



The

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George Pindar School Newsletter

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## EXCITING NEW ERA AT GPS

We are delighted to welcome our new Headteacher, Mr Julian Leader to George Pindar School. Mr Leader has a broad range of experience that includes time served with the army, as well as working in some rather different schools, some more challenging than others. He said, "I am absolutely delighted and honoured to have been appointed as Headteacher at George Pindar School. George Pindar School is a great school to learn at and to work in and I am proud to be able to support all of our students and staff in taking the school forward to even greater success. Having worked in a variety of schools both within North Yorkshire and outside I have a wide range of experience and I know that by using this and applying it to the many wonderful things that George Pindar School currently does, we can only go from strength to strength. I know that there will be challenges ahead, as education is constantly changing, but I am convinced that with the quality of staff we have and the potential of our students, together we can successfully overcome these challenges. My first few weeks at George Pindar School have been very interesting and exciting and I hope that the change I am striving to achieve is beginning to take effect so that we are able to demonstrate to our community that we are the best school in this area, something our students and staff know is true already, and so we can provide an outstanding educational experience for all."



*The new George Pindar School Headteacher, Julian Leader*

## 'HEAD'ING FOR SUCCESS

With a new school year comes a new Year 11 and we have elected our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls for this year. Year 11 students were invited to apply for the roles and those that put themselves forward spoke to their fellow Year 11 students and staff in a special assembly, explaining why they thought they would be perfect for the role and the responsibility. Year 11s and staff then voted for their favoured candidates and we are extremely happy to announce that Head Boy and Girl for this year are Callum Lumsdon and Nicci Coombs, while Deputy Head Boy and Girl are Kai Thorpe and Maddie Judd. All four students have already fulfilled their first responsibility by assisting at our recent Open Evening. Callum and Nicci both spoke to a school hall packed full of prospective students and their parents and showed great confidence and maturity as they did so. Congratulations to all four of them.



*Back: Head Boy & Girl, Callum Lumsdon & Nicci Coombs*

*Front: Deputy Head Boy & Girl, Kai Thorpe & Maddie Judd*

## BUSY ANNUAL OPEN EVENING

Our annual Open Evening was held on Thursday 29 September. It was extremely well attended and we received lots of positive feedback from prospective students and their parents. Headteacher, Julian Leader spoke to the visitors in a short assembly, as did our new Head Boy and Girl. This was followed by the school band and choir giving a fabulous performance to huge applause. Visitors then explored the school, speaking to staff and students and taking part in the activities that had been prepared for a taste of school life.



*Nathan Staples setting up experiments ready for Open Evening*

# Help children reach their true potential : Train to teach



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Join us to find out more on **Saturday 8th October: 10am - 1pm**  
at **The Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough**



## FOLLOW THE SCHOOL ....

Reminder that you can now follow the school on Twitter. Our account is @georgepindarsch  
For school sports news on Twitter follow @gpschoolpe  
For news from the Music Department, please look for GPS Music on Facebook.  
For ICT news on Twitter follow @mrp\_Lee



## SPORTS DIARY

11/10/16  
Y7 Boys Indoor 5-a-side @ GPS  
12/10/16  
Y10 & 11 District Cup @ Filey  
17/10/16  
Y9 & 10 Football @ Scalby  
18/10/16  
Y7 Girls Indoor 5-a-side @ GPS  
Y8 SDSSA Netball @ Eskdale  
Y8 & 11 Football v Scalby @ GPS  
20/10/16  
SDSSA Caedmon Cross Country 3.30pm

## KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

Wednesday	12 - Oct	Y7 LT Surgery 6pm
Friday	14 - Oct	Drop Down Day 1
Wednesday	19 - Oct	S6f Open Evening
Thursday	20 - Oct	Y11 Parents' Evening 4 - 7pm
Friday	21 - Oct	Break Up for Half Term
Monday	31 - Oct	Return to School

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The twenty day attendance challenge is underway again and runs up to half term. It requires students to attend school punctually every day for twenty days to be in with a chance of winning a £10 shopping voucher. One student from each tutor group who has completed the challenge successfully will win a voucher.



We are also starting a new incentive for Year 9 which is called Classopoly. The highest attending tutor group in Year 9 will get to roll the dice on the Classopoly board and can win many different treats.

These incentives are being offered in order to reinforce the importance of good attendance. As we know, the higher a student's attendance is, the higher are their chances of gaining 5 A\* - C grades.

We consider good attendance to be 95% or above. Please support your child by sending them to school every day and, if you would like us to support you with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact our School Attendance Officer.

**Remember - every day counts!**