



George Stephenson High School

9th June 2023

“Don't compare your progress to other people. Everybody is different. Work hard and be consistent, you are making progress everyday”

Joe Wicks

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term and are making the most of the spell of good weather we are experiencing. We were delighted to welcome Joe Wicks to George Stephenson High School recently to hold a whole school 30-minute workout as part of his tour to deliver fitness sessions to 10,000 students across the country. We were proud to be able to invite students from neighbouring Westmoor school and Percy Hedley who all had a fantastic experience. The sun shone and the students were brilliant. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Patrick for organising a day that the students thoroughly enjoyed. Joe did a Q&A with a group of students after the session and said they were the most impressive group he had spoken to, and the quality of their questions was excellent.



The BBC report can be found on Twitter here

<https://twitter.com/bbcnewcastle/status/1660995595442503681>

Well done to all the students who are currently sitting their exams. The conduct of our young people has been exemplary, and the invigilators have commented on their positive attitude and approach and how pleasant they have been. They have all done themselves proud in terms of their preparation and work ethic. They just need to keep up those high standards for a few more exams to finish them knowing they have given their best.

This week our team of Eco Enthusiasts have been delivering assemblies in relation to aspects of climate change and to encourage us all to play our part in making GSHS a more environmentally friendly and sustainable place.

As part of that process, we would like to invite everyone to take part in Clean Air Day 2023 on Thursday 15th June. We understand the various hurdles that people face such as daily commutes and childcare arrangements, but it would be great if we could consider a car share,

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walk, or cycle. Our staff are getting involved as we aim to reduce the cars in the staff car park and will share some photos of our efforts in the next newsletter.



Thank you for your nominations for the Star Awards. This is North Tyneside Learning Trust's annual celebration of the outstanding non-academic achievements of the children and young people from around North Tyneside schools and this year it is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Letters have now been sent out to all schools with a finalist, which I am delighted to say includes George Stephenson High School, notifying them of this outstanding achievement and inviting them to the ceremony at St James Park later in July 2023. Congratulations to everyone and good luck at the finals.

As we continue to expand our extra-curricular provision based on the feedback you gave us earlier in the year, we are now running a range of Lunch Time activities which have been well received by students. We will continue to work with students and regularly review the offer to provide these enrichment opportunities. The current offer has been sent to parents and will be updated on the website at the beginning of next year.

We look forward to the next few weeks where we have several exciting events taking place with the Year 11 Prom, Dimensions Day, Sports Day, Work Experience, Star Awards, Summer Music Performance at the Sage, Sixth form futures day as well as our transition days for our new Year 7 Students.

Thank you for your feedback to our surveys this year. They have helped us shape our long-term plans so please continue to fill these in when you receive them. In the next newsletter I will share with you the work governors have been doing around the school vision and how feedback from all stakeholders are feeding into our long term plans.

Wishing you all the best and thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr. P. Douthwaite
Headteacher

Meet the Staff

Mrs Patrick



What is your role at GSHS? PE teacher and Health Ed Assistant Curriculum Leader

How long have you worked here? 21 years

What does your job involve? Patience and a sense of humour

Do you have any hobbies? Paddleboarding, wildwater swimming and reading but not all at the same time.

Favourite thing about GSHS? Our school community - students, parents and staff! We are so lucky to have the best of these three - it feels like one big family!

Favourite memory of GSHS? I do not think I could possibly pick one in particular. Highlights so far have been the Joe Wicks Visit, This is Me Event, Diversity Games and every Dance Festival - the talent is always exceptional.