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THE GAINSBOROUGH ACADEMY

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HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a whirlwind of a term, I find myself incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved. It has been a period defined by hard work, community spirit, and a genuine commitment to excellence.

The Gainsborough Academy continues to improve, and the recent data from this term speaks for itself:

- I am thrilled to report that **over 60%** of our students have been nominated for the Proud Podium.
- High attendance is essential for academic success. A huge well done to the **32 students** who have maintained a record of **over 98%**.
- Our rewards system has been busier than ever! **130 students** have now earned over **100 CFPs**, with an exceptional **8 students** surpassing the **200 CFPs** milestone.

It hasn't just been about the classroom; our students have been busy making an impact in the wider community and developing essential life skills. This term:

- all students have participated in first aid lessons, equipping them with vital, life-saving knowledge.
- We are delighted to celebrate two students who were awarded the Rotary Club Young Citizen Awards
- Our Year 10 Careers Day was a brilliant success, helping students engage with employers and visualise their next steps.
- Our students have been fantastic ambassadors, acting as Sports Leaders for primary school multisport events and running engaging activities at the STEM Fair hosted by The Queen Elizabeth's High School.

To our Year 11 students, who are now entering the final countdown to their exams: we recognise the immense effort you are putting in and we wish you every bit of success. You have the full support of the Academy behind you.

To ensure we maintain a focused and professional environment, please note the following reminders regarding school standards:

We expect all students to be in full uniform:

- White shirt and school tie.
- Black tailored trousers, skirt, or shorts.
- School jumper.
- Black shoes or black leather-look trainers.

Several parents have recently asked about ways to better monitor their child's digital life. We recommend exploring apps like Family Link (Android) or Downtime (Apple) to help manage screen time and content.

Within school hours, our policy remains "Off and Away":

- Phones must be switched off and kept at the bottom of the student's bag. They are not to be used at any point during the school day. Any phone seen will be confiscated until 3:00



pm. If a student has their phone confiscated more than once, we will require a parent or carer to come into the Academy to collect the device.

We are always looking for ways to improve our school community. I would like to encourage all parents and carers to complete our [parent survey](#) to share your views of the Academy. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us provide the best possible environment for our students. Finally, please note that we **return to school on Monday 20th April**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Skelton".

Rachael Skelton
Headteacher