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24 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

We are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity here at The Gateway Academy for your son/daughter, beginning on Wednesday 23 April 2025. A local community engagement programme will be running a workshop every Wednesday from 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm for eight weeks within the school. We believe this workshop will offer great benefits to your child and would be pleased to invite them to participate.

Since 2012, ATF has been working with schools across Essex to create safe environments that foster opportunity, aspiration, and achievement, alongside promoting positive relationships, enhanced confidence, and wellbeing. By building a sense of community and providing life skills through participation in sport, heritage, culture and creativity, we have witnessed transformational improvements in both communities and individual resilience. ATF's person-centred approach identifies the support needed to help participants grow beyond perceived limitations and become thriving, active members of their wider community.

Your child will participate in a one-hour workshop with ATF, focusing on real-life issues within our local community and engaging in discussions around these experiences. Following lunch, they will return to the workshop room for another hour, taking part in sports such as basketball and boxing to encourage teamwork and foster positive relationships. This opportunity is entirely free of charge for you.

I am sure you will agree that this is fantastic opportunity for your son/daughter to support the work that they have been completing here at the Academy. To confirm your child's participation in this programme, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form below. Please note, you do not need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome.  
<https://forms.gle/QXy3ZYhqxK9W3GVO8>.

Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted by **Thursday 03 April 2025**. Students without a completed consent form will not be able to participate in the Local Community Engagement Programme and should attend their normal lessons on this day. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at [jessica.paterson@theglc.org.uk](mailto:jessica.paterson@theglc.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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