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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you and your family are well. This half-term has been very busy as we prepare students for the final run-up to the public exams in the summer. We have our upcoming Year 7 residential trip to look forward to along with Year 10 work experience taking place in the final week of term.

It has been a privilege to continue to meet with our fantastic students for the weekly Head Teachers Awards where I've had the opportunity to recognise the brilliant contributions being made by students to the Garibaldi community. Each day I see so many of our students living up to our values of 'Pride, Respect and Achieve' in their interactions with peers and adults. Please do congratulate your child on their ongoing success at school.

Attendance

You will have seen the coverage around attendance in the news locally and nationally as we work hard to ensure students are in school every day.

The Department for Education recently published research showing that students are twice as likely to pass their GCSEs if they have an attendance of above 95% compared to an attendance of 90-95%. The research showed that missing just ten days of school in Year 11 halved the chance of achieving at least Grade 5s in English and Maths GCSE. We know that good attendance helps support the life chances of your child building habits for success in the future.

In school, attendance remains our top priority so that we can ensure students are learning, are safe and are enjoying opportunities to socialise with each other. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child is attending school every day. Over the final weeks of this term we have been running our Attendance Challenge where students have had the opportunity to receive rewards for being in school 100% of the time. We are looking forward to seeing your child in school every day until the end of term.

End of term

The final day of term will be Friday 4th April and, as usual, there will be an earlier finish for students who will be dismissed at 12 o'clock. The final day will be a non-uniform day where students can choose to wear their own clothes for the day. Please support us in making sure that the clothing worn to school is appropriate.

Uniform and Equipment Consultation

Thank you to those parents and carers who took the time to take part in our uniform and equipment consultation. We have now presented the results of the consultation to students who will be taking part in their own consultation through our Student Council. We will be able to confirm the outcome of this, and any changes to our uniform ahead of September, after the Easter break.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Cassidy
Head Teacher

