What have the year groups been up to?

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Bringing you the most up to date Gateway News fortnightly

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WELCOME

A message from the Head of School Mrs & McLaughlin

hope you all had a wonderful summer break and I am pleased to advise that the students have made the best start back at school in my eight years as the Headteacher.

I am extremely pleased that teaching and the care of your young people continues to be at the very heart of the Academy and I know that we are in a very strong position to support our students to maximise their potential in every area of their lives. We are 100% committed to ensuring that our students continue to get the highest standard of teaching and it is amazing that staff attendance, retention and commitment remains incredibly high at our Academy.

Just as a reminder, we are here to support our young people in every aspect of their lives. If there is anything further we can do to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Ultimately, by us working together we can support our wonderful students to be the very best they can be and develop as active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal commu-



THE NEW ACADEMY DAY

The change to the structure of the Academy day has shown to be a success the last three weeks. Students' punctuality to the Academy and to their period one has been exemplary. Students now have an assembly once a week on period 1 as follows:

Mondays—Year 7

Tuesdays—Year 8

Wednesdays - Year 9

Thursdays—Year 10

Fridays—Year 11

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon	26-Sept	Year7, 8 and 11 Photographs
Mon	03-Oct	Year 11 PPE exams (for two weeks)
Wed	05-Oct	Work Experience Open Evening for
Wed	12 Oct	Year 7 and 8 Partnership with Par-
Fri	14 Oct	End of Half Term

THE GATEWAY ACADEMY DAY 2022 - 2023 Break 09.45 - 10.10 Period 3 Break 10.50 - 11.15 12:15 - 12:40 - Lunch Period 5 13.20 - 13.45 - Lunch Year 7 & Year 8 Dismissal Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Dismissal

ROLL OF HONOUR

We have introduced a new Value Badge Initiative at the Academy. Students have the chance to be nominated for a prestigious certificate and badge around one of our 4

values:

Resilience; Responsibility; Compassion; Aspiration.

Our first Nominations are in and some of the winners

Rebecca C—Year 10

Jessica G—Year 10 Mikey A-Year 10

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KEVIN SADLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

At the Gateway Academy we have introduced a

Award is nominated by our teaching body and

ied at the Gateway Academy and achieved out-

standing GCSE results before going on to study

ing A* in Spanish, A* in art history and an A in

history. She did an EPQ alongside this focusing

on imperial Japanese architecture and its impact

Sheffield to study BA Japanese Studies where she

will mainly focus on the language with modules

upon the Korean people and achieved an A in

this also. Lilie is going to the University of

in culture, history, economy and society.

history, Spanish and art history A-Levels, achiev-

new Award. The Kevin Sadler Scholarship

this year we had two winners:

cational journey. Lilie stud-



Poll Of Honour Badge

RESILIENCE

WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Rehearsals for the Whole School Musical are underway and this year we have taken on an almighty challenge...Queen! After a gruelling audition process in the summer term, the cast has been selected and rehearsals have been excellent. There are over 100 GLC students involved in the production and we have given our-

> musical in just 10 school weeks. Keep watching this space for updates on rehearsals and how you can buy tickets. This will undoubtedly be a sell out show and our aim Gateway Community is just that!...We will, we will rock you!!!!!!

selves the epic task of preparing a



the Twisted Tales competition in which she wrote a story of just 100 words, telling a familiar tale from a different perspective. During the Summer holiday, she received a certificate and a letter telling her she had won her category and her piece of writing is being added to the book that will be published later this month. This is a huge accomplishment. Well done! We will ensure a copy is in the Academy Library!



WRITING TO BE PROUD OF!

A huge well done to Lily-Sue H. Lilly -Sue entered



WE WILL ROCK YOU

has also received the prestigious Kevin Sadler Scholarship award. Abiaz studied at the Gateway Academy and achieved GCSE grade 9s in all of his subjects. He then studied A levels in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Biology,

Well done to the fantastic Abiaz Afzal who

achieving 4 A*s, as well as an A* in the Extended Well done to the wonderful Project Qualifica-Lilie De Breuk who received tion. Abiaz is now movthe prestigious Kevin Sadler ing into his second year Scholarship award. The studying medicine at scholarship is £1,000 every the University of Camyear for three years to supbridge. port the award winner in the next stage of their edu-



A WONDERFUL CAUSE

Last year one of our students, Shiraz, took part in an epic 33 mile walk to Woking from East Ham. With his team, they managed to complete it in approximately 14 hours. The group managed to raise over £3,000 for the mental wellbeing charity MIND. He was the youngest participant and even had a meet up with MP Mr Stephen Timms, in recognition of Shiraz's achievement. This year Shiraz will be participating in a 35 mile walk to Southend from East Ham. We wish him all the best and if you would like to donate to this fabulous cause, the link is below. Shiraz and the team pictured right

The just giving link is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shafiq-abidin

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following students who received 100% attendance with no late marks across The Academy for Academic year 21/22

- Danielle L
- Eniola O
- Frank B
- Fiona M
- George P
- James P
- Rebecca C

Jessica S

- River W
- Sky Ager
- Thomas Nicholls
- Chloe Swann

ACADEMY







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MORE NEWS

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

How you can help your child/children learn at home

Our pupils will be issued Knowledge Organisers for all subjects throughout the course of the year. Knowledge Organisers are documents that have all the key information children need to know. Your child will receive these electronically via Google Classroom for each subject. Here is a guide on how you can encourage your child to use Knowledge Organisers to learn at home. Education theory shows that when parents/carers engage in supporting their child's learning at home,

YEAR 9

Miss A Shannon

What a great start to the new academic year our lovely Year 9's have had! Lots and lots going on already for Year 9 and lots to share with the community. The year 9's have settled straight back into their learning with them all starting their new GCSE option subjects. It is great to see the passion and drive that our students have shown in their option classes and how well they have taken to their new classes. I have had the pleasure of being able to walk round the school and get into some of the option lessons and they have all been fantastic! Students are engaged in their learning, asking questions to want to know more and taking responsibility for their own learning.

Well done Year 9 and keep persevering and aspiring to be the best you can be!

overall student performance increases and Knowledge Organisers are a simple tool you can use to quiz your child at home. Paper versions of key Knowledge Organisers will be provided at the forthcoming Partnership with Parents and Carers event. Letters for this event will be issued this week so do attend for a range of free resources, useful sessions and tools to support the whole family with raising achievement

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and aspirations.

Yr. 7 and 8 Partnership with Parents and Carers - 12th October

Yr. 9 and 10 Partnership with Parents and Carers - 1st Novem-

GLC All Different: All Equal Together, Improving Up How students should use Knowledge Organisers · Pick a subject to recall and memorise Look at the pages for that subject Read the page information for that subject Cover the page of information Write the information for that subject from memory Check what you have written. Correct mistakes and add anything you have missed • Your teacher will quiz you in class to see what you can recal Repeat the process over time and focus on the information you keep missing or make mistakes on

Student Leadership

This year the Student Leadership programme will be placing more emphasis on the core values that we uphold here at The Gateway Academy. The Student Leadership Team will be responsible for ensuring their peers have every opportunity to uphold the core values and strive to be upstanding ambassadors of our Academy and the wider community. The team will be led by the Senior Student Leadership Team which will be responsible for leading the following three strands: Compassion, Aspiration and Resilience.

Compassion: This team will focus on the pastoral elements of school life, liaising with Progress Leaders to support in the delivery of key topics throughout the year such as (but not limited to): LGBTQ+, Antibullying, Culture and Diversity, Mental Health and Equality.

Aspiration: This team will be responsible for helping students to develop their aspirations by promoting a love for learning and getting peers to start thinking about their journey ahead; what they want to achieve and how to do it. With links to Mrs Palmer, they will help to promote: careers, further education, apprenticeships and other opportunities.

Resilience: This team will adopt a mentoring role to help students that feel they need extra support in overcoming barriers to learning in order to build their academic resilience to help them achieve success.

If your child feels they are an upstanding student and a proud advocate of The Gateway Academy then we want to hear from them!

Applications for the Student Leadership Team will be commencing Monday 26th September 2022.

Details will be delivered during tutor time.

If your child has any questions, please inform them to see Miss Chalmers in the PE department.

to a selection of our Year 9 students this year. The and 15 of our students had the opportunity this Scholars Programme will provide students with the week to get out of school and go to the first day information, skills and confidence to gain a place at the of the project to get a better understanding of most competitive universities in the future. The Schol- the project offers and to also help the students ars Programme will help our students to stand out in to develop their confidence and social skills. If the future and put them a step ahead of any others our students are successful on the course and their age. Students will be working with world class the course leaders feel they have done well then experts to help them gain knowledge and information the students will get an amazing opportunity to about their next steps and the process of applying for a university.



Well done to the students who have been selected already and for those who are still writing their applications to the programme, get applications in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on this opportunity.

We are very excited to offer a The Scholars Programme Respect Project is up and running in year 9 now attend a residential in the Lake District to complete a 5 day camping experience with lots of challenges along the way. Good luck to our 15 students who are representing the Academy and taking part in this great opportunity!



Finally, some our students have made that much of a good impression since returning that they received nominations for The Gateway Roll of Honours badges. These badges are given to selected students who show one of the school's values to its highest degree. The students have the opportunity to receive a badge for their compassion in and around school to their peers or members of staff, their aspirations, the responsibilities they take of their work and behaviour within the school and lastly their resilience to all challenges they face daily within the school.

Well done to the students who have already gone above and beyond within their learning and attitudes around school. Hopefully lots more badges being given out as the year goes on.



The life of

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Did you know?

Rest well, Your Majesty - and thank you.

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CAREERS

The Careers team had a great evening chatting to year 11 parents and students at the Partnership with Parents evening on Tuesday. It was great to hear the aspirations and plans of where our students are heading. This work will continue and all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend a 1-1 careers meeting with Mrs Palmer to discuss their next steps.

We are really excited about hearing more from parents and students at the next event.

Searching for career inspiration and ideas can be difficult. That's why we use Unifrog. Here you'll find useful information and tools to help you plan for your future and make steps towards meeting your aspirations.

Unifrog is an integral part of the careers curriculum and is used in school throughout the academic year. All students have access to their Unifrog account and we would strongly encourage logging in for independent research regularly at home too.

Unifrog is a complete destinations platform that allows students to search for opportunities and make applications for their next steps. The database is packed with information about career routes and the current labour market. There are lots of videos and articles to discover and live webinars you can join that focus on specific industries. You'll find really useful information about colleges and sixth forms spanning the country, with great advice regarding courses, the difference in qualifications, distance, travel and bursaries. You can even search for live apprenticeships and make a short list to help you stay in control of your own destination.

Keep up to date with your Careers Google Classroom, each year group has one. This is where we post important careers information to students. You'll find links to outside opportunities for virtual work experience, industry specialist events, talks and more. For Year 11 students; you can find the college open evening times here too. This is updated weekly, so don't miss out



29September: Work Experience Assembly for Students

5October: Work Experience information evening for Parents

12 October: Career Talk at the Year 7&8 Partnership with Parents

1November: Career Talk at the Year 9&10 Partnership with Parents Evening

10 November: Next Steps Evening

18 November: USP College next steps assembly with Year 11





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MORE NEWS FROM OUR YEAR GROUPS

YEAR 7

YEAR 10

Mr M Scott

Year 7 students have settled into Gateway life and are breaking records as they go. We have seen the highest level of academic engagement and resilience as they reach new levels. Core subjects have been a highlight with quality work found across the board as students have adapted well to the increase in demand and rig-

We have been really impressed with way in which students are conducting themselves. Certificates of Excellence are to be awarded to 10 students in the following categories: Compassion, Aspiration, Responsibility, Resilience in their assembly due to the outstanding start they have made.

Staff and students alike have been noticing

Mr N Concannon

the compassion that year 7 students have been showing each other. One student going out of their way to see if another student they didn't know would like to come and join their lunch table really highlighted the sense of community year 7 has brought with them. The break areas have been left spotless by the year group as they have been displaying a real sense of responsibility of their surroundings. Attendance has started well as they display their eagerness to arrive to school on time each and every day.

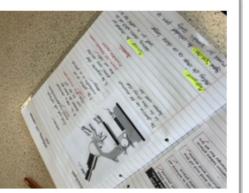
The demand for school clubs has been impressive with duplicate clubs being put on to cater for the drive the year group has shown for extra curricular learning.

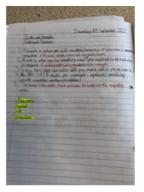
Photos right: A snippet of some of the exceptional work completed by our Year 7 students so far this academic year













YEAR 11

Mrs L Bruce

Well done to all year 10s on a very strong start to the academic year. Well done to our first two winners of student of the week, Jamal C K & Rebecca C.

Year 10 has 23 sports captains this academic year which is an unprecedented number. We look forward to seeing those students displaying their sporting excellence across the Academy this year.

Well done to the first winners of our Gateway Values badges; Jessica G, Jake R, Rebecca C & Ese O. All four students have displayed excellent responsibility and compassion in the first three weeks of the academic year.

Well done to Tia L & Dionne E who performed a duet at our first assembly of the academic year. We look forward to seeing a number of year 10 students perform live at our assemblies across the academic year.







Welcome back to all of year 11. What a brilliant start we have had to the academic year; I have been so impressed with the attitude and motivation of the students. ALPs started this week; just to remind students and parents that all students are expected to attend the sessions put on after school - it's a brilliant tool to help prepare students for upcoming exams.

We have given out a number of Academy Values badges as well; it's a pleasure to see so many students walking around with them on their lapels. Finally we saw the closure of the Head Student applications this week. Shortlisting has commenced and students will be notified if/when they have an interview.

Thank you for the fantastic turnout to the Partnership with Parents/ Carers evening this week; we really hope you felt it was beneficial and will attend other evenings if you have other children in other year groups.

Final reminder that Year 11 students have their first set of PPE exams starting on the 3rd October- 14th October. Please encourage all of them to prepare well for the exams.

YEAR 8

Miss B Mead

What a fantastic start to Year 8!

Students have settled back into Academy life so well and have been continuing to push themselves to improve upon their best. Students across the year group have been showing our four new school values: responsibility, resilience, aspiration and compassion across a range of their lessons and around the Academy.

Many year 8 students have been attending after school clubs including football, rugby, dance and the whole school musical We Will Rock You. I would encourage as many of them as possible to check the after school club tab on Edulink to find clubs that they would like to attend as this is a great opportunity to further their interests.

We had our first assembly as Year 8 this week and I hope that in future assemblies we can continue to celebrate and reward our wonderful students. Year 8 students were also fantastic during our whole school fire drill this week following all expectations resulting in them be rewarded with an extended lunch break on Friday afternoon!

Well done Year 8, keep up the great work. We are going to have another brilliant year together!



A huge well done to Abaan M (7G) for their beautifully written poetry entry for National Literacy Day 2022. Miss Reynolds will being dropping you some rewards this

Sandy Summer Street. By Abaan.

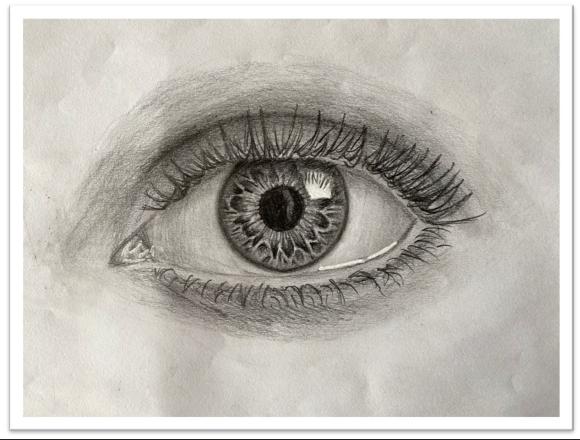
Sandy Summer Street is where I make my beat. I dance there, I play there, and never ever go elsewhere. The sunshine awakes the path, bringing lots of people, making them laugh. The sand scrapes against my sole, as the many passing strangers continue to stroll. The smell of food filled the air, every restaurant left with no spare chair. I hear the sea waves crash to shore nearby, and see the people eating fries, recently deep fried. I taste the salt in the air, from the scent of foods and everywhere. The waves, the dishes, the sand too, it all made YOU see the world in a different hue. Sandy Summer Street is where I make my beat. But today, I think it's everybody's street.

Please keep your eyes open for any other competitions on the GLC Instagram page.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Continued from page 1...We have introduced a new Values Badge Initiative at the Academy. Students have the chance to be nominated for a prestigious certificate and badge around one of our four values: Resilience, Responsibility, Compassion and Aspiration. The Winners to date and those who deserve to be congratulated are:

Photo Below: Maja C- Exceptional piece of art work



Responsibility

Rebecca C—Year 10; Jessica G—Year 10; Mikey A—Year 10; Chinonso A – Year 10; Esoghene O – Year 10; Rachel P – Year 10; Melise M—Year 10; Bailey B—Year 10; Malcolm O—Year 11; Ashleigh A—Year 11; Leah W—Year 11; Priya S—Year 11; Chelsy M—Year 11; Zahraa HC—Year 11; Berat S—Year 11; Sami M—Year 11; Ekamjot K—Year 11; Savva I—Year 11; Amber B—Year 11; Sara G—Year 11; Greig P— Year 11; Alexandra NM—Year 11; Fiona M—Year 11; Raluca M—Year 11; Jelesha L—Year 11; Arianna L—Year 11; Kaitlyn D—Year 11; Nehemiah W—Year 11; Nota C—Year 11; Kaide K—Year 11; Sofia S—Year 11; Spencer T—Year 11; Ruby S—Year 11; Lila K—Year 11; Paige S—Year 11; Katie C - Year 11; Emileigh E - Year 11; Oscar W - Year 9; Kara Webb- Year 9; Karina Z-Year 8; Thomas N-Year 8; Inaiya U-Year 8; Emmanuella A—Year 7; Katy W—Year 7; Lexi-Rose R—Year 7; Bobby A—Year 7; Bernice R—Year 7.

Resilience

Jake C—Year 11; Jasmine O—Year 10; Qzal F—Year 10; River W—Year 9; Frank Ba – Year 9; Riley M – Year 9; Daniel A – Year 7

Aspiration

Malcolm O—Year 11; Ashleigh A—Year 11; Benedictas M—Year 9; Daniel C-Year 9; Misha M-Year 9; Ben R-Year 9; Alfie M-Year 9; Zain H—Year 9; Thomas R—Year 7; Sonny S—Year 7; Afsarah A—Year 7;

Compassion

Jake R—Year 10; Annabel Q—Year 9; Brian A—Year 9; Gerald M—Year 9; Eliya G—Year 8; Flavius A—Year 8; Ethan C—Year7.

Keep your eyes peeled. These badges are awarded for exceptional standards against the Academy Values!!

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MORE NEWS....

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

"Year 10s and 11s in Hospitality and Catering have been developing their dishes for their coursework and final cooks. They have been focusing mainly on the presentation of their dishes; as you can see with these pictures, our students are developing their skills and presenting dishes we would buy at restaurant standard. We in Technology are incredibly proud of our students and their outcomes, Keep working hard Years 10 and 11!"





SEND

If your child receives additional support within the Academy, please scan and support us in filling out the questionnaire below:



COMPUTER SCIENCE PUZZLE

Vigenere Cipher

A Vigenere Cipher uses a keyword to encrypt a message. The keyword for this cipher is: computing

czx isimf uh szrlrxgoqb ztyw bb yqzht nam xka ruhnkqoavwac jkworga

Solution at Bottom of page

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/

If you are unsure or require further information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Email: Miss O'Dwyer

siobhan.o'dwyer@theglc.org.uk

BREAKFAST CLUB (7.30—8.10am)



Don't Forget Our Free Breakfast— FOR ALL STUDENTS

Parental Calendar

The Parental Calendar for 2022-2023, (http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/56/

<u>announcements/announcement/193/</u> <u>announcement)</u> as well as other valuable information.

GLC Teaching and Development Website

For further information about teaching and development across the GLC, please see www.glcteaching.co.uk







BRILLIANT TUTORING PROGRAMME

Part of the National Tutoring Programme, the Brilliant Tutoring Programme is specifically designed to support, stretch and challenge identified More Able students through small group tuition in core subjects: Maths, English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The programme was launched at the Gateway Academy in the summer term 2022 (from May 16th to July 13th 2022) with 42 Year 10 students. Targeted students received specialist, intensive 15 hours of tutoring in small groups delivered by the Brilliant Club subject expert University tutors. The 2 hours per week tutorials focused specifically on three modules in English and Biology, aimed at accelerating the academic progress of these students in these

these subjects: 24 participated in the KS4 English tutorials and 18 in Biology tutorials.

Following the success of this programme in the summer term, the Year 11 students will continue with the programme this Autumn term. Additionally, the Gateway Academy has decided to extend the intake to Year 10 high achieving students: 32 of them have been identified and will take part

in Cohort 2 of the programme in October 2022.

Autumn 2022 subject focus:

- KS4 English
- KS4 Physics and
- KS4 Chemistry

All 72 Year 11 and 10 students taking part in the programme this Autumn term have been selected based on their KS2 prior attainment data and their Summer term 2022 predicted grades in English, Chemistry and Physics. They will receive 15 hours free tuition in in one of these subjects this Autumn term. The Brilliant Club exists to increase the number of underrepresented students progressing to competitive universities.







WORK WITH US!

GLC Gateway Academy (Secondary): Head of Geography

Type of Position: Head of Department

Subject: Geography

Start Date: January 2023

Closing Date: Midday on Thursday, 6th October 2022

GLC Gateway Academy (Secondary): Lead Practitioner in English

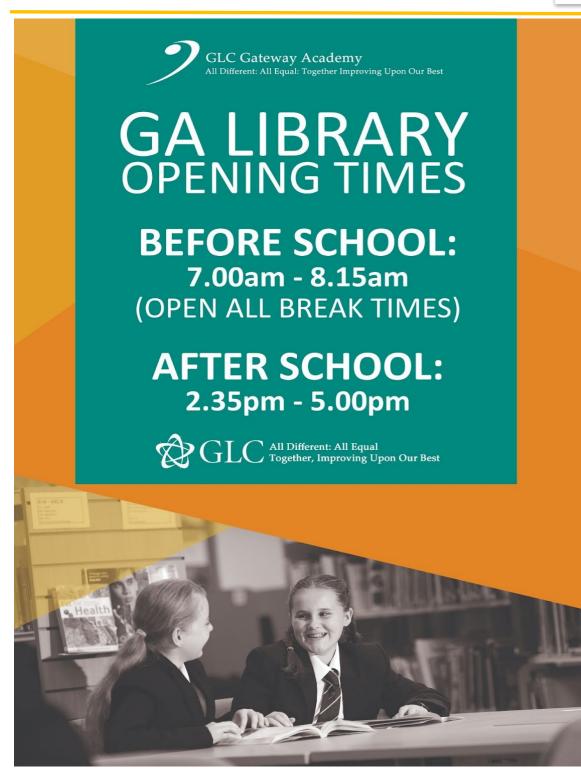
Type of Position: Lead Practitioner in English

Subject: English

Start Date: January 2023

Closing Date: Midday on 6th October 2022

Further information and positions can be found at: http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team





CALLING ALL PARENTS /CARERS
AND STUDENTS—EDULINK

All Parents/Carers and Students now have access to Edulink. Please ensure you have it downloaded on your phones. It provides a host of information regarding your children. If you have any issues, please email: Mr Moruzzi

<u>Julian.moruzzi@theglc.org.uk</u>



Solution to Code Breaker:

Code breaking solution: all types of encryption need to solve the key distribution problem