



25 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the summer term and I hope that you had a good Easter break. I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you with a few updates from the academy.

This week all students have received updated timetables for the summer term. We have made some timetable adjustments to enable Year 10 to be taught as a whole year group and therefore better support them with their core subjects, we have also had several staff changes over the Easter break and this has impacted on the majority of year groups. Please speak to your son/daughter about their updated timetable and check that they have this in their planner so that they are able to arrive at lessons punctually.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some key statistics with you from this year so far:

Percentage of students with attendance over 95%: -

- 39% of students have an attendance over 95%
- 192 students have received no CFCs this academic year
- 224 students have at least 100 effort/praise points
- Well done to all of these students

Over the Easter break there have been some staff changes which I would like to update you on. Mrs Willert has left to take on a new role at the Hospital school in Sheffield. Mrs Bolton will now take on the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead and will be leading the Student and Family Welfare Team. Miss Rose joins us as Associate Assistant Head for Personal Development. She will be teaching History, Health and Social Care and PSHE and Mr Podmore joins us in the maths team. I hope you will join me in welcoming the new members of staff to the Gainsborough Academy Family.

Attendance has been a key area for development at the academy and I am pleased to say that attendance has increased and persistent absences have decreased compared to last academic year. There is however, still a lot of work to be done as the academy still has lower than national average attendance. Please ensure your son/daughter attends school every day. If your child is feeling unwell they should speak to the attendance team who will then contact home if needed. I would like to congratulate the following:

Highest year group attendance	Year 7
Highest form group attendance	7E 94.79%
Number of students with 100% attendance for the academic year	50
Percentage of students with attendance over 95%	39%

I would like to remind all parents that mobile phones are banned in school. If students need their mobile phone for the journey to and from school, then it should be switched off in the bottom of their bags during the school day from when they arrive through the school gate. If a student is found with their mobile phone it will be confiscated until the end of the day. If this happens on more than one occasion parents will be asked to collect the phone. Should



you need to contact your son/daughter during the day please contact the main school reception who will be able to help you.

As we move into the final term of the year and the weather gets warmer can I please remind you of the following uniform and equipment requirements:

- Plain black knee length tailored skirt, trousers or shorts
- Plain white shirt
- TGA tie
- TGA jumper
- Plain black leather shoes or leather trainers
- Only one pair of stud earrings should be worn
- Students should not wear false eye lashes or nails
- Students should have a bag with their school planner and pencil case containing a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler
- A water bottle which should be filled at break time

The summer term is always a busy one as we approach the GCSE exams, end of year assessments, work experience and roll over. I will write to you and update you on these as needed. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Skelton'.

Mrs R Skelton
Headteacher