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A message from the Headteacher



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As we come to the close of 2025, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, partnership and trust throughout the year. Your encouragement at home, engagement with school life and collaboration with our staff make an enormous difference to the success and wellbeing of our students.

This year has been one of growth, resilience and achievement. Our students have continued to impress us with their commitment to learning, their kindness towards one another and their willingness to challenge themselves. We have seen strong academic progress, with many students achieving or exceeding their targets. Just as importantly, they have developed confidence, independence and a genuine love of learning.

Beyond the classroom, students have embraced a wide range of opportunities. Participation in sports, music, drama, clubs and enrichment activities has been outstanding, with teams, groups and individuals representing the school with pride. We are also extremely proud of the way our students have contributed to the wider community, demonstrating compassion, leadership and respect through charity work, volunteering and everyday acts of kindness.

This term has been filled with memorable events that have enriched school life and brought our community together. We have seen students raising money for charity, getting involved in this year's Christmas production of 'Dickens of a Christmas', showed their generosity and compassion by contributing to the Cause Christmas hamper campaign, organising and participating in Anti-Bullying Week, and speaking to post-16 providers and employers at our annual Shine Careers Event.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and professionalism of our staff, who work tirelessly to support every child, and without you, our parents and carers, who reinforce our shared values and aspirations.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and ambition. We remain committed to providing a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our school community. I wish you and your families a restful, joyful and well-deserved break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

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UK Parliament Week

We took part in UK Parliament Week 2025, with activities in the LRC and Let's Get Going. The week was used to launch our AGS Pupil Parliament elections, where every form voted for their MPP, who will represent them in the Pupil Parliament for the first time when it opens in January. We are excited to announce the results this week!



Dickens of a Christmas

Our CPA Academy hosted a night of festive fun, as our drama club, choir, dance club and singers came together to tell their version of A Christmas Carol! It was another amazing performance from our staff and students. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the show and our students.



Librarian Legacy

This week we say goodbye to our much loved LRC Manager, Mrs Gordon. Some of our students presented Mrs Gordon with a framed photo and created a special book for her on a chapter well written and to thank her for filling our shelves with stories and our hearts with inspiration. She made our library a place where students could all feel they belong. She will be truly missed.



Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we celebrated Odd Socks Day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear odd socks to symbolise how we should celebrate our differences and what makes us all unique, as well as raising awareness about the impact of bullying.



During the week students held a raffle, spread positive messages and enjoyed activities. Our Student Leaders worked hard to put together a powerful presentation for fellow pupils with important messages reminding us all to be kind.

Football success

Our girls football team recently won the local round of the Utilita Girls Cup thank to a shootout victory over Kings Academy. They have now made it to the regional round and have taken the first step on the path that could lead to playing at Wembley Stadium!



Turn Teesside Purple

This term, we raised money for Teesside Hospice by turning Teesside purple and connecting our AGS family with many others. We held a raffle, sold mixups and cakes, as well as having another breakfast and beats sessions in the dining hall to start the day off with some positive energy. Staff and students could also wear a purple accessory to show their support. We raised a massive £425.56!



AGS Shine Event

We held our annual AGS Shine Event for Year 9, 10 and 11 students where we welcomed over 35 different post-16 providers and employers. Students had the opportunity to speak to industry experts to learn more about different careers and options after leaving school. It was also great to see former students attending with their employers to speak to current students about their career paths.



Cause Christmas Hamper Campaign

Every year, staff and students put hampers together for the Cause Christmas Hamper campaign. We are once again so proud of the the AGS Family for their contributions to these hampers. Our reception area was filled with lots of food, treats and gifts ready to be delivered to those in Middlesbrough who need it most during the festive period.



We know the festive period can sometimes be a difficult time, if your child needs any support over the Christmas holidays, please use the agencies below.
CAMHS Teesside 0300 013 2000 | www.youngminds.co.uk | www.kooth.com

We hope you all have a fantastic Winter break!

Don't forget there is a PD day on Monday 5th January and school is closed to all students!

We will see you all on our return to school on Tuesday 6th January.