

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

Thank you very much for all of your support this half term. We have had some wonderful things happening across our Academy including many of our students receiving awards.

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. Teaching and learning has been at the highest quality this term and was heavily praised by external visitors on a visit last week.

Student attendance continues to be above national average and I am delighted to say is on the rise weekly.

We know that students with attendance of 97% or higher are more likely to succeed in all areas across Academy, so it is imperative that we remain highly focused on this area.

The Year 11 students have just completed their second round of PPE examinations and are doing remarkable well. We will now prep them for their final GCSE examinations in the Summer Term. A reminder to parents and carers that Year 11s can access Saturday School and ALPs most evenings.

Just as a reminder, all students can access a free breakfast from 7.45 am each morning in the Courtyard Café. There is a selection of cereals, bagels and hot chocolate for students to enjoy before starting their school day.

A massive thank you to our students for making the Academy the most remarkable place to work; it is a joy to work with our young people every day.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER

Hospitality and Catering students from years 9, 10 and 11 went above and beyond on the 9th February for the Senior Citizens' meals. They prepared all of the desserts which the canteen then cooked in their ovens. They made the loaf cakes to sell, the design on the tags and posters for the cake sale and wrapped the cakes up to sell. Mr Lovelock assisted them in laser cutting the 'thank you for coming' sign. Students learned how to serve in a hospitality and catering environment and are all looking at different careers within this sector for their futures.

Students welcomed guests, sold cakes and raffle tickets, they served main courses and desserts, then cleared up the tables. They also served drinks to the tables throughout the night ensuring their tables were taken care of. These students were an absolute credit to the Academy and Mrs Reynolds could not have been more proud of the compassion, resilience, responsibility and aspiration they showed. It was simply amazing to see.

Many of the guests spoke about how polite and helpful the students were and an absolute credit to the Academy, passing on congratulations to those students and their parents/carers.



DRAMA EXCITEMENT

We have had some wonderful events in Drama the last two weeks. The pictures below show our wonderful Year 9 Drama students excelling in Blood Brothers rehearsals.

Year 9 students have worked really hard this half term on Willy Russell's play. Students will be required to complete a formal performance after half term from the play in front of peers. We wish them lunch and success - break a leg Drama students!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
20.2.2023	8.15 AM	Start of half term (Week 2)
21.2.2023		Scholars graduation ceremony
27.2.2023		Assessment period YR 7-10 starts
2.3.2023	16.00 PM	Year 11 Parents evening

[Click Here](#) for the full parental Calendar



YEAR 10 AND 11 ALPS

ALPS
ADDITIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT

Students must commit to taking part in **ALL** additional hours of learning every week.

What results will be in your envelope?
GCSE RESULTS

Additional learning to ensure you achieve your potential

WEEK 1 - 14.50 - 15.50PM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 11	English - X Band Science - Y Band	Option B		Science - X band Maths - Y band	Childcare Option B Targeted Students Drama - Mrs Kitsiou

WEEK 2 - 14.50 - 15.50PM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 11	Maths - X Band English - y Band	Option A		Option C	Targeted students English Lit Further Maths Technology Food

Subjects in each of the options	Option A	Option B	Option C
	Business PE Geography Health and Social Care Performing Arts Arts Dance Design Technology Spanish	Business Photography Creative Media Art Spanish History Computer Science Geography	Business Psychology Music French Hospitality and Catering Dance Computer Science Design Technology History

Pomodoro Sessions
Monday - 16.00 - 17.30 PM Tuesday - 16.00 - 17.30 PM Wednesday - 16.00 - 17.30 PM Thursday - 16.00 - 17.30 PM
Taking place weekly in the SET room

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ATTAINMENT AND PROGRESS AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Mr D Zeffie

Over 100 trophies, certificates and subject badges were awarded last week to recognise the outstanding attainment and progress made by students across all year groups and in every subject from Term 1. For the first time, we were able to formally recognise the hard work and dedication which students had put in during the first term. Progress Leaders in each year group announced each winner to come and collect their awards amid rapturous applause and cheering from students and staff. It was a very proud moment to see students be identified as having made excellent attainment and progress in their subjects, and reflect the hard work and commitment they had shown. Moving forwards, we will be having termly awards each year plus a special year 11 awards assembly in early March to mark the achievements of students in their year 11 PPEs.

YEAR 7

Mr M Scott

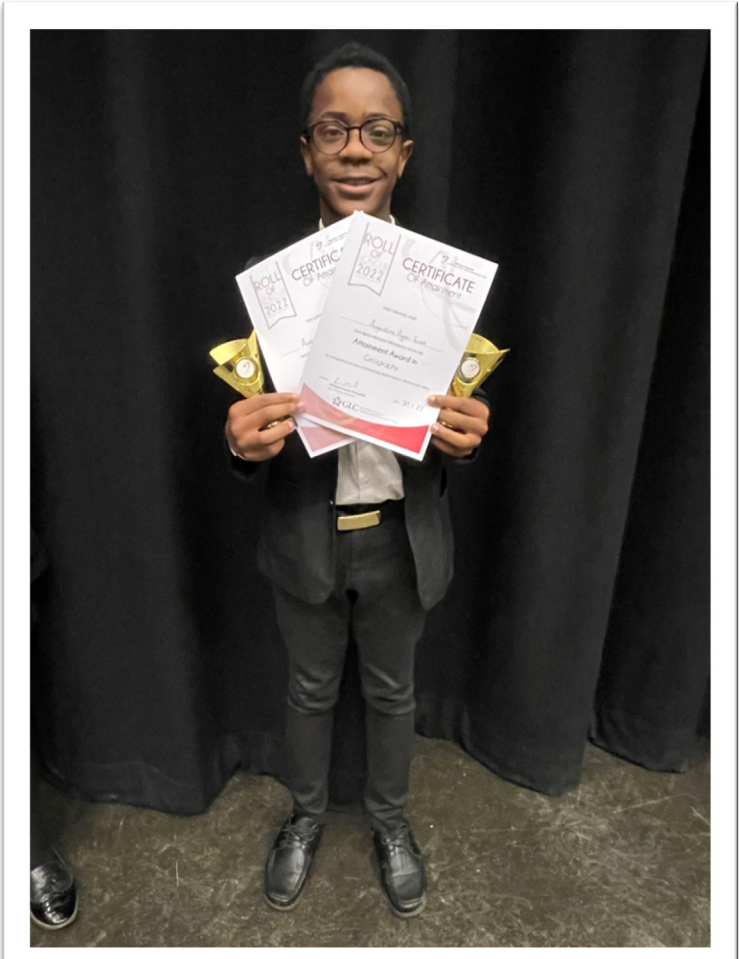
The year 7 students have worked tirelessly this half term and showed huge improvements in the progress and attainment in all subjects. Each student has been granted a certificate, badge and trophy.

The year 7 winners for Progress were:

- Evie W- Art
- Max B- Computer Science
- Erin H - Dance
- Shantae A - Drama
- Natasha A - English
- Lukas M - Geography
- Jaxon M - History
- Miia A - Maths
- Harry S - PE
- Katie C - RS
- Shantae A - Science
- Jennifer L C - Spanish
- Mia H - Technology

The year 7 winners for Attainment were:

- Afsarah A - Art
- Lukas M - Business Studies
- Erin H - Dance
- Shantae A - Drama
- Natasha A - English
- Emily R - Food Technology
- Caiden S- Geography
- Jaxon M - History



YEAR 8

Miss B Mead

This week in assembly we were able to celebrate some of our fantastic students who have been going above and beyond this half term.

We presented 14 attainment awards to students from year 8 who went above and beyond in their assessments at the end of last term. Each of these students were awarded with a certificate, trophy and a subject badge.

- Art- Chloe W
- Computer science- Macie H
- Dance- Sopuru E
- Drama- Casey C
- English- Mia B
- Food Technology- Terri D
- Geography- Augustine A-T
- History- Augustine A-T
- Maths- Muhammed H
- PE- Nathan S
- Religious Studies- Inaiya U
- Science- Nathan S
- Spanish- Sophie B
- Technology- Gabija V



As well as our fantastic subject awards, we also presented 16 tutee of the term awards. Each tutor was asked to pick 2 students from their tutor group who have been working really hard and showing all of the school values each and every day. Those students were:

- 8A- Sidas N & Jessy A
- 8B- Callum H & Eliya G
- 8C- Anisa R & Aayan A
- 8D- Liara H & Charles N
- 8E- George P & Danielle L
- 8F- Henry C & Mylee L
- 8G- Sammie C & Declan W
- 8H- Sophie B & Alfie N



We also had 2 wonderful students win golden ticket awards this week; Smilte B and Oliwia G. Fantastic work from these 2 students who have been nominated by members of staff for their relentless hard work.

Finally, on the 10/02/23 some of our year 8's competed in the sports hall athletics competition, both the boys team and the girls team came in 1st place! A huge well done to all students who were involved. What a fantastic way to end the half term.



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YEAR 9 Ms A Shannon

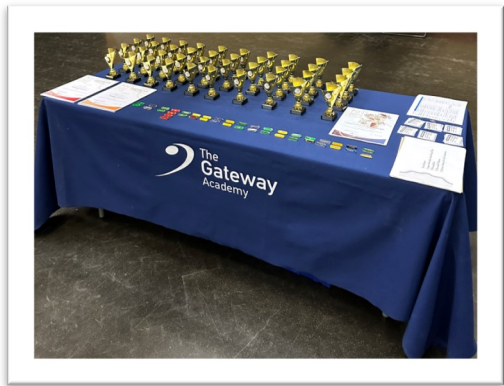
Year 9 students attended their first attainment rewards assembly on Wednesday 8th February. Students were rewarded for their outstanding attainment across all of their subjects so far this academic year.

There were 16 awards in total for the students to be able to win and we had some amazing winners!!

The superstars who won the attainment awards were:

- Karina P – Art and Geography
- Veronika K - Business Studies
- Mirab L –Child Development and History
- Tonianne J – Dance
- Alfie M – Drama
- Mohammad–Taha K - English
- Jack D –Food Technology
- Precious J –Health and Social Care
- Sarah M C – Mathematics
- Delci-M G – Photography
- Katie D – Psychology
- Ronnie B – Science
- Dnya L – Spanish
- Denny-L C –Technology

Well done to all of our amazing winners; it was lovely to watch you all come and receive the awards. Let’s keep up the excellent work and high expectations year 9.



YEAR 10 Mr N Concannon

Year 10 students were rewarded for their excellent work in assembly on Thursday 9th February. Every winning student received a trophy, a badge and a certificate in acknowledgement of their outstanding work in lessons.

In terms of progress, there were a number of awards:

- Tamina H – Business and Science
- Evy B – Dance and Health & Social Care
- Jake R – Maths and Creative iMedia
- Julianne A – Art
- Sabrina N – English
- Dylan S – PE

Well done to all winners.

In terms of attainment:

- Evy B –Dance and Health & Social Care
- Jake R –Maths and Computer Science
- Tamina H –Business and Science
- James P – English
- Ellie T –Food Technology
- Ameerah K – Geography

All students were more than deserving winners and illustrate the school values on a daily basis.

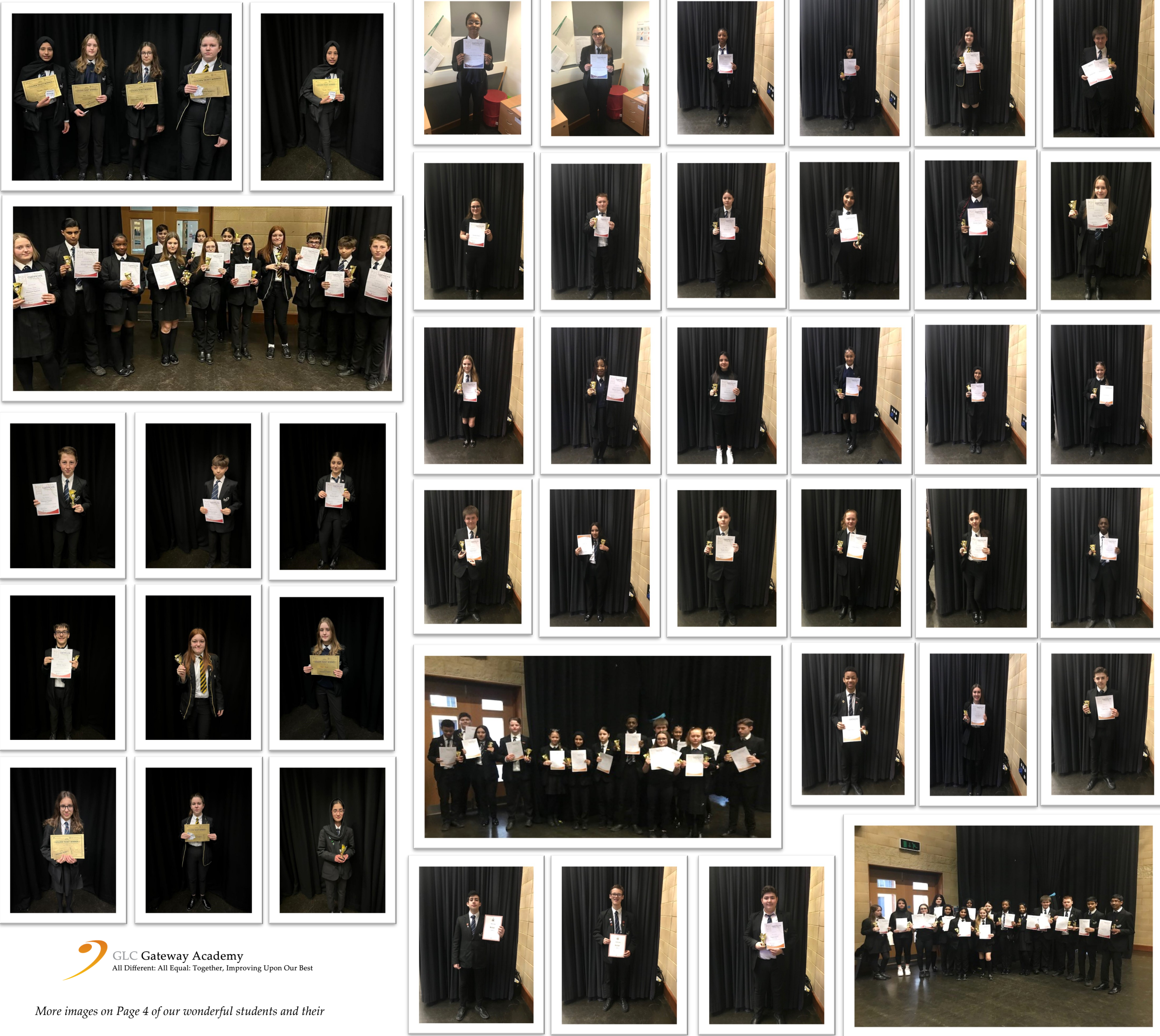


Duke of Edinburgh

Two students last week were awarded their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to:

Vity's C & Charlie P



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YEAR 11 Mrs L Bruce

Year 11, what a couple of weeks we have had! It has been intense, stressful and hard going but you have come out the other side stronger, and hopefully more driven now in continuing to work as hard as you can right through to the formal exams in May.

The year 11 students had a wonderful assembly to finish the half term after a tough couple of weeks of exams. It was full of celebration and was really enjoyed by all. Each student that won an award received a certificate, trophy and a subject badge acknowledging their success. I was lucky enough to award students with 40 awards, 20 for Progress and 20 for Attainment and some students were awarded with more than one! A special mention must go to Aliyah K and Emmanuel A as they both received 4 awards! Wow!

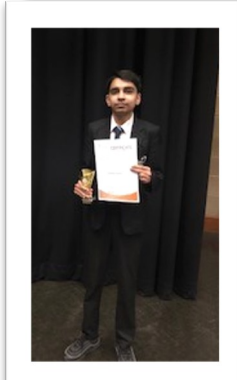
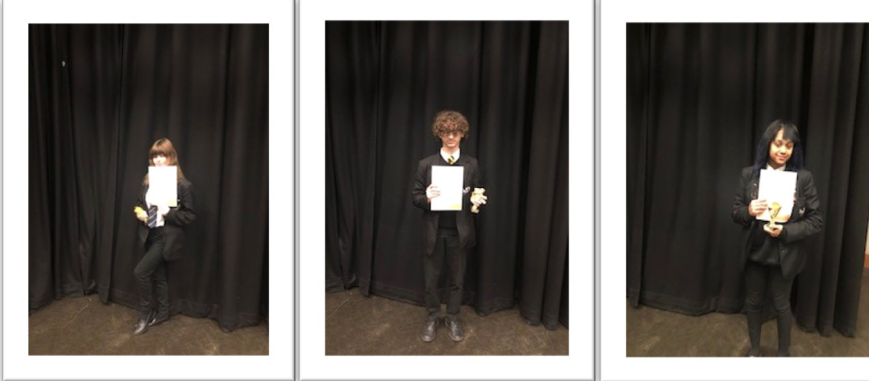
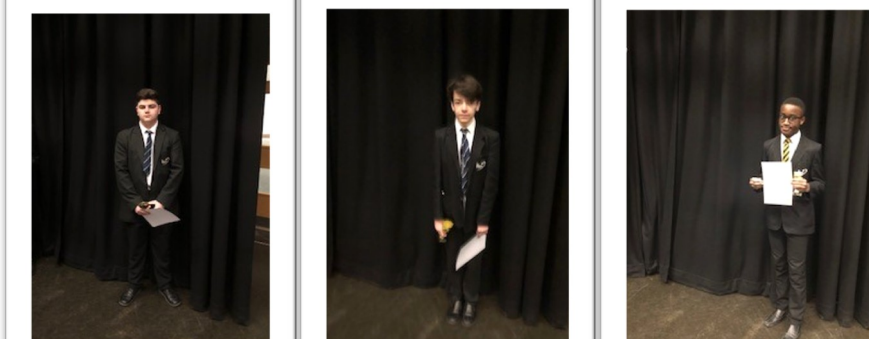
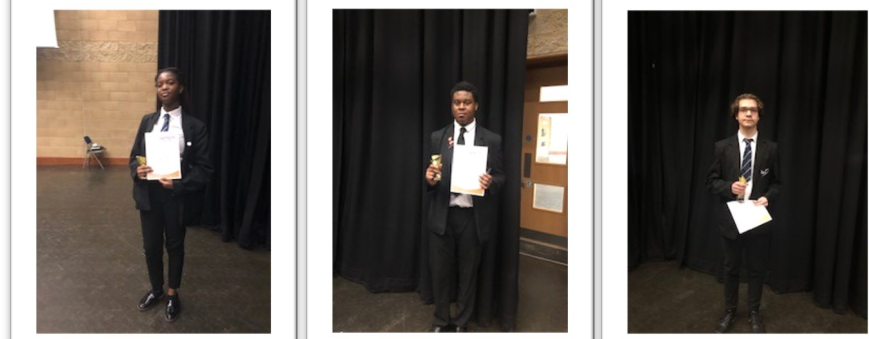
6 students were awarded with Golden Tickets from their teachers- Ruby Rose S, Bayley E, Tochukwu A, Jake W, Hamna A and Lenny W.

What a wonderful way to finish the half term, celebrating students who go above and beyond and demonstrate the Academy's values every day.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their continued support with all their students, we really do have such a lovely year group! Have a great half term break.



SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER — Images



SPECIAL VISIT— Richard Murrell—BBC Mrs K Kitsiou

Yr. 9 and 10 Drama, i-Media and Film Students were lucky enough to listen to talk from Richard Murrell from the BBC on his background, career and an inspirational message on Aspiration and the desire to aim higher. He described his upbringing in East London with his father who was a milkman and a dream from a young age to get into broadcasting. He showed numerous clips from his travels whilst working around the world, to his work life and his colleagues describing their experiences. One of the most notable clips was of riot training that presenters have to go through and then a real scene from a presenter at a protest. Alfie Mauldin (Yr. 9) even got a chance to experience life in a presenters seat reading from autocue. He was excellent and how he kept up with the pace of reading that a presenter is required to read out was beyond me! The final message Richard left the students with was, to listen to your inner voice, be resilient, adapt to change quickly and if you want something, go for it!

