

CULTURE

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

It has been a brilliant term at the Gateway Academy and it is just fantastic to see our students getting the educational experience they deserve both academically and pastorally. We are in a really strong position to keep 'Improving Upon our Best' and I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we have employed some additional experienced staff to support our students for the academic year 2022-2023.

The emphasis continues to be on ensuring students make rapid progress following the pandemic and have every opportunity to develop in all aspects of their lives. As you are aware, we have so much going on across the Academy, as indicated here in our Gateway Times. I am incredibly proud of our staff and students and know we have a very special Academy that is a joy to be part of.

Next term, we will also be ensuring that all Year 11 students have all the support they need in preparation for their upcoming GCSEs. We will also be reviewing our Mobile Phone Policy and the timings of the school day for September 2022.

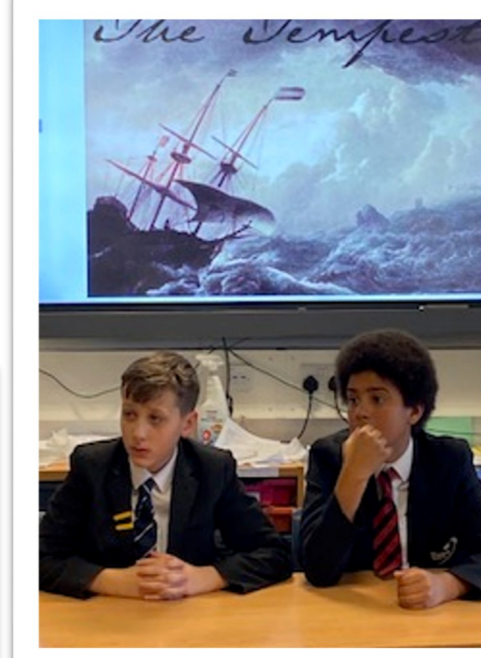
Thank you as always for your continued support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to welcoming back the students on Tuesday 19 April 2022.

Frank McLaughlin



DAN FREEDMAN

Year 7 were lucky enough to be the audience for our very first author visit of 2022. Dan Freedman, the author of the Jamie Johnson series, spent a lovely afternoon talking with our students about reading, football and aspirations. Dan was grateful for all of your amazing and insightful questions.



THE TRIAL OF CALIBAN

Inspiring Females

This term, Year 8 have been exploring Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. After completing their assessment, 8X1, 8YG1, and 8XG1 reimagined the treatment of one of the key characters in the play; Caliban was placed on trial for his crimes against Prospero and Miranda. In their self-made courtroom, the prosecution and defence presented their evidence to persuade the jury of Caliban's innocence or guilt. The jury were given the opportunity to deliberate and provide their verdict. The unanimous decision... Caliban was once more free to roam his native land.



PHOTOGRAPHY



Read More about rewards: Page 2 and 3

Our fantastic GCSE students can be seen here learning how to use a digital SLR camera on manual settings. This is an important skill to develop their understanding of key technology.



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

If I need help



Image above: Year 7 Flap-jacks.



COMING UP

All of Year 7 will be watching The National Theatre's engaging and energetic production of *Hamlet* in the Ellis Theatre on Friday 22nd April from 10am – 11.30am. This will be an excellent opportunity for Year 7 to experience another Shakespearean play. The performance will enable students to see how Shakespeare's language is interpreted and taken from page to stage.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Department for Education | thurrock.gov.uk | Essex County Council

ActiveEssex

ACTIVATE

Book onto free Easter holiday clubs!

April 4th-14th 2022

Eligible children and young people are invited to join our FREE fun-filled school holiday clubs, run by a network of locally trusted organisations! Brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is eligible?
Clubs are FREE for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, or from low income working families.

Where are clubs running?
Clubs are on offer across all 12 Essex County Council Districts & Thurrock

What do clubs offer?
Each organisation provides their own unique variety of physical and enrichment activities, as well as a tasty, nutritious meal for every child.

In addition to inclusive mainstream clubs, we also run dedicated SEND clubs and Mental Wellbeing hubs. To find out more about each of these offers, visit the link below

activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/

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.

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Year 7 Awards!

We are constantly awarding students across the Academy for their hard work in ensuring Our Academy Values are embedded. This Issue we would like to celebrate year 7 students who have gone above and beyond:

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| <p>Awards for Resilience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ledion I • Noah A • Jane Abu K • Billy H | <p>Awards for being hard working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaranda P • George P • Jessica S • Karina P | <p>Awards for being ambitious:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew C • Flavius A • Kara L • Ronni G | <p>Awards for showing gratitude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKenzie D • Kevin I • Sammie C • Harley D | <p>Awards for being respectful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah W • Joana O • Sophie B • Gabija K | <p>Awards for showing Self Belief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macie B • Hollie P • Alfie R • Lewis B |
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GLC Teaching and Development Website

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

Rewards Galore

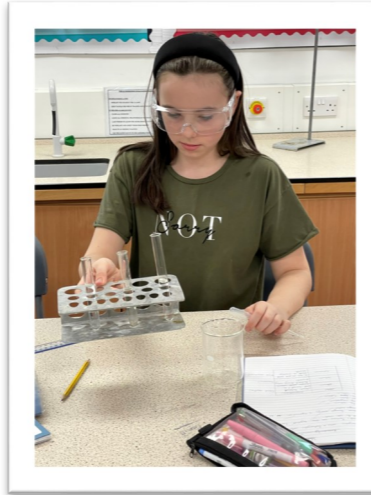


YEAR 7 Miss R Mead

We have now completed our second full term at the Gateway Academy and have just one term left of year 7.

Last week in year 7 we have been focusing on rewards and celebrating students who have had a brilliant start to their time at the Gateway Academy.

Some great work has taken place both inside and outside of the classroom. When entering lessons it is clear that students are fully engaged, enjoying learning, and representing the school values. Our sports teams have been playing matches against other local schools showing their resilience and team work. Students have been working hard in Art using clay for the first time, where they have been experimenting and creating Hundertwasser inspired pieces. In cooking, students have been enjoying making flapjacks this week.



Year 7 have had an exciting week in science completing multiple experiments based around reactivity. All Y band year 7 students have also shown excellent leadership and confidence in their Performance and Confidence lessons this term, recreating different TV genres and performing them to their class.

This term we asked members of staff to nominate students who were consistently showing the school's core values. Students were then chosen from these nominations to be presented with a certificate and win a prize in our end of term celebration assembly. These names can be seen on Page 1.



YEAR 8 Ms A Shannon

Year 8 have now completed their second term at the Academy and what a jam packed term it has been! We have seen assemblies return with lots of rewards and student work being celebrated. Tutoring across the year group has been offered out to many of our students, this is to help students develop their skills in different subject areas and offer support for work they may have missed. Our sports teams have been representing the year group in fixtures against other schools within the borough with the year 8 Netball team recently beating William Edwards and the year 8 Football team beating Orsett Heath in a cup match on penalties. It was an extremely tight game with Zain H having a cracking game saving 4 penalties!

I'm looking forward to what the Summer term brings year 8 and what amazing things we can continue to achieve.

We were lucky enough to have the Easter bunny visit us during our Easter special assembly this week to hand out our rewards. Each tutor was asked to nominate a student that they felt deserves to be rewarded for their excellent attitude to learning, always being positive with a smile on their face, attendance and punctuality are outstanding, being ready to learn each day for school and wearing their school uniform with pride.



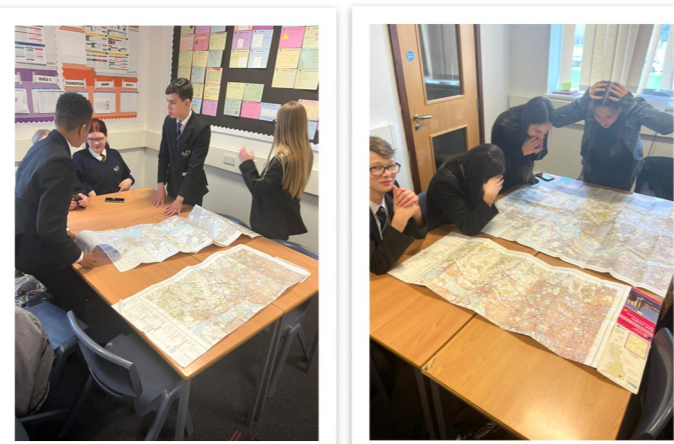
Each term we like to nominate a student of the term for their amazing efforts around the academy, their relationship with their peers and staff, contributing to the wider community and representing Thurrock in rugby, going above and beyond in their learning and participation in lessons and being an excellent role model for their peers and younger students.

Our year 8 student of the term is Daniel C. Well done Daniel, you have been amazing and we are proud to have you as part of the Gateway Academy family.

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YEAR 9 Mrs U Steenkamp

This term was jam packed with plenty of anticipation. Our Year 9s have had the pleasure of attending various workshops from Lifeline and we have received brilliant feedback from our speakers, commenting on our Year 9s incomparable behaviour. Our Duke of Edinburgh is going really well and we look forward to the amazing expeditions they will have. We celebrated excellency during our Easter Assembly and we have had the opportunity to gift more than 50 students for representing our school's values. Our highest attendance award was given to 9A - well done! We want to take this opportunity to wish our year 9s and their parents/carers a beautiful Easter holiday.



YEAR 10 Mr N Concannon

Year 10s had some outstanding results in the most recent assessments. It is incredibly important that the focus and work ethic continues next term in the build up to the summer assessment window in June 2022.

On Monday, motivational speaker Mr Beezy gave a terrific speech to our year 10 students. There was fabulous feedback- he really hit the nail on the head in terms of mindset and goal setting for the future.

Please enjoy the Easter holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back promptly on Tuesday 19 April 2022 for an action packed and rewarding Summer term.



On Thursday, 90 year 10 students attended a Consent workshop hosted by lifeline projects. This was incredibly informative for our students.

Also on Thursday, a number of year 10 students were awarded for academic excellence across the Spring term:

- English** - Greig P & Ashleigh A
- Maths** - Andrew A & Sophie R
- Science** - Sidney S & Holly B
- History** - Daniel G & Riley W
- Geography** - Billy L & Ekamjot K
- French** - Nahid A & Salimah M
- Spanish** - Moses P & Emy J
- Business** - Tito O & Rachel H
- Computer Science** - Razvan B & Asika L
- Creative I Media** - Hayden P & Reece A
- Dance** - MJ W & Aliyah K
- Drama** - Brandon M & Jelesha L
- Art** - Sami M & Raluca M
- Childcare**- Ellie-Mae T & Kamile J
- Design & Technology** - Erdem G & Ishal K
- Health & Social Care** -Fortune D & Didan L
- Physical Education** - Jack M & Ella H
- Hospitality & Catering** - Ozzi LH & Ruby S
- Photography** - Paige J & Nota C
- Psychology** - Samuel C & Sofia S

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



Rewards Galore



YEAR 11 Miss A Dixon

Well done to year 11 this term. We are on the final countdown to the first exam. Students are working incredibly hard. We have given out numerous awards this Easter for exceptional work across Year 11.

Language Speaking Exams

Students in years 11 experienced the conditions they can expect in the GCSE speaking exams when they went through their mock speaking exams the week before the Easter break. Students spoke in Spanish and French with their teacher-examiners across a wide range of scenarios. It was very evident the hard work they had put into their presentations in Spanish and French, having to talk fluently and with a wide range of vocabulary. They also had to answer questions about a photo, complete a role play and discuss with their teachers a range of themes. Notable mention to Michael O-A in year 10 who is sitting his French GCSE a year early, and Naimah L in year 11 who has taught herself Japanese and will be taking her GCSE in Japanese as well as Spanish this year. We also have students sitting exams in Greek, Portuguese and Italian next month. Good luck to everyone!

Graduation— 24th June
Prom—27th June



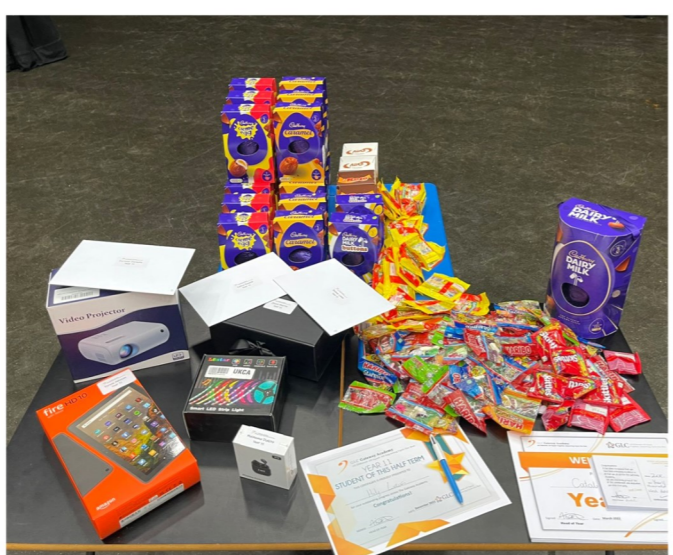
PRIZE DRAW

The Gateway Academy's famous termly prize draw took place last Friday with over 30 students receiving prizes. We gave away Projectors, Earbuds, Amazon Fire, a Nintendo Switch and our Golden Ticket Winner received an IPAD! There will be a even bigger draw in the Summer term, so get your vouchers by embracing the school Values!



YEAR 10 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our most recent student of the week award winners; Hayden M & Lillian S. Hayden has impressed everyone recently by really taking ownership for his academic progress. Lillian has been quietly brilliant across the Academy in recent weeks; she is a real diamond of a student.



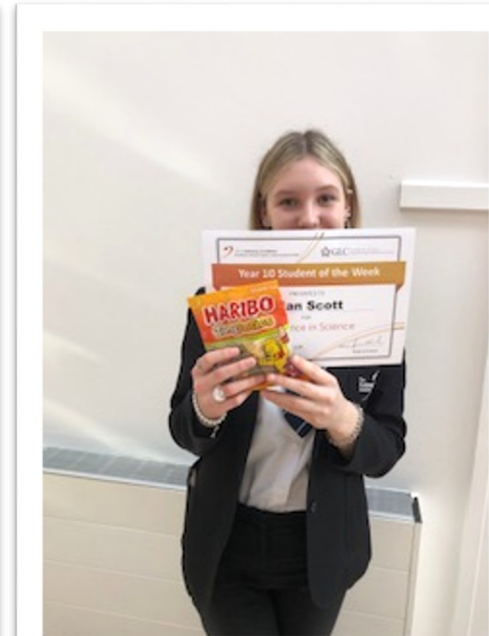
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YEAR 9 WORK

Year 9s keep on impressing us with beautiful art work and our #IWill/#WeWill students started their sessions with Eve Wright. We continue to embody our school's values by wearing the correct uniform and showing PRIDE in our books. We ask parents to support us by ensuring you child has equipment and correct uniform. The following students were selected to visit a community centre in London with Mr Sadler: Ebony S, Jasmine O and Jack L; we hope this trip will inspire new ideas to adapt to our community.

#IWILL PROJECT

First training commenced last week. We are very proud of selected students. Our #IWILL students are meeting regularly! We will change the world together!!!

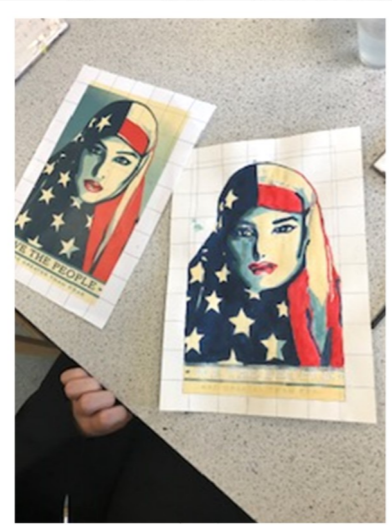


Picture above: Year 8 Rewards assembly

SPORTS NEWS

The year 11 boys took part in their last football game for the Academy this week. Most player have been part of the football team since joining the Academy in year 7.

They have shown dedication over the last 5 years and always represented the Academy well. Thank you and well done boys.



Work above: Rocco B & Eve A

Picture left and above: International Women's Day activism



HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER!!!

