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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you have something nice to look forward to over the coming weeks. A few end of term updates from me.

Yellow Week

Another Yellow Week draws to a close (with two adventurous trips still returning on Saturday!)-and what a week it's been.

We've had a packed schedule of day trips and in-school activities. Some students have been out exploring local art galleries, keeping cool on the ice rink, hopping across the city on the Metro, or even catching waves while surfing. Meanwhile, back in school, students have been busy analysing films, building model aircrafts, crafting, and even travelling through time (well, almost!) while exploring the Doctor Who universe.

Further afield, our residentials have taken students to every corner – from soaking up the culture in Malaga, showing respect and reflection on a visit to Auschwitz/Birkenau while in Kraków, to a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Japan.

And let's not forget those closer to home – students have been hitting hole-in-ones on the golf course, exploring the scientific wonders of London, building resilience and teamwork through the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and mastering new skills on the Tawd Vale residential.

A huge thank you to all staff, students and parents who made this week such a success-full of memories, experiences, and achievements.

Transition-Year 9 and 12

Last week we enjoyed welcoming prospective Year 12 students to our Bridging course. Hopefully, this has given students a good taste of the subjects they may wish to study in September but also develop some independent skills which are so important during their time in Sixth Form.

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We have also held two Year 9 intake days and it was great to meet the parents of those students in the evening. I know additional bespoke visits have also taken place so our incoming Year 9 students are ready and excited to join us in September.

Progression Week

Our Sixth Form have also been engaging in either work experience or progression related activities in school this week. Progression Week has again included a vast array of activities which include trips to universities, mock interviews, UCAS preparation, apprenticeship talks, environmental and sustainability projects, various talks (e.g. EDF) and a community project to service users at the Welford Centre which gives support to adults with high level of need. Some students are also in Eswatini on World Challenge; an experience of a lifetime no doubt.

Exam Results

A reminder that we welcome our exam year groups to collect their results on:

- Thursday 14th August 2025-A-level-8am
- Thursday 21st August 2025-GCSE-9am

Separate advice and timings have been sent to Year 11 students who intend to enrol in our Sixth Form which this year will take place immediately after collecting their GCSE results on 21st August.

September Start Times

Year 10 and Year 11 students will be starting on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:40am.

Year 13- start Period 2-9:45am on Wednesday 3rd September.

I would like to end by thanking parents/carers, students and colleagues who have all done their best to ensure Gosforth Academy continues to flourish. I wish all families a relaxing and well-deserved summer break.



Preit Chahal
Principal