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Dear Parent / Carer

End of term update

I hope this finds you well at the start of the summer holidays although you might be wondering, like me, where summer has gone! As we begin our six-week break, I would like to provide some updates from other organisations as well as some updates from school.

Over the summer holidays a range of holiday activities are available via North Yorkshire's FEAST programme. We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they will also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school via hello@gps.hlt.academy and we will respond to you within one week. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

I have also received information about Gas Safe Charity Funding and been asked to share this with you. Choices4Energy at the North Yorkshire Council has funding available until September to help homeowners with low income and/or disability to pay for measures that address potential gas safety, gas leaks or CO poisoning (<£36,000 household income, other criteria may apply). This includes measures such as repairs and servicing of gas boilers, fires and cookers. Badly fitted or poorly serviced gas appliances can put you and your family at risk. There is a maximum grant of £500 per household, and we are encouraging homeowners to check gas appliances now to ensure they are safe to use, ready for winter. Contact us now on 0300 131 2 131 and ask for Choices4Energy, or visit [Choices4Energy | North Yorkshire Council](#) for more information.

Parents and carers are encouraged to use Pharmacy First, your local community pharmacy this summer, if your child needs help with minor illnesses or ailments. The NHS Pharmacy First service allows children to get NHS treatment – and access to antibiotics where appropriate – for five common conditions from your local pharmacy, without needing a GP appointment. To find a local pharmacy to you visit the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/find-a-pharmacy

The five common conditions are:

- impetigo (aged one year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged one year and over)
- earache (aged one to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged five years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)

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Students might well be spending more time online during the summer holidays and I have been asked to share some information regarding AI Chatbots which are built into platforms children are using every day on their phones and other devices. Research from [Internet Matters](#) shows **that two-thirds of children are using AI chatbots** like ChatGPT, Snapchat's My AI, character ai and others, and they're being used for schoolwork, to seek advice and even for companionship. **Chatbots interact in a human-like way**, they are always available, are friendly and non-judgemental, and use empathetic language - which can make children feel acknowledged and understood. However, this makes it harder for children to recognise that they're interacting with a tool rather than a real person. Chatbots are not real and their responses cannot always be trusted. Also, they're **often not designed with children in mind** - most lack safety settings or parental controls. So if children ask for advice on sensitive topics, the lack of age checks plus inconsistent filtering mean they may be presented with responses that are inappropriate for their age. To help you get to grips with what AI chatbots are, and for advice and tips on how you can help your children use them safely, [check out Internet Matters new AI information hub](#).

I am sure that many families will be purchasing school uniform and equipment for the year ahead over the next few weeks. Please remember that students are entitled to wear our new uniform from 2nd September 2025 which has been designed to be as affordable and comfortable as possible. Students can wear the current uniform for the year 2025-26 if desired.

The new uniform consists of:

- Branded grey George Pindar School sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Black trousers (denim/cord material and leggings are not acceptable)
- A black pleated skirt may be worn as an alternative to trousers (pencil / tight-fitting skirts are not acceptable)
- Socks must be black, white or grey only. Tights must be black
- Plain black leather (look) flat shoes or plain black trainers (canvas/coloured branded logos on trainers are not permitted)

PE kit:

- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Trainers

Additional information:

- There are two uniform providers in Scarborough who sell branded items as well as non-branded items - Edge Clothing and Rumours. Non-branded items can also be purchased from supermarkets / high-street stores
- Hair must be of a natural colour and style; any shaved hair must be not less than grade 3
- Make-up, if worn, should not be noticeable. Coloured nail polish, acrylic nails, gel nails, and all other forms of false nail are not permitted. False eyelashes are not permitted
- Jewellery is restricted to one pair of stud earrings. No other forms of jewellery are allowed and retainers must be worn
- Hoodies are not permitted in school



Students are required to bring a bag to school where they should carry their school planner, their equipment and any resources for lessons. Students are expected to bring - as a minimum - a black / blue pen, a green pen, a ruler, a pencil and a calculator.

At the end of term, we said goodbye to the following colleagues:

- Miss Rundell, Attendance Administrator
- Miss Pummell, Cover Supervisor
- Miss Clark, Teacher of Music and Second in PE & Culture
- Mrs Venner, Data & Exams Manager.

In recent weeks we also said goodbye to Mr Smith, Teacher of Maths and Mr Dalton, Assistant SENDCo. We wish all our colleagues every success in their new posts or in the next stage of their lives. A number of new staff will join the school in September and I will share more details with you on our return to school.

I would like to thank you, as always, for your support as we seek to help your child strive for success at George Pindar School. We look forward to seeing your child at **8.40am** on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Welsh

Principal | George Pindar School