



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

A wonderful start to this half term, with the Year 11 GCSE exams continuing to go really well for our students.

Great events happening across the Academy this half term including our students getting the opportunity to perform in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; what an absolute honour for everyone involved! Some of our students also got the opportunity to meet David Walliams, author of the book *The World's Worst Pets*. Our students achieved second place in District Athletics across Thurrock and we couldn't be prouder of them!

We continue to 'improve upon our best' and are putting a big focus on the end of term assessments for Years 7-10. Please support your child in preparation for these assessments.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

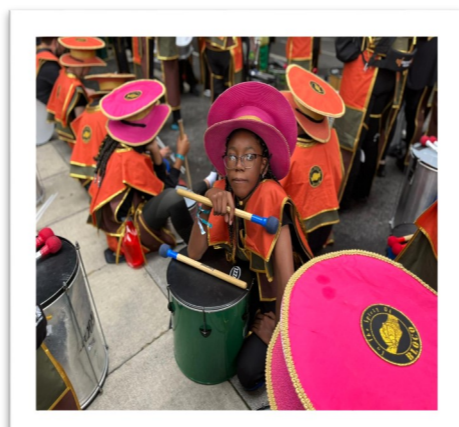
Yours sincerely

JUBILEE



The GLC showed its excitement when staff and students appeared at the Queen's Jubilee. The build up started with Mr Sadler appearing on BBC's *The One Show*, followed by students and staff taking part in the Jubilee pageant.

<https://youtu.be/yYPaDddD6Mg>



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Students in year 9 attended their practice expedition on Friday 17th June. Thoroughly enjoying it, the Leaders commented on how professional well mannered all students were. Well done!



YEAR 9

Mrs N Concannon

Thank you to Mr Clark in PE who helped support the primary school sports day. The year 9 PE students were exemplary in terms of their organisation, communication and leadership skills.

Well done to Mrs Earp & 9G. Their crisp packet initiative has been a real success; they have collected over 200 crisp packets which will be recycled to make blankets for homeless communities. They have been tremendous ambassadors in this regard. Mr Norris & 19 Duke of Edinburgh students will complete a two day course this week. They have been very dedicated to completing their Bronze Award this year.

Our year 9 child care students are currently completing a two week work placement in local schools. A special shout out to Ashiya Young who really impressed Mr Smith on his visit earlier this week. She has really taken the initiative and impressed staff and students.

Well done to Rachel Pukelyte on winning the first student of the week award this half term. Rachel is a magnificent young lady and is a great ambassador at the school.



GRATITUDE PROJECTS

Photos from one of the recent Gratitude projects



PE NEWS

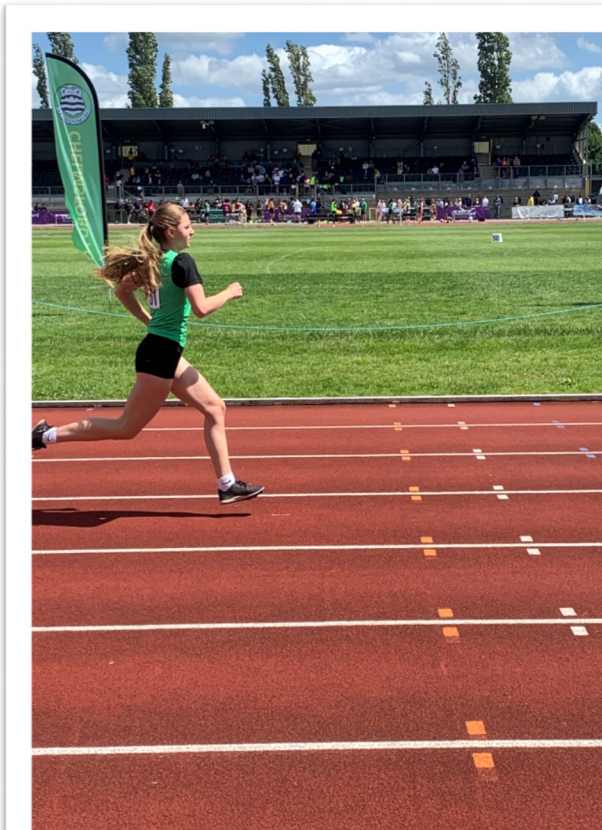
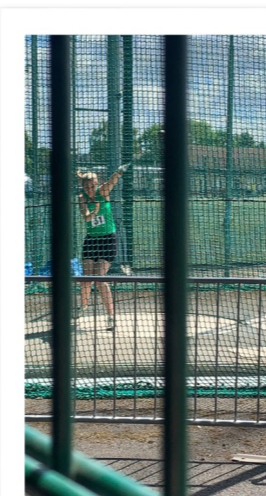
On Saturday, 8 students were selected to represent Thurrock at Essex Schools' Athletics Competition. Abou D (100m), Emily B (Hammer), Ema A (200m) and Nehemiah W (Discus) all went to represent the Inters team. Stand out performance from Emily who matched her result from last year and placed 2nd in the County with a throw of 29m 07cm.

Olayinka O (Discus), Sam A (Hurdles), Mikal M (100m) and Dom B (800m) were selected for the Junior team based on their outstanding performances.

At the Junior district event, Olayinka managed to increase his throw by 5m from Districts and placed 3rd in Essex with a throw of 28m 25cm. A huge effort!

The runners unfortunately did not qualify for the finals but it was a fantastic achievement to be selected to represent nonetheless.

Particular well done to Mikal, Dom and Nehemiah who competed in their age groups as a younger year; if they manage to compete again next school year it will be in the same age group. A huge well done to all students involved!!



MORE NEWS

YEAR 7 Miss R Mead

Year 7 have had a fantastic start to their final half term in year 7!

During tutor times this week, all year 7 students have been working hard to plan and create a gratitude project which will be run during this half term.

There have been some wonderful ideas, which is really exciting. It is fantastic to see our students showing their gratitude to staff, their peers and their community as well as showing their confidence and team work when creating and pitching their ideas to each other and other members of staff.

A reminder that assessment week for Year 7 will begin on Monday 27th June,

The timetable for your assessments can be found on Google Classroom. Please ensure you are revising at home and trying your best in all of these assessments. If you need any support please speak to your class teacher or one of the Year 7 team.

Keep up the hard work Year 7!!!!

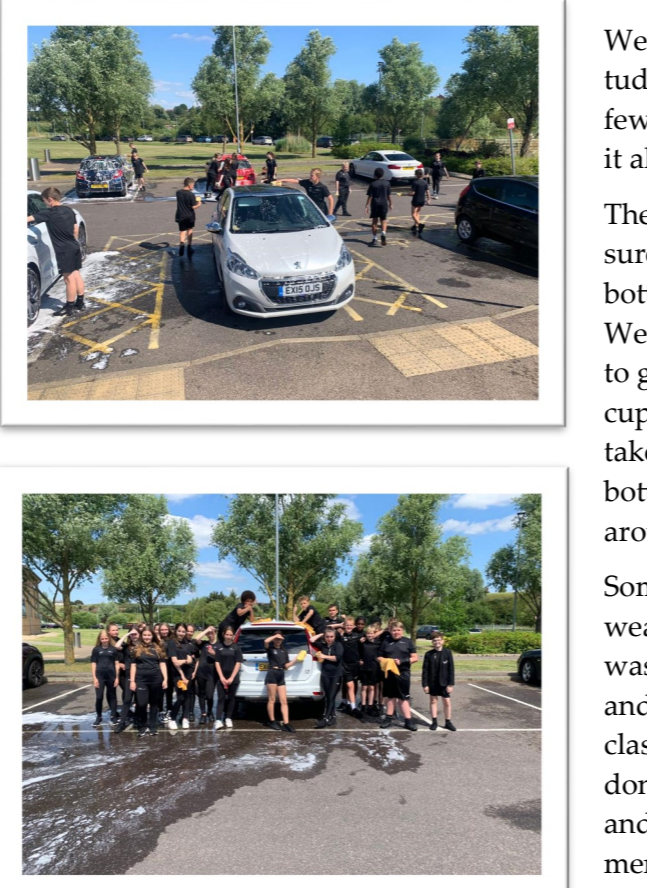


YEAR 8 Miss A Shannon

What a great start to the half term it has been for Year 8!!

We kicked off last week with bake sales and lots of posters being displayed with up and coming events that have been planned for the Gratitude Project.

Year 8 have been spending some of their tutor time each day planning and organising a Gratitude Project, thinking of ways in which they can give back to society. Whether that be giving back to their peers, the staff around the school or to a chosen charity. There are some excellent things being planned to raise money and we will be updating you all as the weeks go on.



WE NEED YOU— ON SIDE

On the 16th of June we had the opportunity to voice our opinions on the topic of **OnSide**, A new exciting development coming to Tilbury.

As young adults at The Gateway Academy, we believe that we would benefit from giving the **OnSide** charity the opportunity to prove themselves and create what will be a wonderful opportunity for all children in the community.

We, as young adults, can't be punished for past actions by certain individuals and we believe from what **OnSide** have explained, to be a new, different experience for children.

When we researched anti-social behaviour within Tilbury, the lists can be endless; why would this be?

It is because young adults have nowhere to go after school.

OnSide have a proven track record of reducing this behaviour in communities through their cohesive approach.

Dagenham **OnSide** youth centre 's impact has shown: "reductions in anti-social behaviour of up to 77%, improved self-confidence in 77% young people, 78% young people said staff/volunteers at Youth Zones help them prepare for the future and 91% of local businesses feeling a Youth Zone has improved the local environment." The statistics speak for themselves!

As social activists for the #WeWill project, we feel that the community should change their mindset towards the building on the youth centre. Why is location important? Why would you not want free opportunities for your child? Mindsets need to shift; this is our right as young adults and we won't be silenced. You only need to look at the research to know that there still is hope for our us. Give us a fresh start; give us a youth centre; be **OnSide** with us.

For further information click on these links:

<https://www.onsideyouthzones.org/content/uploads/2018/08/OnSide-SME-REPORT.pdf>

<https://www.onsideyouthzones.org/case-study-categories/our-youth-zones/>



We are looking forward to all of the other Gratitude Projects that are taking place over the next few weeks and will keep you all updated with how it all goes.

The weather is hotting up and we need to make sure that you are sending students in with water bottles to keep them hydrated throughout the day. We still have quite a few students asking for cups to get water etc and unfortunately we don't have cups anymore and we are asking for students to take responsibility and bring in their own water bottles where they can refill at various locations around the school.

Some of our staff have made the most of the lovely weather and have taken their learning outside. It was lovely to walk out into the courtyard this week and see Mr Concanon and his year 8 geography class enjoying the weather and their learning. Well done Mr Concanon for thinking outside the box and making the most of your learning environment.



YEAR 10 Mrs L Bruce

Another busy couple of weeks for year 10. They have been preparing well for their PPE exams next week which will be running from 20th June to 1st July and most exams will be completed in the sports hall to help them get ready for their official GCSE exams this time next year. We have shared with them their timetable, the revision topics and resources as well as some strategies to help them to prepare. It is a good opportunity to try some new techniques, to discover what works for them and what they enjoy as part of their revision.

YEAR 10 cont...

28 Dance GCSE students have been on a Dance trip with Miss Mead to Thameside Theatre to perform in a dance show and supporting the local primary schools in a community show. Our year 10 sports captains assisted at Herringham with their Sports Day; the staff spoke so positively about them "the Gateway students were brilliant, so respectful and interacting with the children really well! 5* rating from me!"

Wishing all the year 10 students the best of luck with their upcoming exams.

TEACHING AWARDS

Congratulations to Mrs Bryant and Mr Zeffie for their recognition in the Pearson National Teaching Awards. Mrs Bryant was awarded a Nominee's Certificate with Mr Zeffie being awarded a Certificate of Excellence, both in the category of Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School.

Picture right: Mrs Bryant, Mrs McLaughlin and Mr Zeffie



ADHD Support Group

For families with children and young people with ADHD and neurodiversity

For information on guest speakers, and to let us know you are coming, www.pat.org.uk/adhd-support or scan the QR Code below

SECOND Wednesday of each month 6.30–8.30pm

Stanford-Le-Hope Children's Centre, Copland Road, SS17 0DF

15th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

THIRD Monday of each month 10am–12pm

16th May	Chadwell Children's Centre, Claudian Way RM16 4QE
20th June	Ockendon Children's Centre, Afton Drive RM15 5PA
18th July	Tilbury Children's Centre, London Road RM18 8EY
19th September	Purfleet Children's Centre, Centurion Way RM19 10A
17th October	Thameside Children's Centre, Manor Road RM17 6EF
21st November	Chadwell Children's Centre, Claudian Way, RM16 4QE
19th December	Ockendon Children's Centre, Afton Drive RM15 5PA

ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

Find us in **BARKING AND DAGENHAM, HAVERING, and REDBRIDGE**

MON	SPORTS 3:15 – 5:30PM The Forest Academy Harbour Road, IG6 3TN
TUE	BOXING 4:00 – 5:30PM Fullwell Cross Library High Street, IG6 2EA
WED	ART & MUSIC 4:00 – 7:00PM Relish, Barking Learning Centre Town Square, IG11 7NB
THU	GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT 4:00 – 5:30PM Castle Point Bennett's Castle Lane, RM8 3YJ
FRI	POP UP YOUTH CLUB 3:00 – 6:00PM Castle Point Bennett's Castle Lane, RM8 3YJ
SAT	FOOTBALL 4:00 – 6:00PM Goals Dagenham Ripple Road, RM8 6XW
SUN	SKATING 4:00 – 7:00PM Dagenham Parish Hall Exeter Road, RM10 8TR
MON	BOOTZMAMA ARTS 4:30 – 7:00PM The Vibe Becontree Avenue, RM8 2UT
TUE	BASKETBALL 3:15 – 4:30PM Beal High School Woodford Bridge Road, IG4 5LP
WED	FOOTBALL 4:00 – 6:00PM Goals Dagenham Ripple Road, RM8 6XW
THU	YOUTH CLUB 4:00 – 6:00PM Hainault Forest Community Association Manford Way, IG7 4DF

Working with us across the GLC

GLC Gateway Academy: Caretaker Type of Position: Caretaker Subject: Support Start Date: ASAP Closing Date: Midday on Thursday, 30th June 2022	GLC Gateway Academy: Science Teacher Type of Position: Lead Practitioner in Science Subject: Science Start Date: September 2022/January 2023 Closing Date: Midday on the 6th July
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Further information can be found : <http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

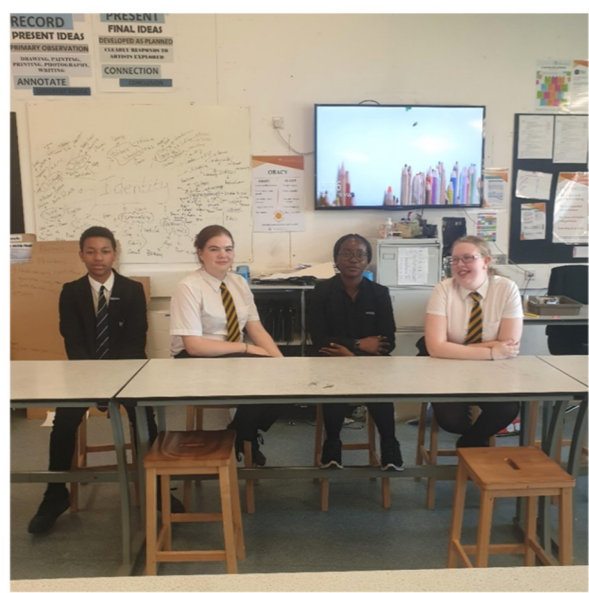
MORE NEWS....

CRISP PACKET PROJECT

Grace Shaw

"I've seen some student's personalities that I've never seen before. This project has helped us as a tutor group and we've all grown just by doing something as easy as this. Their personalities have come through by giving them a bit of responsibility and an opportunity to make a difference. It's made us communicate, and it's made us talk about the environment."

Class 9G, at the Gateway Academy secondary school in Tilbury, have undertaken an environmental initiative inspired by Pen Huston, who created the Crisp Packet Project. The project takes used crisp packets and recycles them into blankets for the homeless or people in need. Crisp packets are donated to the charity; then are wiped, cleaned, fused together and turned into blankets that keep people warm and protected from the wind and cold months, with the silver side of the packets acting as an insulator.



Mrs Earp, 9G tutor group teacher at the Gateway Academy, speaks about why the project is so important for the class and the impact it is having on them. Alongside her are a handful of students from the class who talk passionately and in depth on the subject; Rebecca Chilvers, Kayla Ere and Jessica Godfrey.

Kayla says "We are doing this project to show that we care about the environment and the homeless people. We want them to feel loved and feel safe, and for them to know we are here for them." Mrs Earp adds that she picked this project for the class because it is something everyone can get involved in and doesn't cost anything.

The students discuss how simple recycling is and express how such a small deed can have such a large impact on the wider community. Megan says "It doesn't matter how much money you have you can still contribute. You don't have to have money to make someone feel appreciated, you don't need money to help the environment."

The class plans to add a personal touch to the crisp packets that they are donating. Mrs Earp says "I think it would be nice if the class wrote some nice messages on them before we send them off – it just creates a connection between us and them." The students grinned and agreed that this would be a great idea to further show their support to the charity.

When asked how many crisp packets had already been donated the students were guessing numbers until their teacher says "I didn't realise how many we would get but we're already over 300." The students were proud of this number and reflected on the project and how it has affected them. Kayla says "This project has had an influential impact on me and I think other people as well because we are more conscious of what we can do to help people and the environment... Also, I'm glad the crisp packets are different colours because colour makes people happy and I think it will make the blankets even better." Megan, Kayla and Jessica, and the rest of 9G take pride in what they are achieving and how they are making a difference.

Mrs Earp is really proud of how much the students have grown and is enjoying watching the students get so enthusiastic about such a wholesome initiative, and has seen so many positives in the students and school environment because of it.

"It takes two minutes to eat a bag of crisps but it takes 80 years for that crisp packet to decay; so why would you not donate it?"

BREAKFAST CLUB (7.30–8.10am)

DON'T FORGET: At The Gateway Academy, we offer FREE breakfast for all our students. This includes a variety of cereals, bagels and toast. There is juice every morning and hot chocolate on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the winter months.

Feel free to encourage your child to eat breakfast and kick start the day with a nutritious and positive meal.

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.

GLC Teaching and Development Website

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

WOW WHAT A WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 8th June, 7I hopped on the mini bus and ventured off to Kent for an amazing opportunity. They had the chance to meet the one and only David Walliams at the book signing event for his latest book 'The World's Worst Pets'. I would like to take a moment to say a big well done to the members of 7I, you behaved fantastically though out the trip and we're a real credit to the Academy. Miss Reynolds and Mrs Earey.



THE BRILLIANT TUTORING PROGRAMME

As part of the Gateway Academy commitment to 'improving upon our best', we launched the Brilliant Tutoring Programme on Monday 16th May 2022, with 42 Year 10 students. The programme will run from 16th May to 13th July 2022 (8 weeks in total).

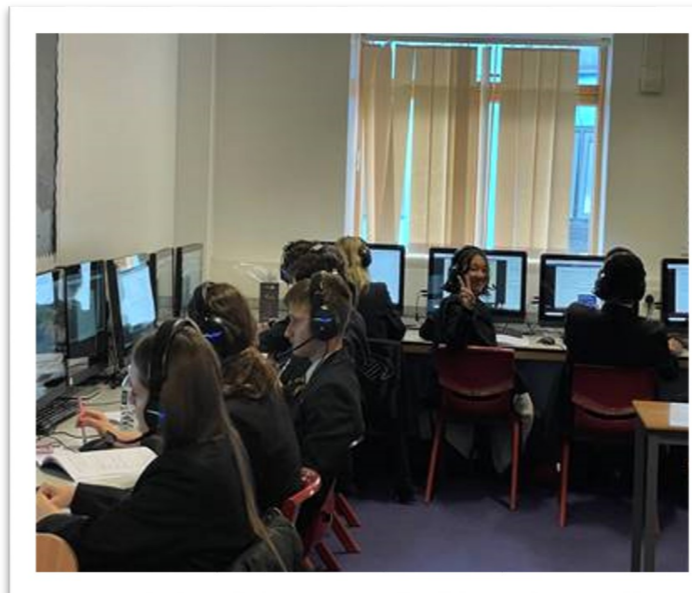
The aim is to support the attainment and progress of higher attaining and top middle attaining Year 10 students, including disadvantaged students, through small group, specialist, intensive and external tuition delivered by master's degree holders and PhD researchers in partnership with the Brilliant Club. Through the 15 hours' intensive tuition, we aim to improve the well-being, confidence and mental health of participating students in the run-up to both their end of year Summer 2022 examinations and their GCSE examinations. This term, we are focusing on English and Biology.

The Brilliant Tutoring Programme (BTP) is part of the National post-Covid tutoring initiative that provides students with the opportunity to learn about universities and academic life beyond school. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) suggests that small group tuition can improve students' progress by up to 4 months. These sessions are supported by the National Tutoring Programme (NTP) initiative.

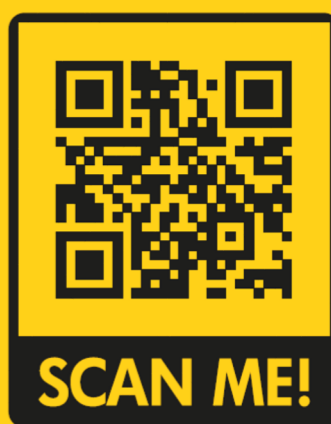
- ⇒ Students on the Programme are predicted to achieve GCSE grades 7-9 in English and Biology.
- ⇒ Through this Programme, students will develop new skills and enhanced knowledge in the modules chosen by their teachers in English and Biology.
- ⇒ They will be able to break down difficulties in new learning in each of these subjects as they prepare for their end of year Summer 2022 examinations.
- ⇒ Students' progress throughout the Programme is measured through ongoing knowledge checks in each subject (English and Biology) and student survey.
- ⇒ The knowledge checks enable students to assess their own learning after each tutorial session.
- ⇒ The sessions take place every Monday and Wednesday, from 3pm-4pm and students are provided with light refreshments.

Focus Areas: Tuition sessions focus on three curriculum-based modules (topics) in English and Biology chosen by the teachers.


- KS4 English: a) *Shakespearean Context* b) *Creative Writing* c) *The Victorian Era*
- KS4 Biology: a) *Cells* b) *Core Practical* c) *Inheritance and Genetics*



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