



Friday 31st January 2025

## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to wish Year 11 and 13 pupils the very best of luck for their mock examinations next week. Some pupils have exams across the following week too. All pupils have been provided with their timetables and revision support. Thank you in advance for the encouragement you are giving at home and for ensuring your child arrives at school on time for a prompt and calm start to their day.

It has been brought to my attention that a small number of parents/carers have requested to join the class Google classroom for their child. Unfortunately this is not possible due to GDPR and potential safeguarding issues. Thank you for your understanding.

### Prayer Theme

**This week in school we have spent the week reflecting on the Jubilee Year theme of hope. The Gospel of Luke shows Jesus' journey from his birth all the way to his crucifixion and resurrection. He went on a journey, and some parts of that were not always easy. Jesus comes back from his time in the wilderness, full of the Spirit. The wilderness was not an easy experience for Jesus, but it prepared him for his mission.**

- We have prayed together as a community:



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### Youth Academy 14TH - 17TH APRIL 2025

- Is your child aged 13-18?
- They can sign up with the Gateshead Learning Centre Youth Academy for a week packed full of activities and an opportunity for them to find out more about careers in the health and care sector.

[Youth Academy 2024](#)

 [Youth Academy April 2025.pdf](#)



### Extra Curricular spotlight

- Danish Longball is a variation of the traditional dodgeball game
- It is very popular in Denmark, Scandinavian countries and now Blaydon!
- Pupils can come to the gym every Tuesday lunchtime to join in, keep fit and have some fun!



### Year 9 Parents Evening Reminder

- **Year 9 Parents evening** - a reminder of the upcoming online parents evening on Thursday 6th February 4.00 pm - 6.30 pm [Year 9 Parents' Evening Letter 24-25](#)

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Yours sincerely,

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