



## SPORTING SUCCESS

Sport continues to play a central role in the life of The Gateway Academy, providing pupils with opportunities to challenge themselves, develop resilience and experience success both individually and as part of a team. Across a range of sports, our students have demonstrated commitment, teamwork and determination, and this year has seen particularly impressive achievements that highlight the strength and depth of our provision.

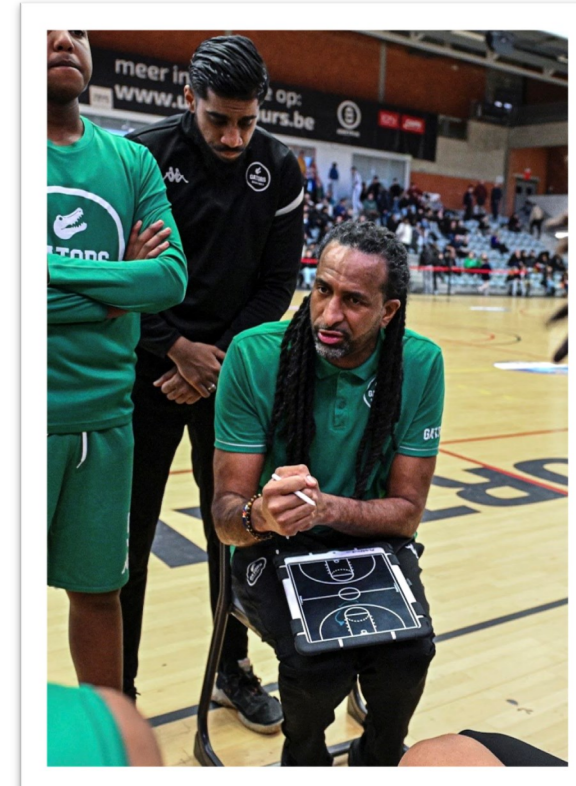
## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Our elite basketball programme, led by Coach Lee, has gone from strength to strength and is now firmly established as a key pillar of sport at the academy. The programme focuses on high-quality coaching, competitive match play and providing pupils with opportunities to perform against strong opposition beyond our local area. This has had a significant impact on the confidence, skill level and overall sporting experience of our students.

This year's competitive success has been outstanding. We are proud to have four teams through to the Essex Cup semi-finals: the U12 boys, U14 boys, U15 boys and U14 girls. Reaching this stage of the competition is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication shown by players in training and fixtures throughout the season.

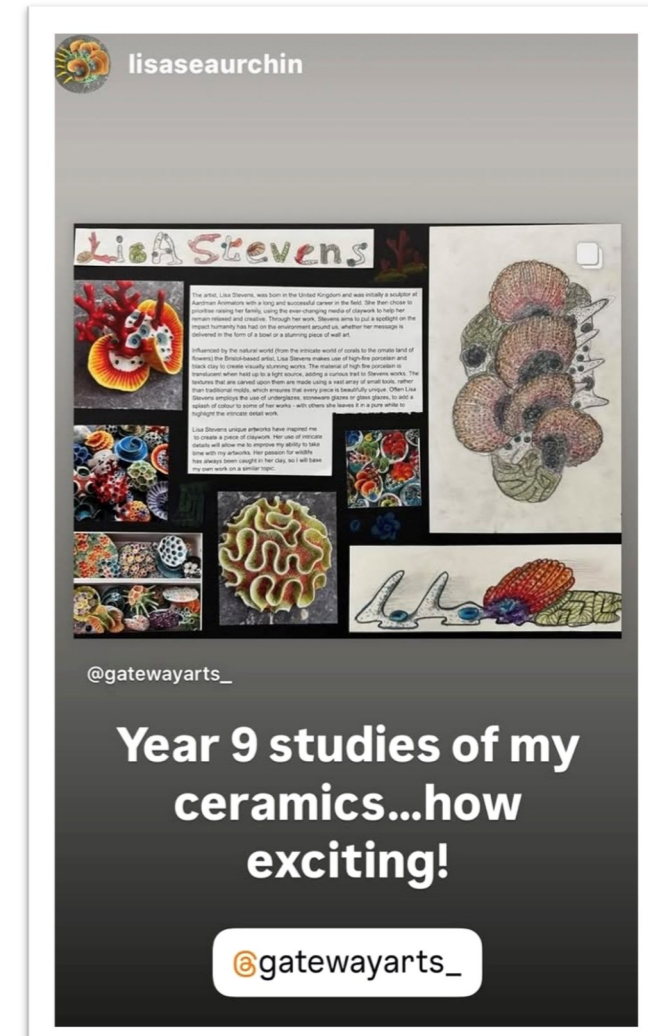
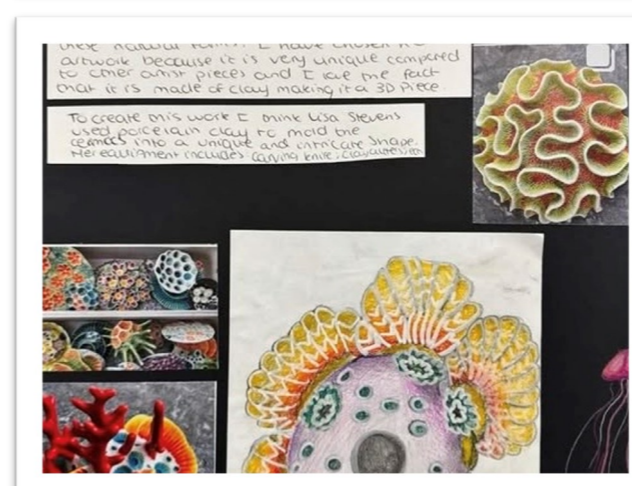
On the national stage, our teams have also made a strong impression. The U14 girls have progressed to the last eight of the National Cup, where they will face FitzWimarc in what promises to be a highly competitive fixture. The U14 boys have reached the last 16 and are set to play Ravenswood, demonstrating their ability to compete at a high level. Our U16 team performed admirably, reaching the last 32 before being knocked out by Bohunt, last year's national finalists. Their performance against such strong opposition was commendable and showed the continued progress of the programme.

Overall, the basketball programme has made a huge impact on our pupils, broadening their experiences and enabling them to compete against schools from across the region and country. These opportunities have helped students develop not only as athletes but also as confident and resilient young people.



## POTTERY SUCCESS IN ART

Year 9 students were focusing on man made vs natural forms, project in Art this term. They had to do research and recreate a ceramic piece inspired by Lisa Steven's work. She is a British artist, sculptor and ceramist. Her selection of marine inspired ceramics were a success and beneficial for our Art students as they were able to create some incredible pieces of art. Our students' work was of such a high standard Lisa Steven has commented on our post on Instagram and reposted our students' artwork.



lisaseaurchin 2m  
Oh, these are wonderful! I hope they enjoyed them :)  
Surely the best part about being an artist? Inspiring the next generation!  
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gatewayarts\_1m · Author  
@lisaseaurchin absolutely!! They worked so hard and created some fabulous work 🙌 thank you for inspiring 🥰  
Reply



## BOBBY A. Year 10



Bobby Austin has been selected to perform in the amazing Thameside Theatre production of Annie where he will be playing multiple characters including Drake, the butler and the Lieutenant! Bobby has been able to achieve this by always persevering in his Drama lessons developing confidence and taking risks. Bobby was able to impress the directors showing them his incredible talent in acting, singing and dancing. He would not have been able to achieve this without the support, guidance and encouragement of the Gateway Academy as well as his mum who encouraged him to take part in the audition for Annie. His Drama teachers recognised that Bobby has developed a strong talent, and his recent role as Corny Collins in the whole school musical, Hairspray, garnered a great deal of positive audience feedback and showcased his ability to connect with viewers. In addition, Bobby has gained valuable experience which has sharpened his skills in adaptability and character development.

The opportunity to take the Mensa test remains open, and we will continue to offer it to students who would like to give it a go. We look forward to welcoming even more students into this growing group of high achievers in the future. There will be a group of Year 7 students sitting the test later this month.

Well done to all of our Mensa members – your success is a fantastic reflection of the ambition and talent within our school community.



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## GATEWAY STUDENTS SHINE WITH MENSA SUCCESS

We are incredibly proud to share some fantastic news from Gateway Academy. 14 of our students are now members of Mensa, the international society for people who score in the top 2% of intelligence tests. This is a brilliant achievement and reflects the curiosity, determination and academic strength of our students.

Taking the Mensa test is not easy. It challenges students to think logically, solve complex problems and demonstrate strong reasoning skills. The fact that so many Gateway students have achieved this recognition is something we are extremely proud of.

At Gateway, we are passionate about helping every student reach their full potential. Opportunities like the Mensa test allow students to challenge themselves and celebrate academic excellence. It is wonderful to see our students embracing these opportunities and achieving such impressive results.

### Current Mensa members and their IQ:

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Raj P 157	Archie B 152	Finley S-B 161	Henry C 151
Joanna A 154	Elwen N 161	Gabriele V 152	
Fikayo K 152	Rosie H 148	Ethan N 161	
		Jessica S 158	
		Emmanuel F 151	
		Max K 157	
		Sarah P 148	

