



**“Everything is Practice” - Pele**

Dear Parent/Carer,

When England played their World Cup match last weekend it was fantastic to see their young players performing so well. Jude Bellingham (19), Bukayo Saka (21) and Phil Foden (22) have proved to be naturals on the world stage and regardless of what happens this Sunday it will be a great achievement for them and hints at a future full of promise for the team. When you look at their journey to this point, success at such a young age is no accident. The right people, coaches, support and careful management has provided the platform for this success.

It is important at all stages of our student's lives that that we have high expectations of them and develop and nurture their skills and talents, provide them with opportunities to shine, challenge them to do well and support them when they need it.

Transition points - primary to secondary school, sixth form or college and their life beyond school - are particularly important times for students. This term I have met with all the Headteachers of the excellent primary schools in our catchment area and the work and communication between the schools to help students move seamlessly from one phase to the next continues to go from strength to strength. These links are important so we know as much about our young people and can support them both academically and personally from the moment they start at George Stephenson. As we come to the end of the winter term it is a pleasure to speak to so many of our students as they grow as responsible young people building on the strong foundations developed in their primary schools and continuing to enjoy and develop their own journey through George Stephenson.

The last two weeks have provided opportunities for our students to develop a broader understanding of other faiths and cultures, consider careers opportunities and reflect on the importance of charity and caring for others.

On Monday Mrs Rigby organised a trip for Year 8 students to visit the Newcastle Gurdwara to learn about Sikhism and lessons across the school had a Sikhism theme. The students really enjoyed the day.



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Our fantastic Careers Leader, Mr Allen, oversees an outstanding Careers programme across the school and last week Year 10 organised a Mock Interview event where we had 20 employers in school including Sage, the NHS, Xsite Architects, Giraffe Financial and Newcastle University.

Mr Allen prepared the students through tutorials on how to answer questions in interviews and how to use the 'STAR' (Situation, Task, Action, Result) technique when giving examples. Each student received individual feedback, by the employer, for them to evaluate in their next Careers lesson.



A few weeks ago The Bay Food Bank, put out an appeal as they were in significant need of supplies for families this Christmas. Mrs Ward suggested our involvement and once again we were incredibly humbled and proud of the huge response from the George Stephenson community who embraced the opportunity to help those struggling this Christmas.

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**Howard Kemp** @HowardKemp1962 · Dec 2



Thank you soooooo much to all the students & staff at @GSHS\_School in Killingworth 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏. Too much for one van, had to make a second trip!!! So kind, so generous, so lovely 😊 #killykindness



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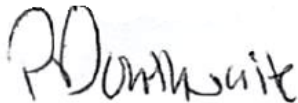


We are currently looking to recruit Cover Supervisors and Teaching Assistants at the moment. If you know of anyone who would be interested on joining a fantastic team at George Stephenson High School please ask them to visit this webpage - <https://www.gshs.org.uk/vacancies> or ask them to contact the school as we would love to hear from them.

Finally, I would like to say well done to all the students who put themselves forward to be the George Stephenson representatives for the North Tyneside Youth Mayor or Member of the UK Youth Parliament. We had the most applicants we have ever received, and they were all fantastic. After the votes were counted our congratulations go to Sharon in Year 9 (Member of UK Youth Parliament) and Khaled in Year 7 (Young Mayor). They will now go forward to run for these positions against students from other schools in North Tyneside. Good luck to you both!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay warm, enjoy any festivities, and celebrate an England win.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Douthwaite', written in a cursive style.

Mr P. Douthwaite  
Headteacher