

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parents and carers

I hope that you, and your families, are well.

Next week is the beginning of the busy public examination period at school. Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have been working incredibly hard with their teachers to get ready for these important exams. Some practical exams have already taken place and we have been very pleased to see the mature way that students have tackled these challenges. Over the next few weeks there are morning, lunchtime, evening and even weekend revision sessions led by dedicated members of staff who I would like to thank for their efforts. I am confident that we are going to see an exceptional set of results this summer.

Good luck to all our students taking exams, we know just how well you are going to do!

### VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It has been a week of reflection and celebration at The Garibaldi School as students have had the opportunity to reflect on the events of VE Day, 80 years ago. Students have had assemblies and mentor time sessions during the week learning about this important anniversary. On Thursday students were greeted with music from the 1940s when they arrived at school before taking part in the national 2-minute silence at midday and having a VE Day themed menu served at lunch. Thanks to all staff and students who have helped us mark this important moment in history.

### Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with attendance and encouraging your child(ren) to be in school every single day. It is brilliant to see that our attendance rate is well above last academic year and moving closer to the national average. We know that this will help ensure our students will learn more and make more progress because they are in lessons with their teachers.

Please continue to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day as we come to the final fortnight of the half-term.

### Uniform and equipment

Thank you for your contributions to our uniform and equipment consultation. It was positive to see that the vast majority of parents felt that our uniform was affordable and appropriate for their children. We have also consulted with students through the Student Council to get their feedback on our proposed changes.

In response to the consultation these are the changes that we are going to make from September 2025:

- If a student chooses to wear a skirt it will need to be a plain black **pleated** skirt which is **no more than 5cm** above the knee. Pencil style, tight fitting, stretch/lycra material skirts are not permitted. Plain black tights must be worn with a skirt, no socks or patterned tights.
- Students will need to have a bag which can carry A4 sized books and folders so that exercise books and resources can be brought home.

- As a minimum, students will need the following equipment with them in a pencil case:
  - 2 black pens
  - 1 red pen
  - 1 pencil
  - 1 ruler
  - 1 rubber

We realise that this will mean parents might need to purchase new skirts ahead of September. We wanted to give plenty of notice of this change before the summer period when it is likely that new items of uniform will be bought. Please do make sure that you check the [uniform page](#) of our website before purchasing any uniform items so they comply with our policy.

Two local supermarket retailers where plain black pleated skirts are available are [Tesco](#) (Oak Tree) and [Asda](#) (Forest Town). School uniform can be purchased online and in other local stores at affordable prices. Some of the local retailers include:

- [M&S](#) (Mansfield)
- [Sainsburys](#) (Mansfield)
- [Next](#) (Mansfield)
- [Matalan](#) (Sutton in Ashfield)

## Vapes

We know that there are a small number of students who sometimes vape outside of school and the damage this is doing to their health is very clear. I wanted to draw your attention to the fact that from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 the sale of single-use, disposable vapes will be banned. It is already illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy nicotine vaping products and it is also illegal for adults to buy them on behalf of under-18s. Therefore, if any student is found with a vape or vaping paraphernalia at school these will be disposed of in the same way we would with any other illegal item.

Thanks for your support with this so that we can collectively support the health and wellbeing of our students.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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