



Principal's Bulletin

21st March 2025

New Initiatives for 2025-26

We are excited to announce that our school will be introducing rugby as a new sport & club for the 2025-26 academic year. As part of this initiative, we have successfully acquired rugby posts, which will enhance our sports facilities and provide students with the



opportunity to learn and engage in this dynamic sport. Rugby promotes teamwork, discipline, discipline, and physical fitness, and we believe it will be a fantastic addition to our school's physical education and extra curricular programs. We look forward to sharing more details about the rugby program, including training schedules and team formations, in the coming months.



We are also thrilled to announce that our school will be launching a cricket specialism starting in the 2025-26 academic year! To support this new initiative, we have acquired a state-of-the-arts cricket pitch, which will provide our students with the ideal environment to learn and enjoy the game, rain or shine. Cricket not only

fosters teamwork and sportsmanship but also encourages physical fitness and skill development. We look forward to sharing more information about the cricket program, including practice schedules and team opportunities, in the near future.

Further, we are excited to announce that our school will be introducing the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) as part of our character development program for the 2025-26 academic year. The CCF aims to cultivate essential life skills in our students, including leadership, teamwork, discipline, and resilience.



Through a variety of engaging activities, training sessions, and community service opportunities, students will gain valuable experiences that promote personal growth and a sense of responsibility. The CCF will not only enhance character development but also foster camaraderie and teamwork among participants.

We believe that this initiative will play a significant role in preparing our students for future challenges and instilling a strong sense of civic duty. Further details about the CCF program, including enrollment procedures and schedules, will be shared shortly.

WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word of the week is:

Character

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you.

Nelson Mandela, Long Road to Freedom

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th March

Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

30th March

Mother's Day

30th March

Eid- al-Fitr (Islam)

★ **Pupil G.R.E.A.T** ★

Megan Sling (Year 13)

For delivering an outstanding EPQ presentation to her peers and the Sixth Form team. Well done!



Curriculum Update

This weeks Star Sports Performer goes to..

Our sports department have introduced their new awards for Sports Performer of the week. Each week there will be an award given to a top performing student in KS3 and KS4 each week. Awards can be given based on a students performance in lessons, performance in an extra-curricular activity and for producing high-quality work being produced.

This weeks first **Star sport performer of the week KS3** goes to:

Sam Crookham in Year 8 for his contributions to the year 9 football as the goalkeeper putting in a man of the match performance making great saves throughout the game.

Star sport performer of the week KS4 goes to:

Ruby Webster as she has produced an excellent piece of coursework for task 4 in Sport Science. Ruby has created an excellent 6 week training programme identifying suitable training methods for her chosen component of fitness.

Congratulations to you both.

History Club

Our budding historians developed research, and communication and presentation skills finding out about key periods and history and presenting their findings to others. Well done to Elizabeth Golding (7.7) confidently spoke in public about her topic on the Matchgirls Strike of 1888.

Pop Voices

On Monday 10th March, our vocal group *Pop Voices* sang with local choir *Phoenix Voices* at St. Stephen's Church in Gateacre. Over 20 students attended, and the event was a great success, with many of the audience commenting extremely positively on the musicality, confidence and general conduct of our students. Well done to all involved, but special mention goes to Milly Roberts (bass guitar) and Ethan Blanton (drums) who were part of the 'house band' and performed with choir on the previous Saturday too.



Year 11 Employability Sessions

This week students have been working on employability skills and how to be career ready. Students have produced cover letters to accompany their CVs. Students have the opportunity to attend a careers drop in with Careers Leader at lunch time every day in B402 to discuss careers, pathways and next steps.



Music Technology

On Monday 10th March, our Year 13 BTEC Music Technology students had their Live Sound assessment. During the day they successfully set up the equipment and then delivered a 'mini-gig' after school featuring our brilliant Year 9/10 rock band *Scare Tactics*. Well done to all involved!

