



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

It's been a great first half term back at the Academy. I am delighted that we have so many wonderful things to celebrate this half term including:

- Student attendance - above national average and continuing to improve;
- Student punctuality – over 96% of students regularly on time every day;
- Students' attitudes to learning – the highest number of positive points in the Academy's history;
- The number of students participating in extra-curricular and extended curricular provision—over 200 students every evening staying behind and 'improving upon their best'.

We continue our focus in supporting students to reach their potential and would ask that parents/carers constantly quiz their child about their learning in lessons, particularly with regard to the vocabulary acquisition that your child is developing in lessons.

With winter just around the corner, a gentle reminder that all students can access a free breakfast from 7.45am in the Courtyard Cafe. There is a selection of cereals, bagels and hot chocolate for students to enjoy before starting their school day. We know this is a particularly difficult time for our community as the cost of living continues to spiral. We are here to assist you as much as possible,

so please do not hesitate to contact us if you are struggling and we will support you as much as we can or link up with other agencies to help.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term break and we look forward to continuing on with the wonderful things happening here at The Gateway Academy next half term, including our trip to Winder Wonderland and our assessments for Year 7 to Year 10 students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



THE ACADEMY'S NEW LEAD STUDENTS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
1st November	17.00	Year 9 and 10 Parent Partnership event
10th November	16.00	Year 11 Next Steps and Parents' Evening

ROLL OF HONOUR

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

Responsibility

Emaan HC—Year 11; Ismail A—Year 11; Sami M—Year 11; Cosmina D—Year 10; Taofeek F—Year 10; Derys R—Year 10; Victor A—Year 10; Maddison C—Year 9; Anastasiia K—Year 9; Adam I—Year 9; River W—Year 9; Mikal M—Year 9; Musina T—Year 9; Phoebe S—Year 9; Melisa M—Year 9; Misha M—Year 9; Fred A—Year 9; Katie D—Year 9; Frank B—Year 9; Brian A—Year 9; Eimantas R—Year 9; James M—Year 9; Quade W—Year 9; Matthew D—Year 9; Lace MH—Year 8; Skye K—Year 8; Gabrielle T—Year 8; Mia B—Year 8; Kai T—Year 8; Sophie B—Year 8; Cameron L—Year 8; Sean M O—Year 8; Declan W—Year 8; Max K—Year 7; Libby S—Year 7.

Resilience

Jasmine O—Year 10; Qazal F—Year 10; Shiraz S—Year 10; Sam W—Year 11; Reece A—Year 11; Danny R—Year 11; Spencer T—Year 11; Holly B—Year 11; Leah W—Year 11

Aspiration

Bill B—Year 11; Ashleigh A—Year 11; Ekamjot K—Year 11; Arianne L—Year 11; Daniel G—Year 11; Sami M—Year 11; Jess F—Year 11; Nehemiah W—Year 11; Jelesha L—Year 11; Elsie B—Year 11; Charles A T—Year 11; Moses P—Year 11; Ohemaa K—Year 10; Nashwan A—Year 10; Ruby B—Year 9; Leah P—Year 9; Mia B—Year 8; Lily S H—Year 8; Masie H—Year 7; Riley H—Year 7;

Compassion

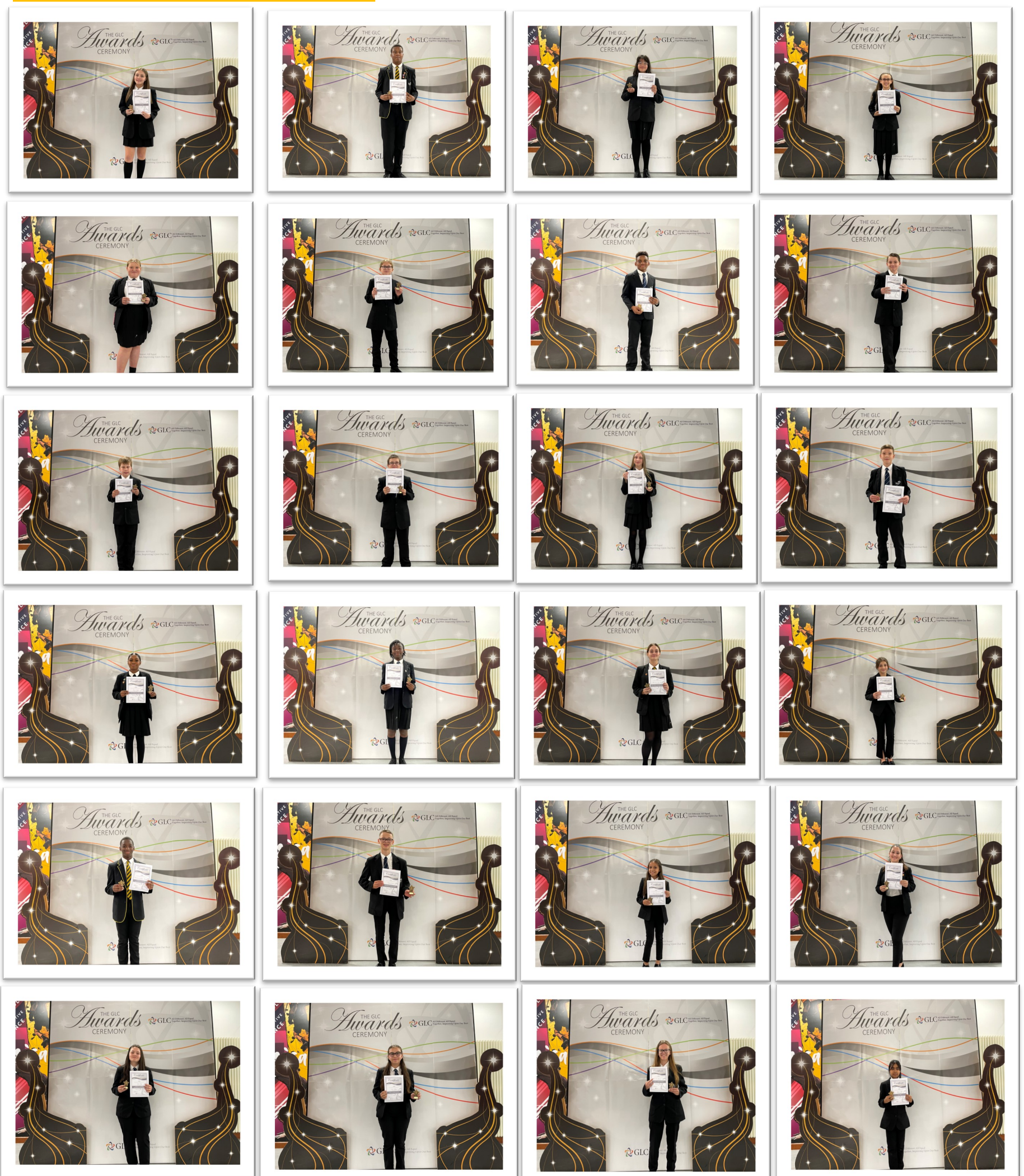
Zahraa M—Year 11; Alexandra M—Year 11; Stephanie D S—Year 11; Chloe S—Year 10; Sky A—Year 10; Jamal C—Year 10; Sean M O—Year 8; Jessica S—Year 8; Gaviella T—Year 8; Mia B—Year 8; Sophie B—Year 8; Gabrielle T—Year 8

Well done everybody!



GLC AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students that won at this year's GLC awards. Nominated by their peers and staff, they made the Academy very proud!



MORE NEWS FROM OUR YEAR GROUPS

YEAR 7 Mr M Scott

The year 7s have been exceptional since joining us in September. The level of enthusiasm they have displayed when taking on tasks in their surroundings has been testament to their character as a year group.

Resilience

Students have relentlessly taken on each new day and adapted to the challenges thrown at them; staff have commented on the resilience the year 7s have shown in this regard. Student attendance for year 7 is the best in the Academy, uniform is exceptional and the consistency that students are showing with bringing in equipment is excellent.

Responsibility

Students have shown great responsibility with their learning and are empowering themselves by taking

on homework with enthusiasm and really challenging themselves in lessons.

Compassion

The big change moving from Primary to secondary can be daunting and year 7 has really shown compassion and support to one another.

Aspiration

Students are aiming high and are on track to be the most successful year group we have ever seen at the Gateway Academy. This has really been showcased with the exceptionally high number of student leadership applications from the year group and the Brilliant Club and Scholars' Programme which both saw really strong competition for places.

The Girls' football team has really shone the light on female sport and have already taken down some heavy hitters in their games this season.

We look forward to seeing you all again after half term and the Spooktacular Halloween disco we have planned.



YEAR 8 Miss B Mead

Well done for another great fortnight year 8.

This week in assembly we were able to reward a number of students which was fantastic. There were 18 Values badges given out to year 8 students for excelling in the schools core values; responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration. These should be worn with absolute pride on your blazer. We were able to give out a number of attendance awards from last half term, with students being awarded for having 100% for the whole of year 7 and no late marks; a great achievement. We have also had a number of students who have been selected to take part in the Scholars' Programme next half term. This week those students got to attend a launch event at Goldsmith's University in London.

This week we had our McDonald's lunch celebration. Students were rewarded for their outstanding effort, achievements and consistently showing the Academy values during the last half term.

A huge well done to the following students who were rewarded with their treat lunch:

Chloe W 8A
Noah A 8C
Billy H 8B
Alfie W 8G
Rebecca E 8D
Emmanuel OA 8E
Oliwia G 8H
Harry B 8F

We are so excited to announce the return of the year 7 & 8 Halloween disco! Tickets will be £3 and need to be purchased through ParentPay or hand your £3 in to the year 8 office. You will also need to collect a letter from the year 7 or 8 office and return the reply slip. This will be a fantastic evening for you all, we have booked a great DJ and will be decorating the Ellis Theatre; fancy dress is encouraged however is not essential. Make sure you get your tickets!!!



YEAR 11 Mrs L Bruce

Year 11 have had a fantastic couple of weeks with their exams; their attitudes and approach has been brilliant. We look forward to seeing their overall results after the half term break.

Last week we saw the interviews for Head Students with fourteen year 11 students being interviewed. This was an great experience for all of them and the two Governors who were on the interview panel had nothing but praise for our students. The competition was so strong and every one of them could carry out the roles very well.

However, six students were appointed: four deputies and two Head Students. The Head Students are Malcolm O and Alexandra M and the deputies are Daniel O, Andrew A, Jenai A and Nota C. Huge congratulations to them all and we're excited to see them working in the role over the coming two terms.

Finally Pomodoro study sessions will be starting on the 7th November, 5pm-6pm in room 4-203. This is a silent study space and everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their continued support with year 11 throughout a demanding first half term. Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

YEAR 9 Mrs A Shannon

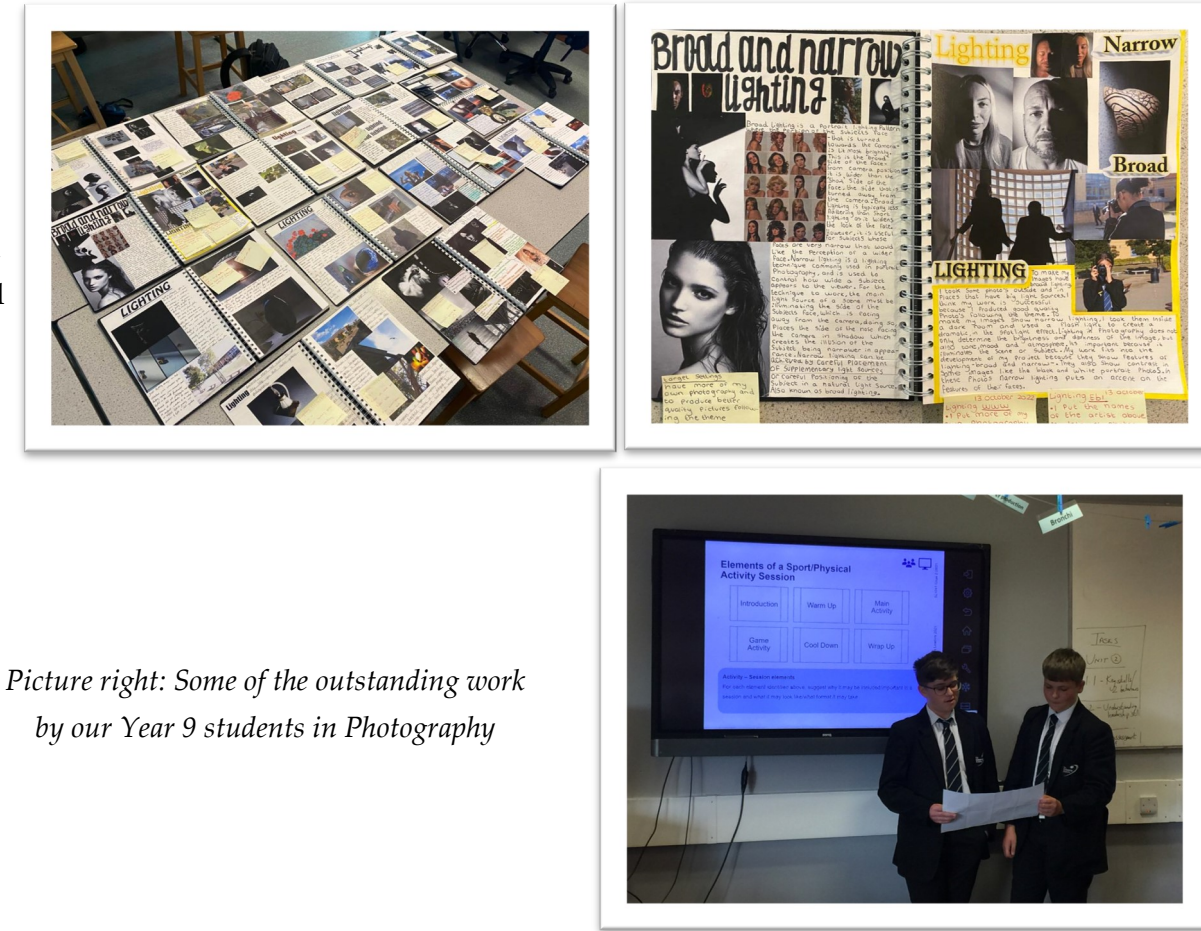
Year 9 have had an extremely busy first half term back this year. Students have started their GCSE option subjects and have been working hard; there have been some fantastic classwork and homework produced already from the students' photography lessons as well as in the GCSE PE course where students are spending time looking at leadership and running mini sessions within their classes. Applications for Duke of Edinburgh have been given out; a great opportunities to have that experience. The Respect project began with its first trip taking place, Student Leadership is in the process of being redeveloped and we have had some strong applications submitted for those students who are wanting to join that team. And finally the year 9 Brilliant Club began with a visit to Goldsmith's University to allow students to explore university life as well as learn more about the programme that is about to get underway.



In terms of sport, both the netball and football team have been attending training and have already played fixtures against other school. The year 9 netball team has played against Gable Hall and narrowly missed out on a win despite the girls working hard to secure the win. The girls have also played Orsett Heath who again beat us but the commitment the girls displayed throughout the match was outstanding.

The year 9 football team have only had one fixture against Harris Chafford and managed to get a draw for the game, again narrowly missing out on taking the win. I'm sure with more training and commitment from both teams we shall see some successes over the rest of the season. Watch this space.

The Gateway Honours badges have been given out to some of our students having been nominated by staff for going above and beyond in their school life and being deserving of receiving a badge. The following students were the winners of the badges: Oscar W, Annabel Q, Brian A, Gerald M, Benedictus M and Daniel C. Well done to these students and we hope to see them continuing with their fantastic attitudes and effort in their lessons for the rest of the year. *Picture right*



Picture right: Some of the outstanding work by our Year 9 students in Photography



MORE NEWS....

PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

Students in year 10 and 11 photography have made a brilliant start to their new portrait project, in particular the abstract portraits that students are completing through editing their own photos. Original shots were taken with our DSLR cameras on fully manual settings.

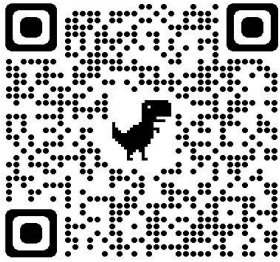
The following year 10/11 students have produced a portfolio of quality photographs and coursework:

YEAR 10	YEAR 11	
Maja H	Nota C	Inaaya H
Fungnam L	Emaan C	Lila K
Jasmine O	Paige J	Fiona M
Isabella S	Sophie K	
Sandra F	Asika L	
Ella C	Kaitlin B	
Somto E	Tegan H	
	Ruby S	



SEND

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



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?
<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>
If you are unsure or require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us:
Email: [Miss O'Dwyer](mailto:Miss.O'Dwyer)
siobhan.o'dwyer@theglc.org.uk



BREAKFAST CLUB (7.45—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/announcements/announcement/193/announcement>) 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

YEAR 10 NEWS

Well done to all year 10 students on a fantastic half term. There is some wonderful work taking place in lessons, ranging from experimenting and investigating in art to learning flow charts in computer science and analysing the latest tropical cyclones in geography. Well done to the year 10 netball and football team on their recent performances. Thank you to Mr Smith & Miss Chalmers for all their hard work.

Well done to our most recent winners of student of the week; Nicholas A-B and Chloe S.

Thank you and well done to our 23 sports captains for organising our first inter form competition. The tug of war quarter finals were hotly contested and the semi finals will take place after half term:

Mr N Concannon

10A will take on 10B and 10C will take on 10D. We held our first reward night of the year on Thursday; 'Movie Night' was a great success. We had over 70 year 10 students and parents at our year 10 work placement information evening - thank you to Mrs Palmer for all her hard work. We wish all year 10 students a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October 2022.



WORK WITH US!

GLC Gateway Academy -Head of Music

Type of Position: Head of Music

Subject: Music

Start Date: Start Date Negotiable

Closing Date: Midday on Thursday, 17th November 2022



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GA LIBRARY
OPENING TIMES

BEFORE SCHOOL:
7.00am - 8.15am
(OPEN ALL BREAK TIMES)

AFTER SCHOOL:
2.35pm - 5.00pm

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READING CORNER

Year 7 are super excited to start reading their Book Buzz reading books. A massive amount of books have whizzed out of 2-405 throughout the day; titles have ranged from 'When the Sky Falls' through to 'FACTopia'. Have a fabulous break with your new reading books.



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:
julian.moruzzi@theglc.org.uk



EVEN MORE NEWS....

GATEWAY 3 WILLIAM EDWARDS 2

Year 7, Essex Cup Winners



Our U12's team (Year 7) won their first ever competitive game together and were deserved winners against a spirited William Edwards team in the Essex Cup. First half goals from Roxy, Michaela and Gracie saw the girls cruising comfortably at half time. William Edwards came out battling and reduced the deficit to 3-2 but the Gateway girls were resilient and managed to come out victorious. Special mention to the keeper Katie who kept her side in the game with some fantastic saves! Overall, Head Coach Mr Kamutero was pleased with the team performance and saw a lot of encouraging signs about the group going forward.

We now face Grays Convent in the next round (dates to be confirmed) and hope to continue our momentum! Munya Kamutero, Head Coach.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Gateway Academy raised the flag this month in support of Black History Month. Throughout the last few weeks, we have celebrated, and will continue to celebrate Black History Month through the plan that students in the Academy devised. It includes:

- Making and selling badges across the Academy to promote Black History;
- Making and selling food at breaktimes. Mrs Olufemi supported in making beautiful jollof rice and plantain that staff and students tried at lunch;
- Students received assemblies from our leadership team and were involved in their delivery;
- PAD sessions dedicated to Black History Month looking at prominent Black figures and their achievements.

The students have planned many further activities throughout the year to ensure that all the Gateway community are fully aware of everyone's cultures and how they have contributed to our world today.

GLC Attendance Winner!

Congratulations to Katie from Year 9, Gateway Academy, who won week 5 of the GLC Attendance Raffle for perfect attendance and punctuality. As it was a roll over, her prize was a £30 Amazon voucher which was presented to her by Mr Dominic Davison (GLC EWO)

The draw is taken every week and only perfection counts. Please share with your class – they could be the next winner!



WE WILL ROCK YOU

Rehearsals for the Whole School Musical are really gaining momentum. There are over 100 GLC students involved in what will undoubtedly be a sell out show.....**We will, we will rock you!!!!!!** Pictures below of our students rehearsing:



PARENT PARTNERSHIP

The year 7 and 8 Parent Partnership event was a resounding success with students and parents being able to take part in various sessions on the night and walking away with lots of freebies. The year 9 and 10 Partnership event is on the 1st November 2022. We encourage as many parents to come as possible.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL BACK ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER. HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM.

YEAR 7&8 SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DISCO
Friday 4th November 6pm-8pm
TICKETS: £3 VIA PARENTPAY
GUEST DJ + REFRESHMENTS
Prizes for the best costumes!

ALPS
ADDITIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT
Students must commit to taking part in **ALL** additional hours of learning every week.

Additional learning to ensure you achieve your potential

WEEK 1 - 14.50 - 15.50PM				
MONDAY English - X Band Science - Y Band Brilliant Tutoring	TUESDAY Option B	WEDNESDAY Brilliant Tutoring	THURSDAY Science - X band Maths - Y band	Geography Option B Childcare Option B Targeted Students

WEEK 2 - 14.50 - 15.50PM				
MONDAY Maths - X Band English - y band Brilliant Tutoring	TUESDAY Option A	Brilliant Tutoring	Option C	Targeted students

Option A	Option B	Option C	Pomodoro Sessions
PE Geography Health and Social Care Performing Arts Dance Design Technology Spanish	Photography Creative Media Art Spanish History Computer Science Geography	Business Psychology Music French Hospitality and Catering Dance Computer Science Design Technology History	Monday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Tuesday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Wednesday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Thursday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Taking place weekly in the SET room

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FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Free Breakfast for All
Every Morning in the canteen
7:30-8:10am

Research suggests that breakfast REALLY is the most important meal of the day. At The Gateway Academy, we offer **FREE** breakfast for all our students. This includes a variety of cereals, bagels and toast. Juice every Tuesday and Thursday and hot chocolate on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the winter months. Feel free to encourage your child to eat breakfast and kick start the day with the nutritious and positive meal.