

# The Gateway Academy Transition Bulletin

## NEWS:

Please feel free to visit the Academy's website regularly for updates <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/>, in particular our publication of The Gateway Times [The Gateway Times](#), which gives you the most up-to-date news about The Gateway Academy on a regular basis.



**Mr Bedford**  
**Assistant Principal**

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR TEAM:

My name is Mr Bedford and I lead on Reading at The Gateway Academy. At Gateway, we are committed to ensuring that all our students leave school having reached their full potential in reading. We believe that being a strong reader is a cornerstone of success in life. For this reason, we have high expectations of our students and their reading.

We offer a wide range of opportunities to ensure that students are challenged, supported and encouraged in their reading. We hope that as our students become stronger readers, their love of reading will continue to grow throughout their time with us. I look forward to welcoming you to The Gateway Academy and supporting you on your reading journey.

## PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO:

- Return your data collection forms (new starters) if not completed already;
- Return your attendance of transition form (google form.) if not completed already. Please note that a Google account is **not** required to access and submit the form, although it may be necessary to copy and paste the link into **Google Chrome**.  
<https://forms.gle/3fPEjWLoLbjGBr927>
- To book a space for your child for Summer school please complete this form: [Summer school booking form](#).

## UPCOMING KEY DATES:

- Transition week – 30 June to 04 July 2025.
- Summer School – 21 July to 25 July 2025.
- Parents / Carers will be able to purchase uniform during the following dates and times:
  - **Monday 30 June – 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm**
  - **Wednesday 02 July - 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm**
  - **Friday 04 July -2.00 pm - 5.00 pm**
- Parents / Carers will be able to collect orders during the following dates and times:
  - **Tuesday 26 August - 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**
  - **Wednesday 27 August - 9.00 am-3.00 pm**
  - **Thursday 28 August - 9.00 am-3.00 pm**
  - **Friday 29 August - 9.00 am-3.00 pm**

## READING AT THE GATEWAY ACADEMY

Here are the key reading strategies and opportunities we offer to support you throughout your time at The Gateway Academy:

### Reading Rulers

We expect all students to track their reading in class using a clear 15cm ruler, held with both hands. This strategy helps maintain focus and engagement during reading tasks, while also developing fluency and reading stamina.

### Sparx Reader

Independent reading at home is vital for reading success. Through Sparx Reader, students have access to a wide range of age-appropriate e-books. This platform ensures students are reading carefully and with understanding. All students are expected to complete at least 30 minutes of independent reading per week using Sparx Reader.



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### Bedrock Learning

Vocabulary is a crucial foundation for reading confidence and success. Bedrock Learning supports students in building a broad and sophisticated vocabulary, while also enhancing their grammar skills. Students are expected to complete two lessons per week, both in school and at home.



### Reading Curriculum

Our curriculum provides students with access to diverse, engaging and challenging texts. In Years 7 and 8, four weeks of each term are dedicated exclusively to reading a class text and developing key reading skills. This is in addition to the wide range of texts studied in the English curriculum.



### Thinking Reading

At The Gateway Academy, we are committed to ensuring all students become highly literate. If a student needs additional support, we are proactive in providing targeted interventions. Thinking Reading offers fast-paced, personalised lessons designed to close any gaps and build essential reading skills.

### Peer Reading

We also offer peer reading support, where older students work with younger students to develop reading fluency. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to practise and improve reading skills in a supportive environment.

### CONTACTS:

[gateway-transition@theglc.org.uk](mailto:gateway-transition@theglc.org.uk) – please click on the link for any questions about Transition.

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## THE GATEWAY ACADEMY: INSPIRING THE FUTURE, FROM WITHIN!


**Did you know...** Some of the exceptional teachers at The Gateway Academy were once students here too!

This shows what a special place our Academy is, where students feel supported and inspired to achieve their dreams. These former students loved their time here so much that they have come back to guide and teach the next generation.


They bring their own experiences and a real passion for the Academy's values:

- Responsibility
- Compassion
- Resilience
- Aspiration


Having these alumni as teachers makes our Academy even stronger and proves that The Gateway Academy truly makes a lasting difference!




**Michaela Moon**  
Teacher of Science




**Danielle Robertson**  
Teacher of Mathematics




**Sam Blake**  
Teacher of Mathematics & Science



**Chloe Locke**  
Teacher of Mathematics



**Jodie Lee**  
Teacher of History



**Natasha Gazzard**  
Teacher of Science

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