

CULTURE

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

The Academy continues to recover from the pandemic and we are pleased to welcome back our face-to-face Parents' Evenings which are fundamental for our partnership with parents and carers.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Year 11 and Year 8 Parents' Evenings. A reminder that the Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 31 March 2022 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

There have been many highlights over the past few weeks. I am proud to report that student attendance is significantly above the national average and we have received notification of our Year 7 admissions for the academic year 2022-2023.

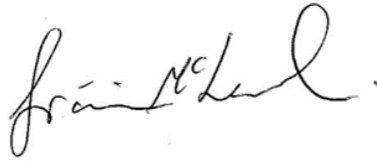
I am delighted to share the news that the Academy is oversubscribed, a testament to the positive reputation the Academy has in the local area and beyond. There is some wonderful teaching happening across the Academy as well as outstanding support being provided to our students' lives

by our staff to help them reach their potential in every aspect of their life.

It was a humbling gesture by students, staff, parents and carers, and local businesses for the collection towards the crisis in Ukraine. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Academy if there is anything else you think we could do to support further.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs G McLaughlin



HEAD OF SCHOOL



A VISIT FROM OUR MP

Inspiring Females

Jackie Doyle-Price Inspires Female Students to Tackle Important Issues

On Friday 11th March The Member of Parliament for Thurrock Jackie Doyle-Price visited The Gateway Academy to meet with our students.

They spent time looking at issues that were facing the young people in Thurrock and how these would be resolved. Our students found the experience very inspiring and empowering, giving them a voice to tackle issues within the school as well.

As a result of this they have established a working group to educate and empower other students to tackle issues of gender disparity and violence against women. Jackie is hoping to return to see the impact of their work.

Mrs T Bryant

Image Left: Students working group with Jackie Doyle Price

Twisted Tales Entry

It was never meant to be. I've never had my moment. It was always *you*. Not me. I was never worshipped. By Lily-Sue Hart (Yr7) *Continues on page 2*

Entries for the Twisted Tales writing competition from the perspective of the Villain

#WEWILL

We Will Project

On the 1st of March, 120 students joined our #WeWill training session at The Gateway Academy. It was a massive success and students enjoyed it thoroughly. We invited our local newspaper and organisations such as Thurrock Foodbank. The students enjoyed guest speakers talks and it was beautiful to see so many young adults discussing social change and what it means to be 'All different, All equal'. We have allocated dates for our artists to work with our students and this will commence next week.

One of the talented artists who will be working with the students is, Eve Wright.

Everton Wright (EVEWRIGHT) is a British artist, with parentage from Jamaica. His work is a conscious ' mash up ' of drawing, sculpture, combined with digital film and live installations. Ewewright's work explores the intricate connections between the body and our experience of the modern environment, and he communicates this through bold interactive art, also using urban and rural landscapes as his canvas.

Please visit his website for more information: <https://eewright.com/about>

Feedback from Thurrock Foodbank representative:

It was good to be at today's event. I'm very impressed by the young people of the GLC.

The presentation was really interesting. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Thank you for inviting me.

Best wishes



SUBJECT NEWS

Dance

We saw some fantastic students working really hard across all dance clubs last week and we would like to invite as many students to attend as possible.

A reminder to all students we also have a brand new dance club... **BREAKDANCE.**

Students will be able to learn new and exciting choreography and have the opportunity to perform these to family and friends in the Academy's 2022 Dance Show which will be held in May. More information about the dance show will be coming out over the next few weeks.

Dates of dance clubs are:

Year 7 & 8 Dance club- Mondays 2.15pm-3.30pm in the dance studio.

Year 9, 10 & 11 Dance club- Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Ellis Theatre.

Breakdancing (all year groups invited)- Tuesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm in the dance studio.

Our wonderful year 11 dancers have completed their first written exam this week. The dance department will be running two intervention evenings for year 11 students in the next few weeks with a focus on their practical choreographies. Please speak to Miss Mead for more information.

Picture Left: The Academy's Jack Petchey Winners with the Mayor; read more

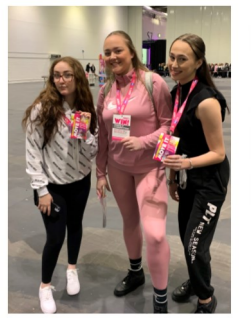
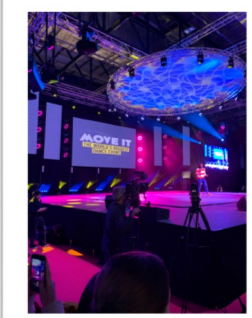
Parental Calendar

The Parental Calendar for 2021-2022, (<http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/56/announcements/announcement/193/announcement>) as well as other valuable information.

Announcements, letters home, uniform, can be found on The Gateway Academy website :

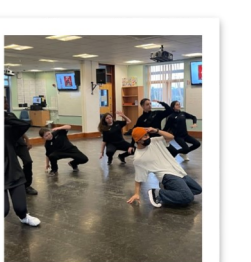
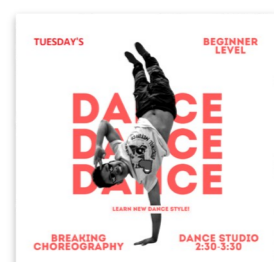
<http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/>.

Please check this regularly for any updates.



Last week we had over 70 students from years 8, 9 10 and 11 attend the Move It dance convention- the world's largest dance event, at the Excel Centre in London. Students were exceptionally behaved and were an absolute credit to our school. Students enjoyed and experienced some incredible performances by professional dancers and colleges, they also had the opportunity to speak with different people within the performing arts sector, all of which we hope has inspired them for their own performances in our own dance show.

Follow the dance department on Instagram for updates about dance clubs, dance show and general dance information: [@gatewayacademydance](https://www.instagram.com/gatewayacademydance)



GLC Teaching and Development Website

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

Assessment Support

We have created assessment guidance documents for year 9 to help students and families understand what is required of them in the forthcoming assessments and tools they can use to help.

http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/uploads/asset_file/Year_9_Assessment_Guidance_February_22.docx.pdf

Dates for your diary

Fri	25-Mar	Year 8 Options' choices returned to the School
Thurs	31-Mar	Year 10 Parents' Evening



Twisted Tales

Brother Dearest

It was never meant to be. I've never had my moment. It was always you. Not me. I was never worshipped. I was always backstage, waiting for my cue. It never came. I would apologise but what do I have to apologise for? YOU'VE always been the *almighty* brother. I've never been *almighty*. I know I'm worth more than this. I know we are equally great. But there's never been enough room in the spotlight for two. It's never been me. I am always shadowed by red. I am always shadowed by you. I am **NOT** a shadow. I am Loki.

By Lily-Sue Hart (Year 7)

The Wendigo

The wind was cold, brutal and the hail was sharp, painful. The wendigos are cursed, forced to eat large amounts of people or they starve. Though they're cursed, no one knows why, or a better question - how did this happen to these poor creatures? As the Wendigo walked at its immense height it heard a snapping twig, turning sharply, roaring whilst it searches, trying to make the person move or run. The wendigo was starving, hungry and deprived of its food... flesh. It roared, louder than a lion, the person moved, dooming this individual. If only they stood still...

By Matthew Connelly (Year 7)

WAGAMAMA'S

KS4 Hospitality and catering students went on a Jack Petchey trip to Wagamama's restaurant at Lakeside. Students were given a talk by front of house, back of house and the manager about how the restaurant works, the amount of staff that are needed for certain times of the year and the skills required within the profession. The students got to meet the chefs and learn the different chef stations in the kitchen and we got to see them in action.

Students also got to experience a meal and drinks of their choosing. Some ordered foods that they had never tried before and we had a few green tea drinkers and a flower blooming tea. The students did the Academy proud as the managers and waiters at Wagamama's said "they were very polite and they would love to have you back again". Students had a great experience whilst attempting to eat their food with chopsticks.

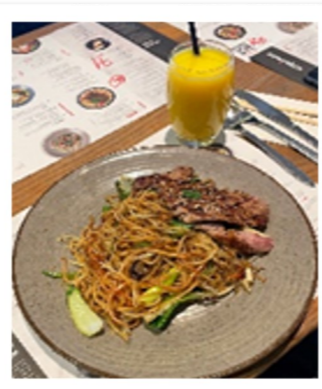


Image right: Students in after school art and photography intervention. An example of one of our many enrichment classes currently taking place at the Academy



Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the Non school uniform day on Wednesday 16th march. The Academy raised just over:

£1000

This will be donated to supporting Ukrainian refugees through the hardships that they are currently facing.

Jack Petchey Winners



Congratulations to our Jack Petchey Award winners:

- C. Quartson
- C. Debrincat
- L. Donovan



Well done ladies!

GLC Gateway Academy
All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Are you fluent in a language other than English?

Would you be interested in helping the GLC to work with families and young people who have English as an additional language?

- At the GLC, we value multiculturalism and diversity.
- We strive to make our learning environments accessible to everyone and are looking to build upon this by connecting with people who are able to act as translators for children and families who are not yet fluent in English.
- If you or someone you know would be interested in supporting the GLC by helping out as a translator please let us know.

- We have a wide range of languages spoken at our schools and your contribution would be of great value.

If you are interested, please provide the Reception of your child's school with your details.

Make sure to include:

- Name
- Contact details (email and/or telephone number)

Languages spoken

- Availability (when are the best times for you to provide support if required?)

We look forward to hearing from you!



READING CORNER

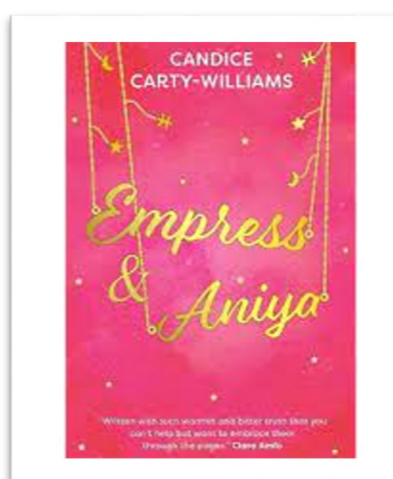
The Gateway KS3 Read-a-thon is currently in full swing with an amazing 1000+ minutes of reading being completed in the last two weeks alone. Our target is to raise over £100 for the Read for Good charity which helps to provide books and reading ambassadors for children who are currently in hospital. Get involved and sponsor a friend by using this link:

<https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor/>

Join our read it, review it, repeat campaign by heading to the library and reviewing our newest selection of books. Rewards will be given to the best reviews along with a prize for the student who gets through our monthly top picks. Get to the library to find out more. Find our new and improved Gateway reading list here:

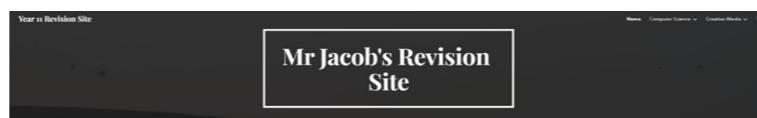
<http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/450/ks3-suggested-reading-list>

Book of the Month – Head to the library and be one of the first students to get your hands on our newly awaited copies of 'Empress and Aniya'. This coming of age young read leads you through the trouble and tribulations of teenage life but adds a slip of magic to the mix to make this tale of genuine friendship with a Freaky Friday-esque twist.



Scan the QR code—Review a Book

COMPUTING/ CREATIVE iMEDIA



<https://sites.google.com/theglc-ict.co.uk/year-11-revision-site/home>

An online portal created by Mr Jacob to support students in revising Creative iMedia and Computer Science.



EASTER PRIZE DRAW

As the prize draw approaches for the Easter half term students are readying themselves to be the recipients of: a Nintendo Switch, a Fire HD tablet, LED bedroom lighting strips, chocolate hampers, projectors, wireless earbuds, as well as numerous Amazon vouchers. The lucky winners of these will come from the top Rewards earners from the following categories:

- Attendance
- Golden ticket winners
- Best performing in lessons via SIMS points
- Prize draw token winners



VACANCIES

Working with us across the GLC

GLC Gateway Academy: Head of Geography
Type of Position: Head of Department
Subject: Geography
Start Date: September 2022
Closing Date: Midday on Wednesday 20th April 2022

GLC: Gateway Academy: Head of Psychology
Type of Position: Head of Department
Subject: Psychology
Start Date: September 2022
Closing Date: Midday on Wednesday, 20th April 2022

GLC: Gateway Academy: Religious Studies/PSHE Teacher
Type of Position: Classroom Teacher
Subject: RS/PSHE
Start Date: September 2022
Closing Date: Midday on Wednesday, 20th April 2022

GLC: Gateway Academy: Progress Leader
Type of Position: Progress Leader
Subject: Various
Start Date: September 2022
Closing Date: Midday on Wednesday, 20th April 2022

Current Reward point totals:

- Year 7 : 157359
- Year 8 : 123627
- Year 9 : 125229
- Year 10 : 118899
- Year 11: 115682



Well done to all.



If you need some help:

Make sure you have identified a member of staff that you would speak to. This may be your teachers, progress leader or lead coach. Choose anyone that you can talk to if you are struggling. We are still here to listen and help.

If you need support from our well-being team you can get a referral form from your year group google classroom.

If you are worried about the safety of yourself or someone else then you should contact the school at cp-gateway@theglc.org.uk

If I need help

If you need help but cannot speak to us, the following websites can be useful

CAMHS Resources Websites