

Newsletter



George Green's
School

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ATTENDANCE

Name



At George Green's we have always said that good attendance = good progress. It makes sense – doesn't it ? If you're in school, you're learning.

Our school average is 93%. That sounds pretty good, doesn't it ? But what that actually means is that over the course of the school year, the average pupil misses around 14 days, or almost 3 weeks, of learning time.

Here are the facts:

This summer 44% of year 11 pupils achieved 5 good GCSE passes including English and Maths. That's a great result. It's 15% better than last year, and meets our target.

But – what about the pupils whose attendance was 90% ?

We have gone through the exam performance of every single pupil whose attendance was 90% or below and the results are shocking – only 9% of pupils with 90% attendance achieved 5 good passes.

So a drop of 3% in attendance = a drop of 41% in exam results.

What if that was you ? If your attendance is 90% or below, what are the chances of you achieving the results you want ?

If, however, you could improve your attendance to 95% or better, then it's a different story.

Based on this summer's results, 54% of pupils with 95% attendance achieved 5 good passes.

So just 2% more – another 4 days a year – and you improve your chances by 10%

So what do you want ?

90% attendance – 9% good passes

95% attendance – 54% good passes

Good passes = life chances



Eid Mubarak

School will be closed on Monday to celebrate **Eid ul Fitr.**

I hope that those of you who have been fasting through the Holy Month of Ramadan will enjoy all the food and the time spent celebrating with your families and friends. We hope everyone has a lovely day.

School will be open for business as usual on Tuesday.

Kenny Frederick



ENGLISH NEWS

8K you are going from strength to strength in English! I had to pinch myself at times to realise that you are in fact Year 8 and not sitting your GCSEs! I was incredibly impressed by your knowledge and recall of WWI poetry and this you demonstrated in a mature and thoughtful manner. I'm looking forward to you building upon your previous APP in terms of a writer's use of language and purpose. Special mentions must go to **Megan, Ashleigh, Josh and Harry** for their enthusiastic responses, **Mahi, Fozlul and Sadir** for your high level thinking and use of language in explaining your understanding of Wilfred Owen's purpose, **Syed, Mohith and James** for your equally appropriate contributions and knowledge of poetic devices. Finally, **Lubeena and Hanifa**, you're both working so hard at the moment: it's amazing to see you progress.

Wow, what a complete pleasure you are to teach **9.1!** You've made a terrifyingly tremendous start to our study of the Horror genre. I know deep down, you were all petrified by *Tell Take Heart* but you managed to put your fears aside to forward smashing ideas and contributions. The atmosphere in the class is consistently marvellous and I'm especially proud by just how diligent some of you are! Special mentions for excellent contributions to discussion must go to **Nick Wakeman, Daniel, Georgina, Harry, Millie, Labhoise, Kaltun, Keegan, Azim and Charly**. Similarly, special mentions for astounding effort go to **Jen, Shamima, Som-Ying, Anna and Bradley**. Finally, well done **Leah** – you've made a cracking start to this year!

Finally, a huge well done to **10.2** who never cease to amaze and delight me in their reading and understanding of the play *Blood Brothers* (as well as stifling their laughter at my dire Liverpudlian accent!). You are making excellent progress and I already have a sneaky suspicion that your coursework will be first rate. Extra special mentions must go to **Lota, Becky, Ellie and Alisha** for taking on the mantel of key roles together with the recent stage debuts of **Eddie and Tommy**; this is in conjunction with your forwarding plentiful thoughtful and original ideas

too! All have been expertly supported by **Brian and Suad**. Well done also to **Tommy, Kaiman, Hannah and Jade** for settling into the class so well and forwarding brilliant contributions too. Likewise, **Eddie, Libbie, Abdi, Tauhida, Mizan and Katherine** – your contributions raise my expectations constantly. Finally, **Shah, Abdul, Demi, Sima, Aysha and Fawziyah**, your consistently high standards in effort have certainly not gone unmissed. Well done and keep it up!

Ms Dalling
English

REVIEW AFTERNOON

On Wednesday we trialed our first Pupil Review Afternoon. This is a change from the way we have done for things for many years where Parents only had a chance to meet with their child's Tutor. The new style afternoons are designed to ensure that parents/carers can meet with subject teachers. This was something that was requested by parents and we are pleased to oblige!

Please let me have feedback on how the experience was for you so that we can make adjustments for the next review afternoon on 11th November for years 8, 9 & 12. We will do all we can to cut down on the queues and make sure that staff are more evenly spread out - and not crushed together! Any suggestions for improvement

Music Special mention

Ms Rhomes would like give a special mention to the following students;

Rejaul 9R for your great work in music star of the lesson!!

To the whole of 7T well done on your group performance this week.

The whole of 7P ;well done keep up the good work.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

School closed to celebrate EID - Monday 21st September 2009
Parent Forum BBQ - Saturday 26th September 2009
Open sessions (Year 6) - Monday to Friday - 5th to 9th October - 9.30 - 11.00
Open Evening (Year 6) - Wednesday 7th October 2009
Work Skills Evening (Year 10) - Thursday 15th October
Prize Giving Evening - Thursday 22nd October 2009
Staff Training Day - Friday 23rd October (School closed to pupils)
Half Term 26th - 30th October 2009 (inclusive)
Staff Training Day - Monday 2nd November 2009 (School closed to pupils)
Pupil Review afternoon - Years 8, 9 & 12 Wednesday 11th November 2009
School closed to celebrate EID - Thursday or Friday 25th or 26th November
(Parents will be notified of the closure date once it has been confirmed)
Year 11 Trial Examinations - Start Monday 30th November 2009
Parent Forum meeting Saturday 12th December
End of Term - Friday 18th December 2009
Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2010

Spring Term

Spring term starts Monday 4th January 2010
Year 9 Trial Exams Start Monday 11th January
Work experience - Year 12 Starts Monday 11th January
Pupil Review Afternoon - Years 10, 11 & 13 - Friday 22nd January 2010
Parent Forum Meeting Saturday 6th February
Half Term Monday 15th February - Friday 19th Feb (inclusive)
Staff Training Day Friday 1st April (School closed to pupils)
Pupil Review Afternoon - Years 8, 9 & 12 - Tuesday 2nd March
Parent Forum Meeting - Saturday 27th March
End of Term Wednesday 31st March 2010
Staff Training Day Thursday 1st April 2010
Easter Holidays Friday 2nd April 2010 - Friday 16th April 2010

Summer Term

Summer Term Starts Monday 19th April 2010
Year 10 Exams start Monday 19th April
Year 10 Work Experience Monday 26th April to Friday 2nd May (inclusive)
IB Exam period begins 10th May 2010
Pupil Review afternoon - Years 7 & 10 - Friday 14th May
Half Term Monday 31st May 2010 - 4th June 2010 (inclusive)
HUMANITIES DAY Friday 25th June
Year 6 Induction Day Friday 2nd July 2010
End of Term Friday 23rd July 2010

MATHS NEWS

A big well done to 7R for a fantastic start to their maths lessons from MR Shah



Remember next Friday 25th September Thames House will be holding Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Lansbury during break. Please come and buy a cake or two to help support the wonderful job that Macmillan continues to do. Also in the staff room at break!!



Welcome to the Attendance Corner for September 2009

Welcome to the Attendance Corner for this week. Firstly, I am happy to announce that after our first week of Horrible Attendance. You did so much better last week.

Our Overall attendance peaked at 93.14% which is Fantastic and we should aim for this every week. Well Done to all the students for making this happen and remember it is you who benefits from being in school and Learning.

The Crown of Best Attending Year goes to.... Year 7 with 94.53%..Brilliant*****
The Crown of Best Attending Class goes once again to....L2L7 with a Fantastic 98.44%
You are doing so well and have yet to be challenged L2L7! Keep it up!

Best Attending Year

Year 9 came 2nd with 93.92%
Year 10 came 3rd with 92.97%
Year 8 came 4th with 92.86%
Year 11 came 5th with 91.42%

Best Attending Class

L2I9 came 2nd with 95.23%
8M and 10w came Joint 3rd with 94.97%
11W came 4th with 94.08%

Well done to all the above.

Please remember that if you are late then you must register with Main Reception on your arrival. Without an AM mark your parents/carers may get a Truancy call advising them that you have not registered in school that day. We do not want parents to be concerned about you without due cause. It is your responsibility to always be registered throughout the day.

Big thanks you to our Pupil Receptionists from 8B. Zuned Alom, Harry Hartland, Erika Clark and Sharlotte Duggan who all worked very hard for members of staff, but were always polite and did not grumble!
Pure Stars..*****

Congratulations to Christopher Buckle who won the £100 Argos vouchers in the Best Attending draw which took place last term. He went shopping with Dionne and John and came back with an abundance of lovely gifts. How lovely!

A big thank you Dionne and John for taking him and bringing a big smile to his face!

Until Next Week

Lynn St Phillip
Attendance Officer



MOBILE TELEPHONES are not allowed in George Green's School

Mobile telephones are banned from George Green's School with no exceptions. The reason for this is they can be used by pupils, to call (*or to send a text message*) a friend or an irate parent to the school, when they have had an argument with a member of staff or with another pupil. This results in either a gang of young people arriving at our school gate at 3.15 waiting to 'get' somebody - usually for something that has already been sorted out! Alternatively, we have had irate parents or big brothers or sisters who have barged their way into the school to either sort out another pupil or a member of staff who has told their child off! These are very real situations that have happened - so please take note.

If your child does have to bring a mobile phone to school they must hand it in at PUPIL RECEPTION before registration and collect it at the end of the day. If any child is found in possession of a mobile phone in school (we do random checks) it will be confiscated and locked away until the end of the half term. This is the only way that pupils who defy the ban will learn

RE GOOD NEWS

Mrs Bowman is VERY pleased with the way Year 9 have begun their RE GCSE course, most pupils are working spectacularly well, in particular:

Anna Chau, Labhoise, Selina Ly, Jenny Ngo, Kieran Sheekey, Shamad Chowdhury, Mary-Anne Norfolk, Indiana Iffil, Amber Stone, Darcy Thomas, Hannah Wicks, Christina Kezika, Hammidat Adeniji, Farhana Akther, Moonjahen Bakth, Alima Begum, Fahima Begum, Sanjida Islam, Hamida Khanom, Mitchell Marks,

Jordan Newland, Shannon Lakey and Elle Roach have made a particularly FANTASTIC start to their GCSE course

I am also really impressed with the AMAZING start that **Jordan Earle and Sabir Alom** have made this term!

GCSE RE Full Course LC2 Tuesdays 3.15pm
GCSE Sociology LC2 Thursdays 3.15pm

RE Coursework Catch Up
LC1 & LC2 3.15PM after school. The video clips will be shown again for those who need it.

Year 11 GCSE RE - there is a GCSE, exam focused, student conference covering key topics in March for those sitting the exam in May. The aim of the conference is to give students a stimulating and informative day. The speakers (senior examiners and leading experts) will help students understand the importance of what they are studying, bringing topics to life and building their confidence to tackle their exams on their way to higher grades. The programme covers: Believing in God, Marriage & Family, Matters of Life & Death, Community Cohesion and examiner's tips. Each student will also receive detailed conference notes. Each student place costs £15. Letters and further information are available from Mrs Bowman in LC2

LRC NEWS



All new Year 7 students should now have their library cards so this is a good time to remind everyone that the library is open every day from eight o'clock in the morning. Everyone has the opportunity to read, study, complete homework and change library books before school and after school every day. There are new books available every week so come in and have a look. This week's new fiction includes "The Dead House" by Anne Cassidy, "The Man with no Face" a horror story in the "Tremors" series which is quite short and easy to read, "Playing Against the Odds" a story about stealing and relationships set in a school, a new title in the "Skulduggery Pleasant" horror series, "The Faceless Ones", "Taking the Plunge" by Helen Bailey, two titles by Chris Higgins "It's a 50/50 Thing" and "Love Ya Babe" and three novels in the "Diary of a Crush" series by Sarra Manning, "French Kiss", "Kiss and Make-Up" and "Sealed with a Kiss". New non-fiction includes books on the "Titanic and other Shipwrecks", "Zeppelin", "Cars and Bikes", "Life on Earth", "In the Air", "In Space", "Drug Abuse", "The Teaching of Buddha" and "How they made things work in Tudor and Stuart Times".

Drama Department Special Mentions

Ms Gordon would like to give special mentions to the following students:

Taylor John Lewis 7P, Amy Bergan 7P, Jamina Begum 7P, John Mekendrick Walford 7P

Mrs Jagroop Would like to say well done to the following students for the FAB work in this weeks Drama lesson ;

9.5 Indiana Iffil 9W, Yunus Miah 9G, Cettrin Divanin 9W, Kaltun Adan 9B, Tasnimal Hassan 9C, Hannah Wicks 9C

Well done to you all for your FAB work in a very challenge lesson.

Mr Williams would like to say to the WHOLE OF 11.2 DRAMA well done for your great work in this weeks drama lesson.



Green light for Fairtrade Café @ St Andrews Wharf

Young local entrepreneurs successfully bid for the costs of constructing Café

Youth Capital Fund grants £10,000

On Saturday 12th September 6 members of the Fairtrade Café team went to the Town hall in Mulberry Place to present their ideas to a panel of judges. There were over 20 project applications from all over the borough and the young Fairtrade Café team managed to secure the maximum grant of £10,000. The panel said that they were very impressed with the group, that "they were all very smartly dressed and we liked they way their presentation was a real team effort".



From left to right; Mizan, Abdul, Mahid, Mizanal, Sulaiman, Aksar

Team Work plus benefits

The team have been working together for several months working out equipment that they need, budgeting, designing a presentation and fundraising. All this hard work will lead to an AQA, a Duke of Edinburgh Award, Volunteering Awards; it may also count towards their coursework in Citizenship and B-Tech. Studies

What they said to get the funding...

"We wan to run a tuck shop which is Fairtrade in St Andrews Wharf. We want to sell healthy food and juices in the youth club as all people in the youth club have unhealthy food. By running a Fairtrade tuck shop we will buy Fairtrade fruits so it help the people in poor countries. We want to promote Fairtrade. We want to sell a option of healthy food such as fresh healthy toadies, sandwiches etc..."

"Also people in the youth club always eat unhealthy food and drink such as fizzy drinks, PFC etc. Also when the youth worker did the You decide consultation 29% of the young people in the club said that they want a tuck shop".

Fairtrade Café Team

Aksar Ahmed (14) Mizanul Islam (14) Nasim Jahan (14) Mahid Miah (15)
Abdur Rahim (14) Habibur Rahman (14) Sulaiman Kobil (14) Mizan Ahmed (14)
Shamim Hussain (14)

SCIENCE NEWS.....



Esther is back and animal club is in full swing! All students are welcome to attend.

Animal sessions are held in lab 8 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

We will be doing lots of fun activities and of course handling the reptiles!

Here is a list of animals that are in the club:

- Maltesers the Boa constrictor snake
- Candy the milk snake
- locusts and crickets
- Totty the Russian tortoise
- Fred the gecko
- Leo the leopard gecko
- Max the bearded dragon
- George the chinese water dragon

Look forward to seeing you there!!

Science Dissections!

Miss Tandon and Esther dissected a sheep's heart and lungs on Wednesday with 8.4.

Esther used a bike pump to inflate the lungs and show what the function of the lungs are.

8.4 learnt that the heart has 4 chambers called atriums and ventricles and that it beats apx 70 times a minute.

It was a bit smelly, but with the use of a microscope camera 8.4 learnt and saw many new things about these vital organs.

Well done 8.4 you were brilliant!

Dr.Hadley and Miss Nathu

Dr.Hadley and Miss Nathu taught pupils all about photosynthesis this week. Pupils did a practical to see if sunlight is needed in photosynthesis. They tested a leaf that was in the dark and one that was kept in the light with ethanol and iodine. The plant that was kept in the light did contain starch, but the one in the dark did not.

Well done 9.6!!!

Animal Poster competiitiion!!!

Esther is looking for posters to put up on her animal display board! The posters must be about your favourite animal and have lots of information on it about why it is your favourite and all about the animal itself.

I will be giving a prize to the best / most informative

poster!!

Please give your entries to Esther (science dept) by Sept 30th.

Eco-Schools!!!

Please see Esther or Graham if you would like to join our Eco -club. We need as many volunteers as possible as we really want to make a difference to the school and environment around us.

If you are already a memeber -please see Esther or Graham as we need to update our list!



Special Mentions Y8....

I had a fab cover lesson today with 8.1 in French . Lisa Mitchell. Just to let you know **Kayla Hutchinson** is doing really well at the moment in Geography. She has come back with a really positive attitude towards her learning.

Ms McElligot

Jewell Ahmed has made an excellent effort in lessons, despite having missed time before the holidays, he is focussed and working hard and very quickly catching up with his class mates. I am really impressed with his attictude towards learning.

FR86 have had 2 wonderful lessons and I am looking forward to the next. **Courtney, Sakib and Conor** have especially impressed me and Abdi has made a very positive start after moving classes.

Ms Hurley

WELL DONE TO THESE TWO BOYS WHO COMPLETED ALL THE WORK THEY WERE GIVEN AND THE EXTENSION BEFORE THE WHOLE CLASS

Tahian Ahmed

Abul AHasan Laurice Williams

Courtney L and Kayla H well done for being brilliant in cover lesson and helping me pack away at end

Laurice Williams

Sima 8S was fab this lesson, not just finishing her own work really well but also helping others in the room. I hope she enjoys the work as much as I enjoy having her in the class. Ms Fennell

8.2 Geography

Working increadibly hard and super stars:

Tasnia, Sima, Sunna, Abdi, Halima, Abida, Falah, Harry Jay, Sabir, Maruf. Ms McLeggan

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Friday 18th September 2009

I am writing to request your help in the updating of our whole school medical register. There are a number of our pupils who have to take medication during the course of the school day and we have a central register of all these pupils and also those pupils who take medicine outside of school hours. This ensures that we have all the necessary information in order to look after your child in the case of an emergency.

I would be very grateful if you could answer the following 15 questions on the behalf of your child. Please write onto this sheet and then give this back to your child in order for them to return it to school. All pupils should hand in their form to their tutor who will pass it onto me. I would be grateful if you could return this form by Friday 25th September at the latest.

1. Name of child:
2. Form:
3. Address:
4. Contact Numbers:
5. Child's date of birth:
6. Name and Address of child's GP:
7. Has your child got any medical needs? : (Please circle) YES or NO
8. What is the name of your child's medical condition?: (Asthma for example)
9. Does your child have to take medication for their medical condition? (Please circle) YES or NO
10. What is the name of the medication your child has to take for their medical condition?:
11. Does your child take medicine for their medical condition during the course of the school day? (Please circle) YES or NO
12. If you answered yes to question 11 are they able to take their medicine independently? (Please circle) YES or NO
13. Does your child currently have a care plan (Please circle) YES or NO
14. Does your child require any emergency medication to be kept in school? (Please circle) YES or NO
15. If you answered yes to question 14 what is the name of this emergency medication

I would like to thank you for your support in providing this information. I would like to assure you that all information you have provided will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. If you wish you may return this information in a sealed envelope so that it is only seen by myself, the school health professional and other relevant staff (eg First Aiders)

If you require any further information about any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Garcia (Assistant Headteacher)