

25 November 2024

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."

William Blake

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the Pele Trust Consultation. There was very little objection from parents so Governors have decided to proceed with the application. Please note that this does not mean that we will join the trust but that we will explore it further. Governors would still like parents to express any views, either for or against the decision, and would appreciate it if you could complete this <u>poll</u>.

Both parties will continue with a period of due diligence, and I will keep you updated in the coming months.

I would like to say well done to our Year 11 students for their attitude and efforts in the recent mock exams. Once again, their conduct was exemplary. In the coming weeks students will receive feedback from their teachers and will receive their grades in a mock results day on 20th January. We have high hopes for all our students and wish them the best. Remember that their teachers are here to help and support them when they need it. The after-school/revision timetable for Year 11 is up and running and provides an opportunity for students to get that extra bit of personal help if they need it.

Our new advent attendance challenge begins next week. The competition runs from the 2nd to the 17th December. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, students simply need to be in school. Prizes range from vouchers to spend in the local community such as Taste of India and tickets to Rugby's Magic Weekend at St. James Park next May. We are looking forward to rewarding students in the run up to Christmas by recognising those that are coming to school each day and giving their best.

The quality and output of the performing arts department continues to impress us all and we look forward to their talents being displayed in the Winter Showcase performance on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm. The show will last for approximately 90 minutes. If you are interested in a fun-filled festive musical evening tickets are available for £3 on the door

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6:30PM Thursday 12th December 2024

£3 PER TICKET

Tickets available from Miss Connor or on the door Continuing with the performing arts theme - well done to all the students receiving their Bronze Arts Award this week and to Miss Connor for organising this. It was a pleasure to present them their certificates in front of our staff. Eleven year 10 students achieved this award so well done to Adam, Owen, Lucy, Summer, Greta, Catherine, Amy, Bartosz, Joseph and Jessica.



Congratulations also go to John Zeng (below left) for proudly representing George Stephenson High School and making a presentation to all of the Headteachers across North Tyneside about his work to develop student's financial education and gaining their pledge to support his endeavours.



Finally, on a safeguarding note, with temperatures dropping, please can you talk to your child about the dangers of walking on ice, particularly due to our location next to the lake. We remind them of this at school but would appreciate your reinforcement too.

Wishing you all the best,

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Mr. P. Douthwaite

Headteacher

<u>Student support and safeguarding</u> 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. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email <u>enquiries@gshs.org.uk</u> For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email <u>absence@gshs.org.uk</u>