was also their first school trip since COVID.



In wider news, a selection of our Y9 Performing Arts students visited Magna Science Centre to experience the Get Up to Speed Leisure and Culture careers convention.

Students got to speak to a plethora of different local businesses and explore different career pathways within the travel, hospitality and creative industries. There were workshops which involved creating mobiles using foraged materials, learning how steel is bent and shaped in the working forge, as well as being able to view local artefacts and exploring the career of an archeologist. The trip was enjoyed by all students and we look forward to returning to the event in the future.

Y6 Students

The Y6 students have settled in extremely well and have quickly become familiar with our routines

They have embraced a range of new challenges through our poetry unit, which has incorporated a selection of writers across the ages including William Shakespeare and the contemporary poet Benjamin Zephaniah. Through this unit we have introduced three main themes: Power, Relationships and Identity.

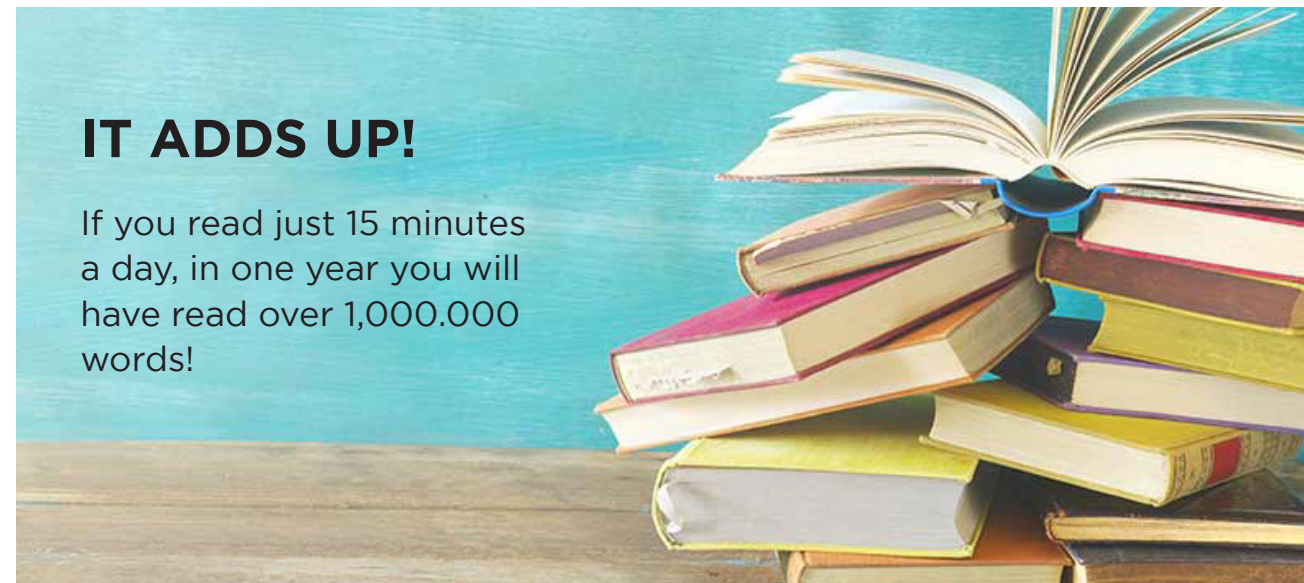
Students have delved into different types of imagery, explored multi layered meanings and even crafted their own sonnets. Some of our more adventurous students have engaged with the Gainsborough Way by rising to the challenge and taking risks- through performing their poems.

Reading for Pleasure

As part of our exciting new reading initiative, every student has a morning reading session which is dedicated to encouraging reading for pleasure. At TGA we are all familiar with the impact that reading widely and often has on a child's education and well-being.

Research shows that, with greater exposure to reading, students will improve their exam results, across all subjects and reading for pleasure is also a great way for students to relax and improve their mental health and relationships.

Our stimulating reading sessions have got off to a flying start! Students and staff have really enjoyed the start to this reading journey that will, by Y11, enable them to have read a whopping 809,163 words from 17 novels.



Each morning has a different reading focus, including the sharing of Roald Dahl's short stories for young adults, newspaper articles exploring important current affairs and participating in topical debates.

Students also do independent reading once a week and it has been fabulous to see students carrying a favourite book around in their blazer pocket. The twenty minute reading slot will continue into the new academic year, with lots more exciting material for us to share with our students.

You can also help at home, by encouraging your child to read over the summer holidays and take a book out of the library. Fifteen minutes of reading every day really does make a massive difference.

PE

On two Tuesday morning's in June, the Y9 sport leaders took part in a morning of fun coaching the Y5 pupil's from Castle Wood Academy and Parish Primary School.

The event consisted of them leading the primary school's in Quick Sticks Hockey teaching them lots of skills in a carousel and organising a tournament that they ran to finish off the morning with some gameplay!

The Y9's did a great job representing the school, and there was lots of positive feedback from the Y5's themselves and from the teachers of the two primary schools that came.



Since May half term, students have been partaking in an in lesson Sports Day that has seen an increase in participation in events, with every student getting the chance to represent their house in all events. Ultimately, across all year groups, Adams house were very strong and came out overall winners.

During this time, pupils were able to measure themselves against the English Schools Athletics Association standards in Triathlon, Quadrathlon and Pentathlon. This gave the pupils targets to aim for in each event and we saw some excellent outcomes.

These pupils were presented with ESAA certificates in the end of year assemblies, to remind them of their fantastic achievements. Toby in Y8 broke the 100m record that had been held for 10 years and Sebastian, also in Y8, broke the shot put school record, a massive congratulations to them.

PE

During July, pupils were selected across Y7 to Y10 to compete at the district athletics event held in Lincoln. There were some particularly notable performances, but none more so than the Y10 Boys team that placed 4th out of 11 schools, only beaten by the likes of Branston, William Farr and Priory LSST.

Also in July, we took a group of students from Y6 to Y9 to compete in the Wickersley Partnership Trust Sports Day. This consisted of a rounders tournament in the morning, followed by an Athletics event in the afternoon. Pupils came away after having great fun, with notable progress made by the Y6's who had had minimal rounders practice prior to the event.

They took on feedback well and improved game to game. In the Athletics, students excelled, especially in the track events, often placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd. A special mention must be made to Lucy, Teyah, Tyler and Antoni from Y10 that came along as Sports Leaders. They umpired the rounders games, organised and manages their year group teams and were a huge help to staff throughout the day. Thank you! It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by all and as always, the TGA students did the Academy proud.



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Y11 Results

Results for Y11 will be available to collect from under the canopy's on:
Thursday 25th August 2022 10am-12pm.

Staff will be available in school during this time to help with any specific exam/careers related guidance students may require.

If students are unable to collect their results on the day, they can authorise someone else to collect them on their behalf. If this is the case, please email Miss Carton on scarton@gainsboroughacademy.com with this information.

On results day, the authorised person must bring with them some form of identification in order to collect the results. Alternatively, students can collect the results at a later date after the **school re-opens on Friday 2nd September 2022.**

Y11 EXAM RESULTS DAY

Thursday 25th August 2022

10am-12pm

Wishing all of our Y11's the best of luck for results day!



HAVE A GOOD SUMMER BREAK