

1st September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

The new school year at Garibaldi

I hope that you and your family have had an opportunity to relax and spend time together over the summer. Everyone at The Garibaldi School is looking forward to welcoming your child for the new school year. Staff have been working over the break to make sure that this year is a real success for all of our students.

Returning to school

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohort today. We have **100% attendance from students** on their first day at school and in Sixth Form; a really pleasing indication of how they are going to approach the year. Students were working hard in lessons, wearing their uniforms with pride and demonstrating impeccable behaviour. We are all looking forward to welcoming the rest of our students back over the course of this week.

A reminder that the return dates and times for other students are:

- Tuesday 2nd September – Year 11 and Year 13 from 08:30 – 15:00
- Wednesday 3rd September – Year 8 and Year 9 from 08:30 – 15:00
- Thursday 4th September – Year 10 from 10:30 – 15:00

Exam Results

We have had some brilliant A-level and GCSE results over the summer and are confident that we will have some of the best results in the local area. In our GCSE exams we have had some of our best ever results with 68% of students gaining a pass in English and Maths and 47% getting at least a grade 5. These are excellent results which should put us above national and local averages. At A-level 53% of grades were A*-B which means that our students were able to progress to prestigious universities such as Cambridge and York along with being able to get places on very competitive degree-level apprenticeships. Thank you to parents, and the wider community, for all of the support you gave to students as they prepared for these exams. We are very proud of all of our students!

Reminder: Uniform and equipment

Please see below a reminder of the uniform and equipment changes that are in place **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

Please do make sure that you check the [uniform page](#) of our website before purchasing any uniform items so they comply with our policy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Cassidy', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Cassidy
Head Teacher