



24 February 2025

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope the half term break has started off well for you all. We have been so proud of our Year 11s and how they have approached their mocks this term. We have had the highest ever attendance at after school support sessions which shows their determination succeed. Attendance has also improved across the school which is excellent and will hopefully continue.

We love to provide enrichment opportunities for our young people, and I was proud to see our students representing the school singing so well at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Tuesday night - they were fantastic!



We have also had number of sporting events recently and a special mention must go to the Year 8 football team who are top of the league winning 6 out of 6 games. They are also in the quarter final of the county cup and the semi-final of the league cup.

Well done to Isla Aiston and Thomas Young who competed in the next round of the regional Cross-Country Championships at Temple Park - both students performed incredibly well with Isla coming fourth and making it to the next round of the competition. Isla then went on to compete in the Middlesborough Inter Counties and did really well. Huge congratulations to both students!

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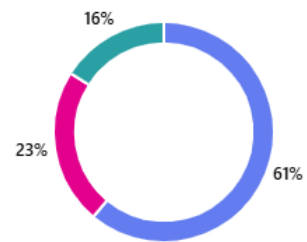
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Thank you for your feedback on parent evening formats. There were 131 responses, and compared to the last survey it shows a move towards a preference for more face-to-face meetings. There are still 39% who would prefer online or some online meetings so we will take all of this into consideration when putting together our calendar for next year.

2. What is your preferred option for parents evenings?

● In person	80
● Online	30
● Mixture of both	21



You will have received reminders around ensuring your child continues to wear the correct uniform. It is another element of our respect value that demonstrates our pride in the school and each other, so thank you for your continued support. We have some of the fewest branded items of any school in North-Tyneside and a large supply of pre-loved uniform if this is ever required.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the NUFC foundation who have recently renovated our foundation centre with some excellent graphics and, thanks to Mr. Cartwright's persuasive skills, they have also incorporated our values into the display.





George Stephenson High School

There is little to update you on at the moment, in terms of joining the Pele Trust. We are currently carrying out due diligence. It is very important that both parties go through this process in detail, and we are therefore looking to transfer over on the 1st June to ensure we have enough time to carry this out thoroughly. We will provide you with any further updates in due course.

Finally, please talk to your child about staying safe around water – as the opening quote alludes to, we can still get a cold snap at this time of year so a reminder not to stand on any ice on the lake is always worthwhile. We look forward to seeing them all safe and well back in school on Monday 3rd March.

Best wishes,

Mr P. Douthwaite
Headteacher

Key dates this term (Please check the school website for any updates)

March

Monday 3rd March – School reopens

Friday 7th March – GSHS 6th Form Taster Day and Whole School Dimensions Day

Thursday 27th March – Year 8 Online parents evening

Thursday 3rd April – Year 7 Online parents evening

Friday 11th April – School ends for Easter. Geography Italy Trip Thursday 24th-Sunday 27th

Student support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Louise Dunn

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders Mr Alex Lunn

SENDCo: Mrs Rebecca Bennett

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time.

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