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July 2025 Edition

Message from the Principal

I can hardly believe that we are at the end of the 2024-25 school year and that the summer holidays have now begun! As you can see below, the last half term at George Pindar School has been jam-packed with special events and activities and we are so grateful to all staff who have organised these opportunities for students and to all our students who have participated so thoroughly in events making us extremely #ProudToBePindar! We hope all members of our school community enjoy the summer break and come back to school rested, refreshed and ready to go again for hard work in 2025-26! We are looking forward to the new term and seeing all our students on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 8.40am**. Students need to be in to win and attendance matters so please remind your child to start the new term with 100% attendance!

Attendance pays off!

As part of our Springboard into Summer, we have been rewarding students who have managed to achieve 100% attendance each week in random spot prize draws and you can see lots of the lucky recipients on our school's Social Media pages on Facebook and Instagram. During Sports Day on Friday, we drew the winning tickets for the three very special £100 prizes for the 100 Club! We know that attendance makes a huge difference to

achievement and we encourage every child to aim for 100% every week. A group of students have managed to achieve 100% throughout the entire academic year and they were treated to a special breakfast with Miss Ager, our Senior Attendance Officer, where they were awarded a 100% badge to mark their achievement. Well done to all our 100 Club members - let's start again in the new year and aim for 100%!



#ProudToBePindar

During the final week in school we hosted our half termly rewards assemblies where staff got the chance to reward students who have gone above and beyond in their lessons, in displaying the PINDAR values and in making their tutors and Heads of House extremely proud! Winners took away a certificate and some lucky students also won an Amazon voucher to reward the contribution they make to the school community. We hope your children have shown you their certificates and look forward to rewarding more hard work in the new school year.



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Osprey are victorious but Kite came close!

Throughout the last year our five Houses have been competing to win the school's House trophy with points awarded every week for attendance, behaviour and punctuality to lessons. A range of additional competitions have taken place to allow students in different Houses to contribute to their House's overall total including the TimesTablesRockStars competitions, ReadingPlus competitions, House sports competitions and much more. Every week, Miss Simpson shares an update with all form tutors so our students can learn how close their House is to the top spot and competition has been very tight all year! The House trophy competition culminated in our fantastic Sports Day which took place on Friday. Tutor groups designed a range of incredible banners to support their House teams whilst athletics events took place on the field all morning, before the whole school descended on to the field to support their Houses in a series of running events. Thankfully the weather was kind to us until the last two races of the day and whilst we dried off in the Sports Hall, the scores were totted up before the winners of the Sports Day trophy were crowned as Kite House, with the overall House trophy being awarded to Osprey House after fantastic efforts all year. Every student has the chance to contribute to their House's success - simply attending school every day gives your House more points, so remember to be in to win! We cannot wait to see what competitions take place next year!



GPS on tour!

The last half term has been packed with a series of visits for George Pindar students. Our Year 10 Sports classes participated in a day of adventurous activities to boost their chances of exam success by canoeing and mountain biking at East Barnby. Students made their PE teachers extremely #ProudToBePindar thanks to their excellent behaviour and participation! Good luck in Year 11!





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Our Year 9 Achieve students enjoyed their visit to Scarborough Sports Village where they participated in a #RobotWars event, designing, building and battling their robots in knock out rounds. We were very proud that one of our teams, 'Team Fat Troy', made it to the final and won the title of 'Best Driver'. Excellent work Year 9! A small number of Achieve students with an interest in marine biology enjoyed their visit to the SeaLife Centre in an after-hours exclusive trip where they were shown around by an expert who inspired them about a potential career in marine biology. We certainly take science trips seriously at GPS!



Year 9 students were also given the chance to make more inspiring choices thanks to a day at York Railway Museum where they attended a STEM conference, trying out the Wonderlab facility and making stop frame animation films using Lego. Students told staff who attended the trip that this event was amazing and they enjoyed every moment!



Our PE department is keen to ensure that students enjoy watching live sport as well as participating in it and a brilliant visit took place in July to Headingley where a group of students enjoyed the Super League match between Leeds Rhinos and Saint Helens! As a special treat, students and staff got their fifteen minutes of fame by acting as flagbearers for the Leeds Rhinos flag and walking this on the pitch in front of the 20,000+ crowd! This was an excellent opportunity for our students and despite a late night, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



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In June Year 8, 9 and 10 girls participated in a hugely motivating wellbeing day at Dalby Forest where they participated in mindfulness activities, team sports, dance and physical activity and the incredible Colour Run! We were particularly impressed by a group of Year 10 girls who developed their journalism skills by broadcasting live on the day on YorkMix and then following up with a written account for the YorkMix website which you can read [here](#).



Sporting fixtures still take place in the summer term and this half term kicked off with the annual Town vs Country Athletics event at the University of York. Staff who accompanied the fixture were extremely proud of the exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship on show from our competitors - well done #TeamPindar! You made us very proud!

Where next?

It has been an incredibly busy half term for our Year 10 students, beginning with their first set of Mock Exams where they were tested in all subjects to check on progress with only 8 months of their school careers ahead. After mocks, students had the opportunity to participate in work experience placements or a series of in-school and out-of-school careers events to help them think about life after George Pindar School!

We were very grateful to Scarborough Tec and Scarborough Sixth Form College who both offered to host taster days for all Year 10 students in July. At the Tec, students took part in taster sessions for construction, hairdressing, SFX makeup, catering, engineering, music, drama and much more whilst at the Sixth Form College students participated in a variety of exciting and interesting taster sessions in subjects ranging from music to English Literature, French to Performing Arts and many more. We were so proud of the feedback received from tutors at both establishments who congratulated GPS students for their engagement and maturity during the visits - what a great first impression our students made! As students move into Year 11, we encourage them to keep an eye out for open events at local colleges whilst in school, we are already preparing for our annual Careers Fair and our series of careers interviews led by Mrs Bilton our Careers Adviser. We look forward to finding out more about their next steps in the months ahead!



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We scrub up well!

We were so proud of the way our Year 11s behaved during their GCSE exams and in school we held a wonderful Leavers' Assembly where we shared memories, shed some tears and reflected on a fantastic five years at school. This was followed by the Year 11 Prom at the Royal Hotel which was an incredible celebration of our young people and they certainly dressed to impress! A full range of photos are available on our school's Facebook page but the images below give just a glimpse of this very special event. Students (and some staff!) danced the night away and enjoyed the chance to kick back and relax at the end of a very challenging year. We hope all our Year 11 students are enjoying their well-deserved summer holidays and we cannot wait to see their results on Thursday 21st August!



World Record holders!

Mrs Raisin is never afraid to get involved in more exciting events to promote George Pindar School and to give our Hospitality and Catering students an insight into the world of professional catering so when the chance came up to be part of a record-breaking attempt with Jamie Oiver, she jumped at it! Participating in the worlds' largest cookery lesson, Mrs Raisin, Miss Emmerson and their team of Year 9s chopped, sliced, prepared and cooked fresh pasta and sauce from scratch and a few days later got confirmation that they are record breakers as 10,515 cooks from 6 continents and 42 countries had participated in the lesson. Students will receive a certificate that formally recognises their participation and we cannot wait





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to see what they do next as they begin their Year 10 course!



Attendance pays off!

Although we love a trip off-site, we also enjoy hosting visitors to school and this month we were delighted to welcome Kelly Carr, Programme Leader of Media Hair and Makeup, from Scarborough Tec to school, where she inspired our students to create flower designs from the 1960s and 70s in a fantastic afternoon workshop. Students were delighted that they could create such professional results in school and Mrs Raisin and her students were very grateful to Kelly for giving up her time to support #TeamPindar! We cannot wait to see what the students create as they move through Year 11 and complete their Hair & Beauty courses.

We were delighted to welcome former student Keane back to school to showcase the follow-up to

his incredible performance of 'Battleground' which he shared with Year 9s last year. Supported by Rob of Stephen Joseph Theatre, Keane performed a heartrending performance of 'Feral' to students and made a huge impact on them. We are so proud of Keane and cannot wait to see what he comes up with next!



Year 9 were lucky to be visited by Jeanette Percival from the Talent Foundry who delivered a workshop in school about nursing to challenge stereotypes in the NHS in July. The session was organised by Mrs Beveridge in school and students participated really well in the workshop, giving them an insight into another potential future career. We are really grateful to Jeanette for giving us some of her precious time and to all the visitors who come to George Pindar School to inspire our young people.



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EduLink: Use the App or go online

Communication between home and school is of vital importance to ensure that all students can strive for success. Parents and carers are requested to book meetings in advance to avoid disappointment when colleagues are teaching or otherwise engaged.

Attendance Matters

Evidence shows clearly that students who maintain higher attendance achieve higher grades so we want to encourage every child to attend as much as possible and rewards are given for 100% attendance on a weekly or annual basis. If for any reason your child is too ill for school, or if you have booked a holiday, it is incredibly important to update us in the morning. You can do this by ringing 01723 582194, using the EduLink App or emailing hello@gps.hlt.academy or news@gps.hlt.academy. Please let us know the reason for your child's absence. If you have any queries about attendance, or need any support for your child, you can contact our attendance team via the school office. Thank you for your support.

Reporting a Concern

If you have a concern about a student or anyone else in our school community please report it. Mrs

Welsh is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Pickles is the Advanced Safeguarding Practitioner. They lead safeguarding in school with a team of colleagues who can support your child. You can contact colleagues by calling the main school telephone number on 01723 582194 or via email to safeguarding@gps.hlt.academy

If you need help

At George Pindar School, we are continually working to support students in feeling safe and well at school and to enable them to flourish both in and out of school. Students are encouraged to seek support from their form tutor or teachers in school and will be directed to pastoral and safeguarding colleagues when appropriate. Students who prefer to report a safeguarding concern by text can send a message to the school's safeguarding mobile number on 07895132530 or email safeguarding@gps.hlt.academy. The safeguarding mobile is available from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday during term time. Students who need support beyond the school day, on a weekend or over the holidays should look at the range of information on our website: [If You Need Help](#)

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