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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds all families well. This half term has been short but intense. I certainly hope students are looking forward to a bit of a break next week and it's predicted to be a warm one!

Farewell to Year 13

Last week our Year 13 students went on study leave, although many still took advantage of coming in and working this week which is great to see. Congratulations to all prize winners at the Leavers assembly. We look forward to celebrating the end of the exam period at the Year 13 Leavers Ball and wish you all the very best of luck in your exams. Please stay in touch, you are always part of the Gosforth family and we always love to see you back in school.

Farewell to Year 11

We are now coming to the end of a very busy exam fortnight for Year 11 and students will be ready to take stock at half-term and prepare for another busy fortnight after half-term. I have been so impressed with the way students have prepared for these exams and conducted themselves throughout. Officially, students go on study leave this morning but many students will be in after half term doing booster sessions or further revision-it's really important that students attend these sessions as staff can often question spot from previous exams and focus on what they predict might come up on future papers. My message to Year 11s is well done so far, get the right balance of rest and revision over half term and then kick on again for the final few weeks.

We look forward to welcoming many of them back into our Sixth Form but for those who are pursuing other routes; you leave with all our best wishes. We look forward to celebrating with the majority of students at the Year 11 Prom.

End of the academic year

Today is officially the end of our academic year at Gosforth Academy. Our year groups roll to new timetables as of Monday 2nd June which allows the new curriculum to start early. This is something unique to Gosforth Academy but means September feels less daunting as students are already familiar with their teachers and have had a head start with their courses. Students will be informed of their tutor groups and bases on the first day back after half term.

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School meals

The Government launched a consultation on proposals to update the School Food Standards which is due to close on the 12th June 2026. The consultation can be responded to by any interested party including parents through the link below.

[School Food Standards: updating the legislative framework - Introduction - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

The updated School Food Standards will be implemented from September 2027 with some food groups being implemented from September 2028 in Secondary schools.

The key proposed changes to the School Food Standards are:

- Increasing fibre
- Reducing sugar
- Restricting foods higher in fat, sugar and salt
- Including pulses alongside meat or chicken as a source of protein
- Restricting the use of vegetarian or plant-based meat alternatives
- Restricting the use of non-sugar sweeteners
- Introducing meal deal restrictions to include a portion of vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit. Drinks will be excluded from meal deals.

We encourage parents to complete this consultation.

Parent Partnerships

Over the last few years we have encouraged parents to contact the school if they need support. I am delighted to see the amount of parents who pass through the doors of the school either to meet individual staff, watch their child at an event or attend parents evenings. Please continue to contact us if you need to, things are busy in schools, but our staff will always make time for you.

Further to our positive parent partnerships we have recently set up a new PTFA. This has taken exemplary effort from an extremely supportive group of parents. Excitingly, they will be hosting their first event the upcoming Year 8 intake evening on 1st July. I would like to personally thank all those parents/carers who have been involved in the set up and running of this (you know who you are!) as well as Miss Bonello and Ms Tomlinson who are school staff who support. If you would like to be involved please do not hesitate to contact our Co-Chairs sarah.rae@ga.newcastle.sch.uk and olumuyiwa.oshungboye@ga.newcastle.sch.uk.

Pre-loved Uniform

In relation to the above if any parents have any uniform which can be re-used, please drop this off at the Main School Reception so it can be recycled. The PTFA are organising the pre-loved uniform ahead of the Intake Evening and any donations would be gratefully appreciated.

School on Monday 1st June is due to start at normal time of 8:40am.

Thanks as always for all your support. Wishing you all a fabulous half term.

Wishing all students and families an enjoyable break.



Preit Chahal
Principal