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Friday 14 February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that your children are looking forward to a well-deserved break over the half term holiday.

We have had a busy, and successful, few weeks here at Garibaldi. Our second series of mocks has led to positive outcomes for Year 11 and Year 13, the students have been working incredibly hard and we are excited to see how well they do this summer. Our Student Council has been meeting and giving useful feedback for us to help improve things for students; for example, we are using student voice to improve the provision of activities over lunch. Students across the school have continued to demonstrate outstanding character with many receiving ViPos, attendance awards and Headteachers Awards.

I wanted to thank you for your support with our work around student punctuality and attendance; we are in a significantly better position than this time a year ago. This means that more students are in school, and they are arriving on time so they are accessing more learning opportunities and not disturbing lessons. We are going to continue with our work in this area next half term as we ensure students are arriving to lessons on time.

### Sixth Form Results

We are very pleased that our excellent Sixth Form results have put us in second place across the whole of Mansfield. This is testament to the hard work of students and the excellent support they received from staff. It has been brilliant to hear about how well our former students are getting on at university, in their apprenticeships and during gap years. We know that our current Year 13s will continue to maintain the excellent outcomes that students achieve at the Garibaldi Sixth Form.

### Uniform and Equipment Consultation

As part of our continued drive to improve and review standards we are consulting about key elements of our uniform and equipment policy. We are keen to hear from you along with the wider community about some key elements of our policy. Students will also be consulted through the Student Council so that we can understand their views too. The consultation will close on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

To take part in the consultation please click [this link](#).

### Open Events

We are very proud of the work that we do at The Garibaldi School and are keen to show members of the local community how brilliant our students are. We are planning to run a series of Open Events for members of the community to come and visit the school. Places on these events are limited so that we do not impact the running of the school.



The first Open Event will be on Tuesday 11th March, 9:15 – 10:15am. If you would like to sign-up for a place please use [this link](#), places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### **Mental Health Support Team**

We have been working with the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team (MHST) this year to ensure that students are receiving additional services to support their mental health. The MHST also offer sessions for parents along with pre-recorded resources that you can access [here](#). The following webinars are running over the next few weeks, please use the links below to join the sessions. You can't sign up for the sessions until the day of the webinar.

- [Self Harm Awareness Workshop, 25th February 2025 at 6-7.30pm](#)
- [Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Workshop, 18th March 2024 at 1-2.30pm](#)
- [Understanding Your Teen Workshop, 19th March 2025 at 6-7.30pm](#)

### **Volunteering opportunities**

It has been great to be contacted by several parents and members of the local community about the possibility of volunteering their time and expertise in school.

We are keen to hear from people who might be able to help us with several different volunteering opportunities. These include reading and literacy support, supporting Sixth Form students to study independently and mentoring key students. If you are interested in volunteering at The Garibaldi School please complete [this form](#) and we will be in touch with further details.

### **Next half-term**

School will reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am. Please ensure that students are arriving on time in their full uniform and with equipment.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Cassidy  
Head Teacher



# ENRICHMENT OFFER 2024 2025

All sessions run from 3.10-4.10pm  
LRC is open 3-4pm

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
LRC open 3-4pm Ms Fisher	LRC open 3-4pm Ms Willis	LRC open 3-4pm Mr Chamorro
Duolingo Club Ms Rawson	Reading Club Ms Hope and Ms Griffin	Arts Christmas Show preparation Ms Biggs and Mrs Helm
Year 10 Sports Leaders Academy Invite Only	Role playing games club Mr Webster	Felting Club Ms Mitchel and Ms Robinson
Rugby-rubber crumb	Just Dance-Gym	KS3 Y9-7 Boys football-Rubber Crumb
	Girls Football-rubber crumb	
<b>KS4 interventions have been communicated to Year 11 parents separately</b>		
KS4 interventions English, Maths and Science	KS4 interventions History, Geography and Spanish	KS4 interventions options subjects

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