



28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**“Where combination is possible, competition is impossible.”**

**George Stephenson**

Last week we had our Year 11 prom at St. James Park and once again it was a proud moment to see the fantastic young people our students have grown into. More than 30 staff also attended and the students were an absolute credit to themselves and the school and enjoyed a well-earned celebration of their time at George Stephenson. We keep our fingers crossed that they achieve what they deserve in the summer and wish those leaving us the very best of luck for the future but also look forward to welcoming those back into our sixth form as we support them in the next stage of their education.

I was also incredibly proud to watch our students perform to a full house at the Sage Gateshead on Wednesday as part of the North Tyneside Learning Trust Musical Extravaganza 2023. To be able to perform at such an iconic venue is something for our students to treasure. The fact that several schools have asked if we could come and perform for them is a testament to how outstanding their performance was. We look forward to seeing their talents flourish as the year’s progress. To see more of the performing arts opportunities our students experience at George Stephenson please follow us [@GSHS\\_PA](https://twitter.com/GSHS_PA)



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As the sporting calendar comes to a close we would like to say congratulations to Dominic and Noah in Year 10 for being selected to join the Newcastle Falcons Academy. This is a huge achievement and recognition of their skills (having watched them before I'm glad I didn't have to play against them!). It is a great opportunity for the boys, and we wish them the very best of luck as they continue develop on their rugby journey.

Year 6 transition days are well under way and the students have had a brilliant day of iLearn, where we talk to them about LORIC and how we develop Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative, Communication. We then talk about how we support them with their reading. They play a game where the emphasis is on teamwork and not judging a book by its cover! They all went home with a free book, bookmark, and certificate. The students also experienced orienteering to help them get familiar with the school site.

The students I have met this week have been happy and positive about starting at George Stephenson. Next Monday is their full induction day. Our Year 4/5 open evening and open days will be held in September where we look forward to showcasing our young people and the school for our future students, parents and carers.



Finally, a reminder that we have a training day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June but we will be fully open on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July when proposed industrial action will be taking place nationally. Please be aware that we also have Dimensions Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July where students across the school will have a collapsed timetable. Further details will be sent to you soon.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. Douthwaite'.

Mr. P. Douthwaite  
Headteacher

## Meet the Staff

### Chef Wiles



**What is your role at GSHS?** Food Technician

**How long have you worked here?** 3 Years

**What does your job involve?** I support the food department and help promote healthy eating. I prepare food, take orders, and support classes. I run after school sessions for students and parents.

**Do you have any hobbies?** Snooker and grass roots football

**Favourite thing about GSHS?** The amazing staff we work with and happy children.

**Favourite memory of GSHS?** I enjoyed having Joe Wickes here this year and this fed into the healthy lifestyles we are promoting with our students. I'm also proud when a student cooks something ambitious and asks me if they can take a photo of it to show their mam!