

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

It has been a tremendous start to the summer term for our students at The Gateway Academy. The students are really enjoying Academy life and this is reflected in the wonderful learning happening across the Academy, the participation in extra-curricular activities and the wonderful events such as the Dance Show.

will be receiving laptops in September 2022, to support them in their studies. If you think there is any other way the Academy can support your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact their Progress Leader.

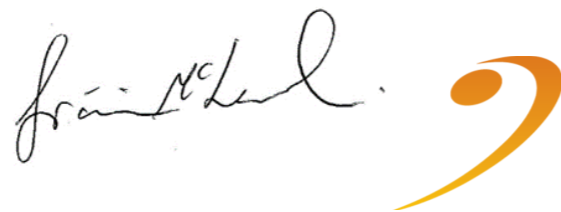
Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday 06 June 2022.

Just a reminder that with effect from Monday 04 July 2022, students will no longer be permitted to use their mobile phones beyond the Courtyard Gates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Whilst writing, it gives me great pleasure to advise that all students.



PEARSON SILVER AWARD WINNER - PRESS RELEASE

INSPIRATIONAL GRAYS HEADTEACHER HONOURED IN PRESTIGIOUS UK CELEBRATION OF TEACHING



The Gateway Academy Headteacher wins Silver Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School

Grainne McLaughlin honoured on national Thank a Teacher Day as the country celebrates the people who make our schools so special

On the 26 May, Grainne McLaughlin, Headteacher at The Gateway Academy has been named as one of 80 Pearson National Teaching Award Silver Award winners across the country. Grainne is honoured with a Silver Award in the Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School for her outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children they work with every day.

Since Joining The Gateway Academy in 2015, Grainne has been a force for change within both the school and the local community. Although students at the Gateway Academy often join us at a level lower than national average, and despite a higher level of deprivation in the area, Grainne never uses this as an excuse for our students not to excel. More students than ever are moving onto exceptional further and higher education providers such as Russell Group Universities and Cambridge. One student worked their way to a full scholarship at a private school for sixth form.

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Staff wellbeing is always a priority for Grainne, and she ensures that the school is staffed with the highest quality teachers. In addition to consistently working alongside the community, Grainne's commitment to hiring expert teachers and creating a positive and ambitious school ethos has ensured the school is now oversubscribed with a waiting list in Year 7. With determination and a sincere passion for the students, Grainne is changing the lives of both students and their families across Thurrock.

As a Silver Award winner, Grainne has now been shortlisted to win one of just 16 Gold Awards later in the year. These once in a lifetime achievements will be broadcast on the BBC's The One Show as part of a week-long celebration of teaching, which sees famous faces honour award winners every night in the run up to the ceremony. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the exceptional school staff who have worked wonders to bring together their local communities despite the challenges of the past few years.

The Silver Award winners are being honoured as part of the wider celebrations for national 'Thank a Teacher Day', bringing together everyone across the country to celebrate the schools and colleges at the heart of our communities.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in education, founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam to recognise the life-changing impact an inspirational teacher can have on the lives of the young people they work with. This year marks its 23rd year of celebrating our school teaching staff across the UK.

Paul Matthias, National Director at Hays Education, said:

"Working in placing thousands of education professionals across the country – we know that the right school leader is essential to the success of a school and the wellbeing of its students. Grainne McLaughlin has received one of the highest accolades a head can receive, and it's obvious from the feedback how much she deserves it"

Sharon Hague, Managing Director of Schools at Pearson UK, said:

"Congratulations to today's Silver Award winners on their incredible achievement, they should all feel very proud of themselves. And thank you to all the incredible educators and support staff across this country who really do make our schools and colleges so special. I am delighted that we can take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate all that you do for us."

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi said:

"Congratulations to Grainne McLaughlin on this incredible achievement, and for the hard work and dedication which led up to it. Winning this award is impressive, well-deserved and shows Grainne's commitment to helping students achieve their full potential."

Michael Morpurgo, celebrated author and former Children's Laureate, and President of the Teaching Awards Trust, said:

"For so many of us, it was someone at school who changed our lives, was at our side through hard and difficult times, who lifted us up when we were down, helped us find our voice, gave us confidence when we needed it most, and set us on a path that we have followed ever since.

"No matter who we are, school has touched our lives and played a central role in our childhoods. School is about so much more than learning, and we see that now more than ever before. Schools really are the beating heart of our communities. Every person that cares for our children in schools should be celebrated loud and clear on Thank A Teacher Day 2022."

A Huge Congratulations from everyone at The Gateway! More information can be read on the following site: <https://www.teachingawards.com/>

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/grays-head-wins-silver-award-for-headteacher-of-the-year-in-a-secondary-school/>

YEAR 10 STUDENT OF THE WEEK
M. EMMENS—CONGRATULATIONS!



YEAR 11—HALF TERM REVISION

	NCN	TEAM 44 NEWSPAPER FIELDWORK TRIP TO LONDON	9AM-4PM	LONDON
Monday 30 th May	CWY	Business	9am - 12pm	2209
	AML	English	12pm - 2pm	2402
Tuesday 31 st May	SSW/JA/LHT	History	9:00 - 1:15	W1, W3, W5
	DRO/JMS/LKY/VARS	Maths	10 - 1	Maths rooms
	LKY	Science	1 - 3	1403
Wednesday 1 st June	TBT	Psychology paper 2	10-12	4202

GLC Teaching and Development

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

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.

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MORE NEWS

YEAR 8 *Miss A Shannon*

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had in Year 8 supporting 'Mental Health'. A group of our year 8 student leadership team took on the role of bakers!! They all spent an afternoon baking cakes and cheesecakes to sell to raise awareness for Mental Health and to also raise money to support Mental Health across the country. Well done guys, you did a fab job!!!!



Assessment Week is approaching! - Year 8 assessment week – 27th June – 1st July 2022

This is a week where all students will be involved in assessments across all subject areas. This is hugely important for Year 8 to gauge where they are currently working and also helps their new teachers when they start to pick up their new option subjects! Please support with your child's revision and encourage as much revision as possible. All support work will be given to the students via their teachers and will be shared on their Google classroom as well as revision strategies and support with assessments being discussed during their tutor time. Good luck Year 8!!

YEAR 10 *Mrs L Bruce*

What a week to return on..... I am back as progress leader for year 10 following some time off for maternity leave and I am excited to return to see all our students, some have grown taller, changed hair colour and some new faces of those who have joined the Academy while I wasn't here, I am trying to get around to meet you all. Firstly I would like to thank Mr Concannon for stepping in to the role of progress leader while I was away, the students have been so positive about you and I know some strong relationships have been built.

Whilst observing lessons in my first week back, there has been some lovely work. Students are really engaged and showing great enthusiasm for their learning. Some exciting learning going on in Science where they have been dissecting a heart to learn about the effects of coronary heart disease. Year 10s have made a brilliant start to the brilliant tutoring programme. 42 year 10 students complete one hour online tutoring sessions in English & Biology on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank you to Mrs Monyei for all your hard work in this initiative. The year 10 dancers performed magnificently at the recent dance show; well done to Ms Mead, Mrs Thomas & Ms Dixon for all your hard work. Well done to Maisey Emmens on winning the student of the week award; Maisey teaches dance to primary school students every week which personifies the GLC values. All year 10s are busy revising for the upcoming summer exam series which begins on Monday 20th June 2022.

Finally, student of the week this week goes to Maisey Emmens- congratulations !!.

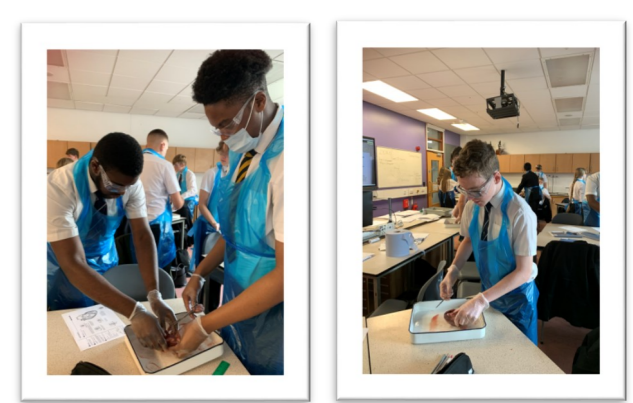
SPORTING SUCCESS



Well done to Sam A who won bronze in hurdles. And Sean P who won bronze in triple jump.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS/ CARERS EVENT

On Tuesday 17th May, over 200 members of our community attended an event to support families in the lead up to the Summer Term Assessment process. Mrs Kitsiou began by sharing Top 10 tips on how to support your child at home. Mrs Bryant then spoke about how to support your child's mental health and wellbeing during the assessment period. Ms Ali spoke directly to the students and shared a range of revision strategies. Head boy, Junior and Head girl Hannah shared revision strategies and what works for them at home currently as Yr. 11 students are completing final exams now and the event was finalised with Mrs Steenkamps motivational speech. The crowd left having enjoyed hearing about the tips and strategies (and they enjoyed the food).



YEAR 9 *Mr N Concannon*

Mrs Steenkamp has been appointed as the SENCo and started her position on Monday the 23rd May.

Mr Concannon is now the Progress Leader for Year 9 and can be contacted via email nigel.concannon@theglc.org.uk.

This half term our Year 9s were busy with various workshops. In Music, our students enjoyed sessions with a DJ company who showed them how to work on an enlarged keyboard and producing music using various functions.

We had our awards evening and students enjoyed their chosen film, 'Godzilla King of Kings', students were invited to this evening by tutors based on their positive points. Thank you to all students for attending this evening.

Our Year 9s have been enjoying the lovely weather and we have been learning new skills such as Chess.

YEAR 9 cont...



#WE WILL

Fantastic day on Thursday for the #IWill project with some of our Yr8's & 9's as well as Yr5 students from both Herringham and Pioneer. Jess Cassettari worked with the students during the day to create some of these beautiful pieces of art based on the theme 'All different, All equal'.



VACANCIES

Working with us across the GLC

Information of current Vacancies can be found here: <http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

GRATITUDE

Students have been working tirelessly to implement Gratitude projects across the Academies tutor groups.

The Gratitude Projects are doing really well and most tutor groups have completed their research for their respective project. The Year 8s have various projects planned:

- 8A: Slip 'n' slide charity event for Cancer Research
- 8B: Face Paint activity
- 8C: Glow in the dark for Thurrock Foodbank donations
- 8D: Cake sale for Thurrock Mind
- 8F: Raising money for the Ukraine war effort, to supply funds for critical medical care and food for those in need. Students will be building wood birdhouses, as well as wish bracelets and friendship bracelets to sell.
- 8H: Water fight to raise money for Mental Health

The year 9 projects include:

- 9A – Teacher appreciate day
- 9B – 7/8 Football game
- 9C – Supporting Senior citizens
- 9D – Cultural appreciate day fundraiser
- 9E – Ukraine Appeal fundraising
- 9F – Toys – Please donate any toys to reception
- 9G – Crisp packet blankets
- 9H - Mental Health day Fundraising



MORE NEWS....

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

YEAR 11 Miss A Dixon

SAFEGUARDING NEWS—PARENTAL GUIDES

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Creaky characters like Slender Man or Happy Muggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms. Like online games, social media, streaming apps or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Happy Muggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggyeggy on Instagram.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- UNSUBTITLED VIDEOS AND IMAGES**
A system can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear to jump the rails but actually aren't. This means that you may not have seen the content, but your child has. Likewise, footage of the same content can be shared on other platforms, such as YouTube (via clips), social media (via screenshots) or messaging apps.
- INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE**
On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that someone has uploaded content with inappropriate language. The same may apply to streaming apps or messaging apps. If you're not sure, it's best to check the content before your child sees it.
- COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS**
Should make and recording the live stream (usually using a screen capture or recording app) and then upload it to another platform. This means that even if you delete the stream, it may still be available elsewhere.
- ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE**
Even if your child doesn't have access to social media, they may still be exposed to inappropriate content. For example, if you're watching a video on YouTube, it may be recommended to other users, or your child may see it while browsing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- USE SAFETY FEATURES**
Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch, YouTube Restricted Mode, and Family Link. These can help filter out inappropriate content.
- LESS IS BEST**
Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to. The more platforms they have, the more likely they are to come across inappropriate content.
- KEEP IT COMMUNAL**
Encourage your child to stay in a shared family space when using online platforms. This way you can monitor their activity and help them if they need it.
- AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT**
If your child watches content and shares it on YouTube, avoid those who have been flagged for inappropriate content. This is because fan-made content is often created by users who are not subject to the same safety standards as official channels.
- REACT CALMLY**
If you hear or see anything inappropriate on your child's device, don't panic. Instead, talk to them about it and help them understand why it's not appropriate.
- SUPPORT AND REASSURE**
Helping your child realize that anyone can post anything online – and that anything online is not safe – is a key message. Encourage them to report anything they see that's inappropriate and to talk to you if they're worried.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Balderson is an online safety specialist at NOS. She has worked on a range of projects to help parents and carers understand the risks of online safety and how to keep their children safe.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS**
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages that look like they're from a friend or family member. They may ask you to click on a link or to download an app. If you're unsure, don't click on the link or download the app. Instead, contact the person directly through a different channel.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**
WhatsApp has a feature that allows you to delete messages. If you delete a message, it will disappear from both your phone and the recipient's. This means that if you delete a message, you can't see it again, and the recipient can't see it either.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS**
WhatsApp has a feature that allows you to share news articles. However, this feature can be used to spread fake news. Always check the source of any news article before sharing it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**
Don't share too much information in your profile. Avoid sharing your location, phone number, or other personal details.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**
If you or your child are being harassed or bullied, you can block the person. This will prevent them from contacting you again.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**
If you receive a suspicious message, you can report it to WhatsApp. This will help them take action against the sender.
- LEAVE A GROUP**
If you're in a group chat and you're not sure what's going on, you can leave the group. This will prevent you from seeing any further messages.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION**
If you share your location with someone, they will be able to see where you are. Be careful about sharing your location with people you don't know.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**
If you send a message by accident, you can delete it. This will prevent the recipient from seeing it.
- CHECK THE FACTS**
If you receive a message that looks like it might be a scam, check the facts before you click on any links or download any apps.

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Year 11 prom shop now open.
Students can book appointments to try items on. It will be a renting system where by students can rent the things they want but must return them by July 8th. This is for both boys and girls so please encourage your son/daughter to book an appointment.

Half term exam revision timetable.
Below are the sessions that are available for all year 11 students during half term.

Exam revision plan for all students
http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/uploads/asset_file/3_1353_year-11-exam-revision-plan-may-2022.pdf

Exam timetable
Available on the gateway academy website, link below.
<http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/447/exam-timetable-summer-2022-year-11>

Year 11 key dates
Final exam - Thursday 23rd
Shirt signing – Thursday 23rd June
Graduation ceremony – Friday 24th June
Prom – Monday 27th June
GCSE exam results day - Thursday 25 August 2022



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

The Gateway Academy has appointed two SENCOs to their team: Mrs U Steenkamp and Ms N Cox. Please feel free to contact ute.steenkamp@theglc.org.uk for any information regarding SEND. If your child has additional needs one of the team will be in touch within the coming weeks. The new SEND TEAM:

Mrs Hunt—Assistant Principal Mrs Steenkamp —SENCO Miss Cox—SENCO

Staff left to right:
Mrs Archer; Miss Balmer; Mrs Tobin; Miss Clarke-irons; Miss Cox; Miss Lee; Mrs Brenchley; Mrs Earey; Miss Fench

PE NEWS

Our Year 8 and 9 students participated in District Athletics recently and we had some wonderful results throughout the day. Any students finishing in the top 8 for their event compiled points towards the boy's and girl's results individually which in turn added together create our overall team score for the day.

- Girls track events had 6 out of a possible 10 top 8 finishes
 - Girls field events had 4 out of a possible 10 top 8 finishes
 - Boys track events had 9 out of a possible 12 top 8 finishes
 - Boys field events had 11 out of a possible 14 top 8 finishes
- Stand-out individual results on the day were:
- S Armstrong – Hurdles Bronze Medal
 - S Pachuki – Triple Jump Bronze Medal
 - D Bobrovskij – 800m Gold Medal
 - M Mulumba – 100m Gold Medal

Image from our Parent Partnership event



All of these results combined meant the Girls team finished in 4th place, the boys team finished in 2nd place and overall the Academy finished 2nd in the District. An incredible result for all of the students involved.

DRAMA— TO BE OR NOT TO BE.....

Congratulations to Yr. 8 who are currently exploring non-verbal communication in Performance and Confidence. The standard of the work has been stunning and of GCSE standard.

