



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

We continue to go from strength to strength across all areas of the Academy including student attendance, student progress and attainment, student rewards and students achieving excellence across a wide range of disciplines.

I am delighted that we are oversubscribed at the Academy with many students wanting to join our school. This would not happen without the wonderful family ethos that is embedded across all aspects of Academy life. It is a tremendous pleasure to work with our students every day; they are extraordinary young people and we are incredibly proud of them.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of events to look forward to including a visit to The Woodland Trust (to support the Science Curriculum), a Theatre Trip to see Teachers, the Year 11 Prom and a Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Thriftwood, to name but a few. We also have the most exciting time of the academic year, as the Year 11s complete their GCSE Examinations. We wish every Year 11 student the very best of luck in their examinations and know they will do tremendously well.

Finally, we are forever grateful for the massive amount of support that the whole GLC community has shown following the loss of our student Kayla Ere.

Please be aware that the Academy will be closed from 11:15 am on Thursday 20 April 2023, for Kayla's funeral.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to welcoming back the students on Monday 17 April 2023.

Mrs G McLaughlin

YOUNG CHEF

Six of our students from years 9 and 10 went to South Essex College in Grays to the Rotary Club Young Chef competition. The students got to watch a professional chef Steve make and create three dishes and they then had 2 hours to cook these dishes. They all made the Academy proud with both the chef and judges saying how amazing our students were; the standard of work they produced was absolutely outstanding.

Our students were up against stiff competition from two other schools in the area. Their teachers commented on how well our students coped under the pressure of the cook, how they were well mannered and how talented they are. Each student got individual feedback from the chef; the winner was announced and I am delighted to say that ... we WON!!

Finley C in year 10 took first place. We are incredibly proud of him and those students who took part as it was their first time ever in a professional kitchen.

Mrs R Reynolds



DRAMA WORKSHOP

On 27th March, 30 Yr. 9 Drama students were lucky enough to take part in a Devising Theatre workshop with Paperbirds Theatre Company. Students learnt various skills for devising including working in unison, repetition and layering, adding choreographed movement to lines of a speech by Malala Yousafzai as well as developing expressive characters based on the theme of protest. The activities were challenging but by the end of the sessions, the students made rapid progress and the quality of the work was high.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
17.4.2023	8.15	Start of Term
19.4.2023	All day	Year 10 Mock Interviews
27.4.2023	16:00	Year 10 Parents /Carers evening
8.5.2023	All Day	GCSE Exams Start

[Click Here](#) for the full parental Calendar



Easter Reading

Read a book that has:

a book linked to spring

with a male lead

based in the countryside

is a biography

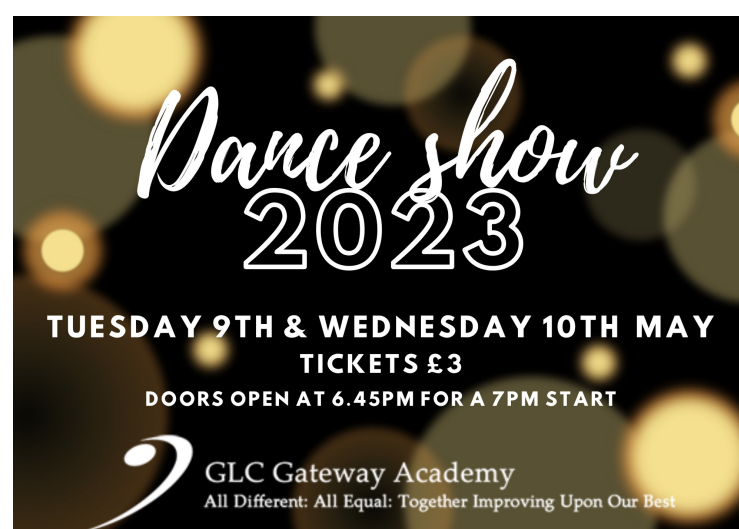
that a person in your house has read

with a female lead

has a link to faith

that is set in the future

has Easter in the title



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Year 11 Visit to Herne Bay, Kent

80 Gateway Academy Year 11 students visited Herne Bay over two days to study coastal management plans. The objective of the visit was to assess whether coastal defences at Herne Bay are effective. The students completed some beach studies as well as a town study where they looked at investments into coastal towns.



Positive Feedback from a community member:

"I live in Herne Bay, Kent and have just had the pleasure of meeting 3 of your Year 11 pupils who are on a field trip here today.

Emily, Alexandra and Harleen were carrying out a survey and I wanted to let you know that they were polite, respectful and cheerful.

Having worked in Education for 15 years (and missing it dreadfully!) I know young people can get negative press, and I have worked with some extremely challenging students in my time, but these girls were an absolute delight and a credit to both your School and their families"

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YEAR 9 Ms A Shannon

This term has been jam packed for year 9 with lots going on. The students have had their end of term assessments where we saw some of the students absolutely smash their papers and receive some amazing results which you will see in their school reports that will be out before the end of term. We have had guest speakers in our assemblies discussing students' options and plans for their future trying to ensure that every student in the year group has a clear idea about what they are going to do with their futures and to give them a goal to strive to reach. No doubt your children have been coming home and discussing the up and coming options they have to select moving into year 10; please keep an eye out for a Google Form that will need filling in with your child's choice of subject.



Compassion project

This is a project students have been working on with their form tutors for this term. We gave students the ownership of coming up with a project that they feels shows and demonstrates compassion – this could be within the school or in the local community. We have had some fantastic projects running with students collecting food for the local food banks after they researched and contacted the food bank for the foods that will be more useful and are the most popular. One tutor group decided to collect teddy bears to give to a local women's refuge and hospices within the local area. Another tutor group wanted to help save the animals so have written letters to the volunteers who support at a local animal welfare centre to say thank you for all that they do.

Celebration Assembly

We all came together to celebrate the end of term and some of the success from across the year group. We gave out over 50 Roll of Honour badges along with special thanks from teachers who had put students names forward for the badges. Tutors were asked to nominate 2 students who they feel deserve a reward for going above and beyond this term and showcasing all of the academy's values in everything they do around the academy. We also celebrated all of our sporting successes and congratulated stand out performances from each of the sports teams who have represented the academy with pride through the term.

Student of the Term



Maddison C has been awarded Student of the Term. She is a young lady who excels in all that she does; every day you see her she has a smile on her face and a warm greeting. If you were to walk into any one of Maddison's lessons she will always be working hard completing her work but also supporting her peers if they are struggling. Her books have excellent pride and she is a great role model for her peers. Well done Maddison.

An amazing term year 9 – bring on the Summer Term with more work to do, options to select and your futures to start thinking about.

Have a great Easter holiday

Dance show
2023

TUESDAY 9TH & WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY
TICKETS £3
DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM FOR A 7PM START

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YEAR 7 Mr M Scott

Students in year 7 have performed very well in the Spring Term. We have seen a significant jump in attendance and positive contributions to meeting Academy values across the board. Unfortunately, they can't all win but we have winners from each tutor group in the following categories: attendance and R4U points. We also had 150 Creme Eggs to give to those who have met the attendance threshold.

- 7A – Emmanuel/Oheneba
- 7B – Alfie/Fausta
- 7C – Miia/Falzon
- 7D – Daniel/Wood
- 7E – Finlay/Amy
- 7F – Tiah/Dev
- 7G – Freddie/Maddie

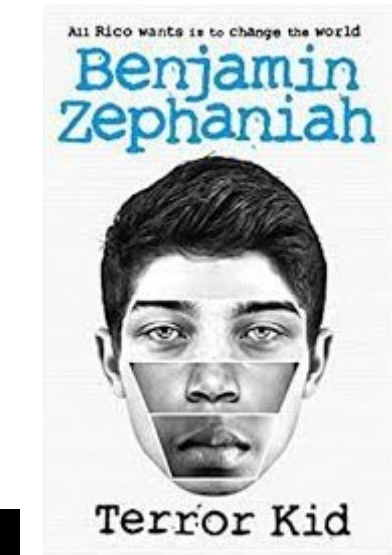


Students of the term;

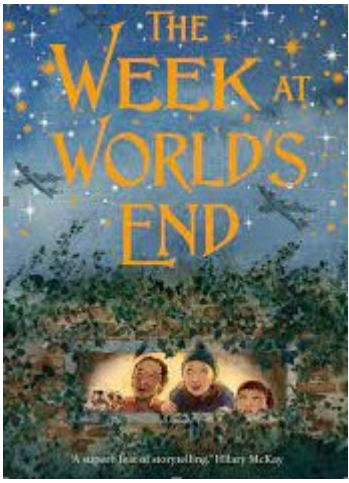
- Dylan / Easter basket and Bunny
- Vilte/Easter Basket and bunny

All well deserving winners. Congratulations to you all.

READING CORNER



1962, London during the Cuban Missile Crisis. What would you do if there were a real possibility that the world might end? Ray, aware of his parents' building worry, decides to take matters into his own hands. He builds a shelter in the woods behind his house in the hope that he never has to use it. Only to discover that someone else needs it more than he does. An American girl, reported missing, has turned up there... Why is she hiding? And with neighbour turning against neighbour, will Ray be willing to help her?



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YEAR 11 Mrs L Bruce

This week brings to a close the final spring term for year 11 before they complete their time at the Academy. Once we return after Easter we will be fast approaching the start of exams on the 16th May. Students have worked so hard this half term, the library has never been so busy after school with students continuing their work there once the school day is finished. We have had students completing their final cooks in Hospitality and Catering, final dance performances and drama pieces completed as well this half term. Some of the speeches completed as part of the student's English course were outstanding! We have started the payment process for The Prom so if you would like to pay in smaller instalments, take a look on ParentPay as there's an option there to pay £15 towards the cost of the ticket. More information on this will follow. The year 11 boys are organising a football match against staff and this will take place on Friday 5th May at 3.30pm. Spectators will be able to pay a small cost to watch and this will be put back into the prom fund. If you are having a clear-out at home over the Easter break please could you drop any clothes, bedding, towels and shoes (amongst other bits and pieces) into the red bank in the front car park at school. All money raised from this will be heading into the prom fund as well. The final assembly saw 18 students receive prizes for tutee of the term awarded by their tutors. Tutor groups received a number of prizes and finally student of the term went to Ekamjot K. Have a lovely Easter break and we'll see you in 2 weeks for the final term of year 11. Mrs Bruce and Mrs Fuller



DANCE

Over the last few weeks we have had some wonderful opportunities for our awesome dance students!

On Thursday 9th March we took 45 Year 9 and 10 dancers to the Royal Opera House to watch a fantastic performance of Woolfe Works by Wayne McGregor. Students were lucky enough to have tickets in the front four rows of the Royal Opera House and were blown away by the performance. In dance we encourage students to experience as many different styles as possible and this was a fantastic opportunity for them.

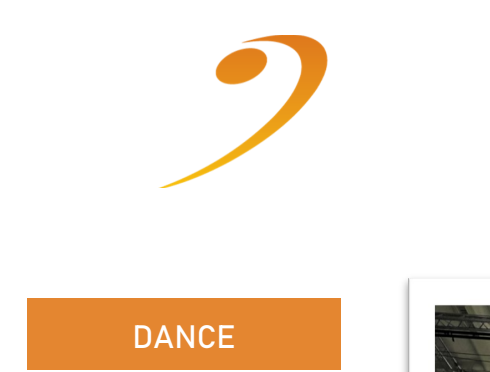
On Friday 10th March, the Dance department took 73 students to Move It, the world's largest dance convention at the London Excel. The students had the opportunity to meet professional dancers, watch live performances, take part in workshops and speak to dance schools and colleges about their post 16 courses. The students we took were outstanding, a true credit to the Academy across both trips. Our year 11 dancers have also been working incredibly hard on their component 3 performance exams, a huge good luck to each and every one of you.

Students are now very excited for our own Dance Show which will be held on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May 2023!. Tickets will be going on sale via ParentPay for £3 each on Monday 17th April.

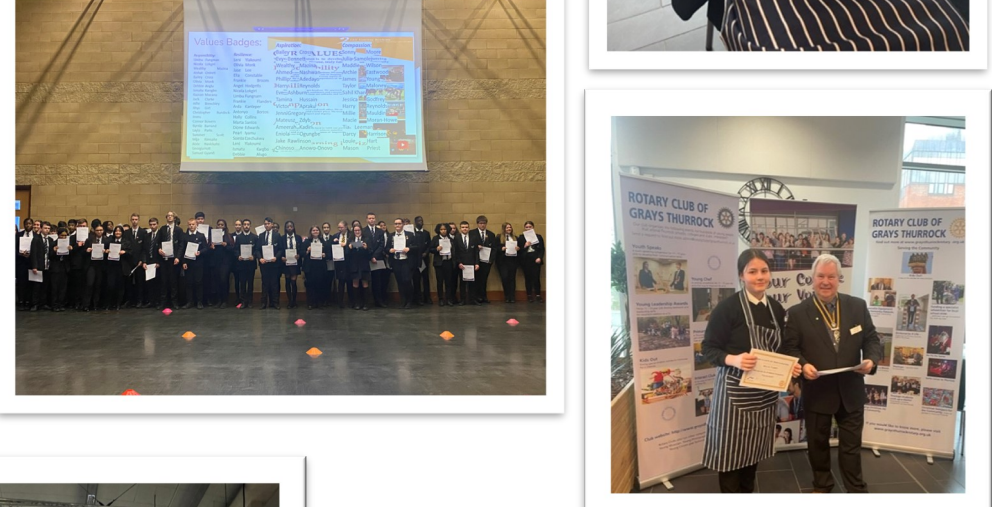
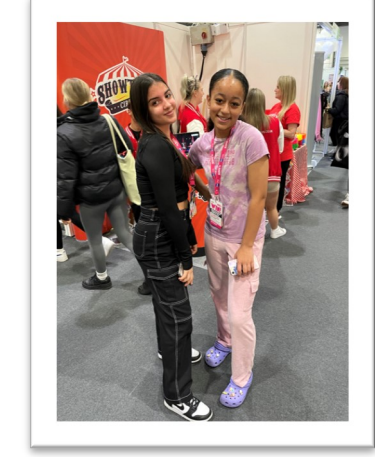
YEAR 10 Mr N Concannon

Year 10s have had a very successful half term. Several year 10s attended the recent ski trip to Austria; a special thank you to Miss Robertson for organising such a wonderful event. Year 10 aspiring chefs were outstanding ambassadors at a recent Young Chef Competition organised by the Rotary Club. A special shout out to Finley C who impressed all with his culinary skills. Again thank you to Mrs Reynolds for organising this opportunity for our wonderful students. Our year 10 student leadership team were recently involved in helping out at the graduation for the Scholars Programme; a special shout out to Rebecca C, Jessica G and Chloe S for their tireless efforts. Thank you to Madame Monyei for organising such a wonderful event. The student of the term was Hristian N, an outstanding student who promotes the Academy values on a daily basis. There were 10 winners of tutee of the term in year 10 for the Spring term. Well done to the most recent winners of our values badges. Year 10s enjoyed a magnificent reward trip to Capital Karts in Canary Wharf; thank you to Mrs Davis for organising such a great trip for our students. Year 10 mock interviews will take place on Wednesday 19th April 2023; best of luck to everyone involved; remember to have a CV with a covering letter as well as professional dress.

- Student of the week
- Week ending Friday 6th January 2023 **Gabriel H**
 - Week ending Friday 13th January 2023 **Libby T**
 - Week ending Friday 20th January 2023 **Kayla E**
 - Week ending Friday 27th January 2023 **Jack R**
 - Week ending Friday 3rd February 2023 **Nashwan A**
 - Week ending Friday 10th February 2023 **Alexandra S**
 - Week ending Friday 24th February 2023 **Jasmine O**
 - Week ending 2nd March 2023 **Aiman A**
 - Week ending 10th March 2023 **Ishnatu K**
 - Week ending 17th March 2023 **Connor B**
 - Week ending 24th March 2023 **Khelan H**
 - Week ending 31st March 2023 **Leni Y**



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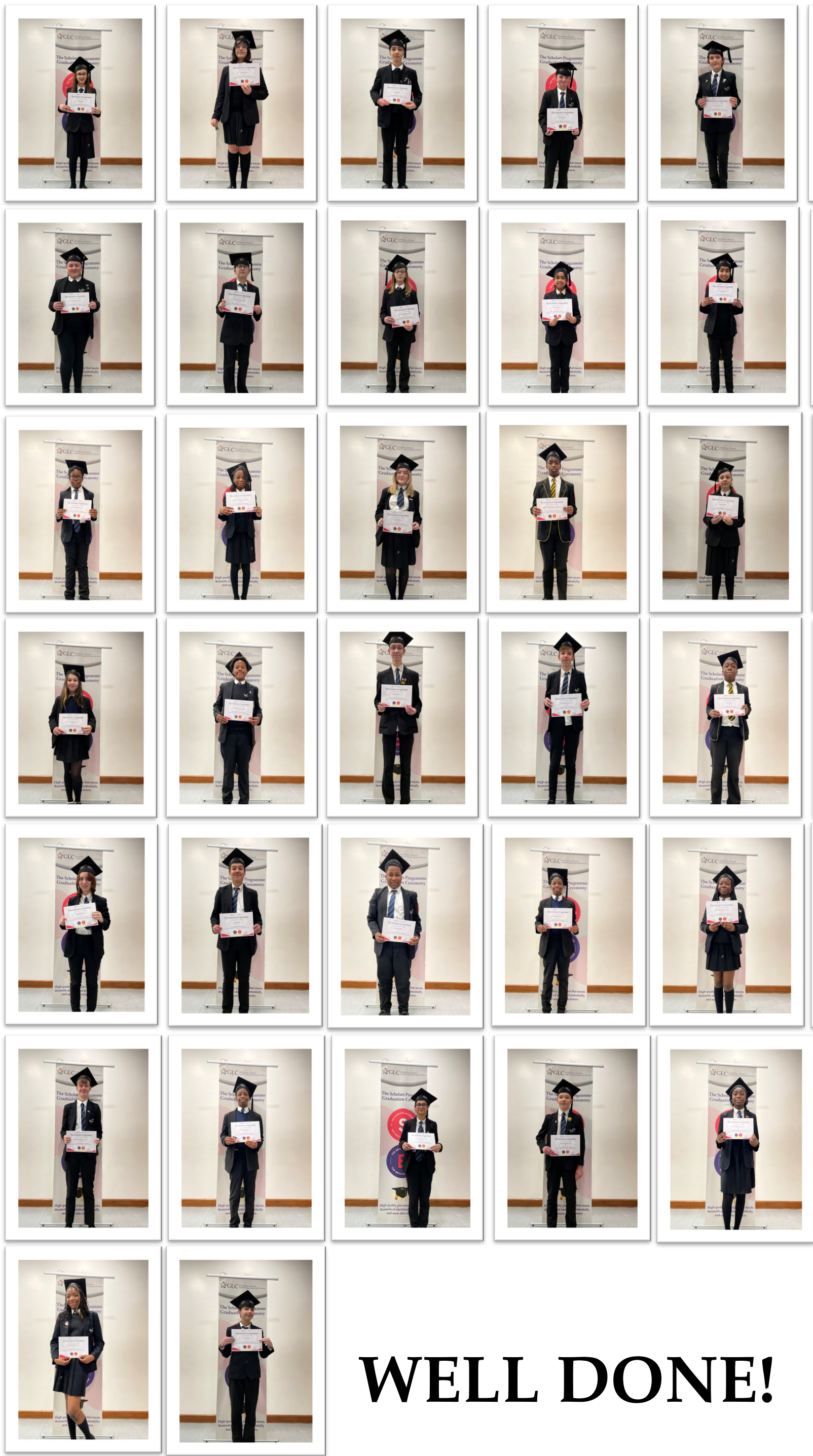


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THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Mme L Monyei

Last week we celebrated the achievements and hard work of 68 Year 7, 8 and 9 students who took part in The Scholars Programme (Autumn 2022-2023). Parents and carers joined us to congratulate these students in our first GLC Graduation Ceremony held in the Ellis Theatre on Monday 27 March 2023. These Scholars worked extremely hard during the programme and achieved astounding results. They are all a credit to the Gateway Academy as a school community and to their parents and carers. We look forward to seeing how they progress further in their academic study after this wonderful experience.




WELL DONE!

TRAILBLAZER

On Monday 27th March, Year 7 and 8 music students took part in a Trailblazer workshop, An African Music Experience using Conga drum, bongos, Djembe's and various others.

The students expressed they really enjoyed the experienced as they learned about the different drumming techniques and the hand gestures used to create a variety if sounds on each drum. They learned a few dance moves as well as songs too. This is part of the Music for Change programme.



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YEAR 8

Miss Mead

Year 8s, what a fantastic term we have had!!!!

It has been wonderful to see each of you pushing yourselves and continuing to improve upon your best over the last term. This half term we have had three weeks of assessments; all year 8 students worked incredibly hard during these assessments and in their preparations. Well done all! We also welcomed students, parents and carers to the Academy for their first parents’ evening in the school building. This was a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and carers to speak with staff about the progress students are making. This was also a lovely opportunity for us to find out about some of the Year 8 students’ fantastic achievements outside of school from gymnastics to football, dance competitions and majorettes. Please do keep us updated so we can celebrate these achievements with our students!

This half term we had students complete the Scholars Programme and graduate in style. What a fantastic experience; we are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination each and every student involved in this programme has shown. It was lovely to watch you all graduate in the Ellis Theatre on Monday and present you with your certificates.

In our rewards assembly this week we handed out over 70 values badges awards across the four school values - resilience, responsibility, compassion and aspiration. It is brilliant to see so many year 8 students wearing these badges with pride on their blazers. Keep up the great work!

Finally, we finished the term with a Year 8 rewards assembly. Throughout the assembly students won awards and Easter eggs for their hard work, commitment and resilience this term. Students were nominated by their tutors and the year 8 team to win the following awards:

Tutees of the term:

- 8A- Mario R and Hollie-Rose P
- 8B- Karina Z and Flavius A
- 8C- Chelsea BG and Noah A
- 8D- Jay B and Hannah C
- 8E- Sean MO and Evie G
- 8F- Oliver B and Effy R
- 8G- Sammie C and Mikolaj G
- 8H- Gabrielle T and Adomas M

Awards for resilience this half term:

Demi-Rose R, Billy H, Kevin I, Evie G, Brandon B, McKenzie S, Jaycee A, Sean MO

Awards for responsibility this half term:

Alexandra I, Thomas N, Lacey-Mae H, Skye K, Jack F, Matthew C, David B, Jayjay F

Awards for compassion this half term:

AJ A, Beatrice O, Casey C, Vincent O, Gabija V, Emmie F, Lola K, Lily-Sue H

Awards for aspiration this half term:

Smilte B, Edward P, Aayan A, Danielle L, Reggie M, Harry C, Tyrece H, Caiden WL

A huge well done to all of our award winners for such fantastic work over the last few months. We are incredibly proud of all of you and can’t wait to see what you achieve over your last term in year 8!



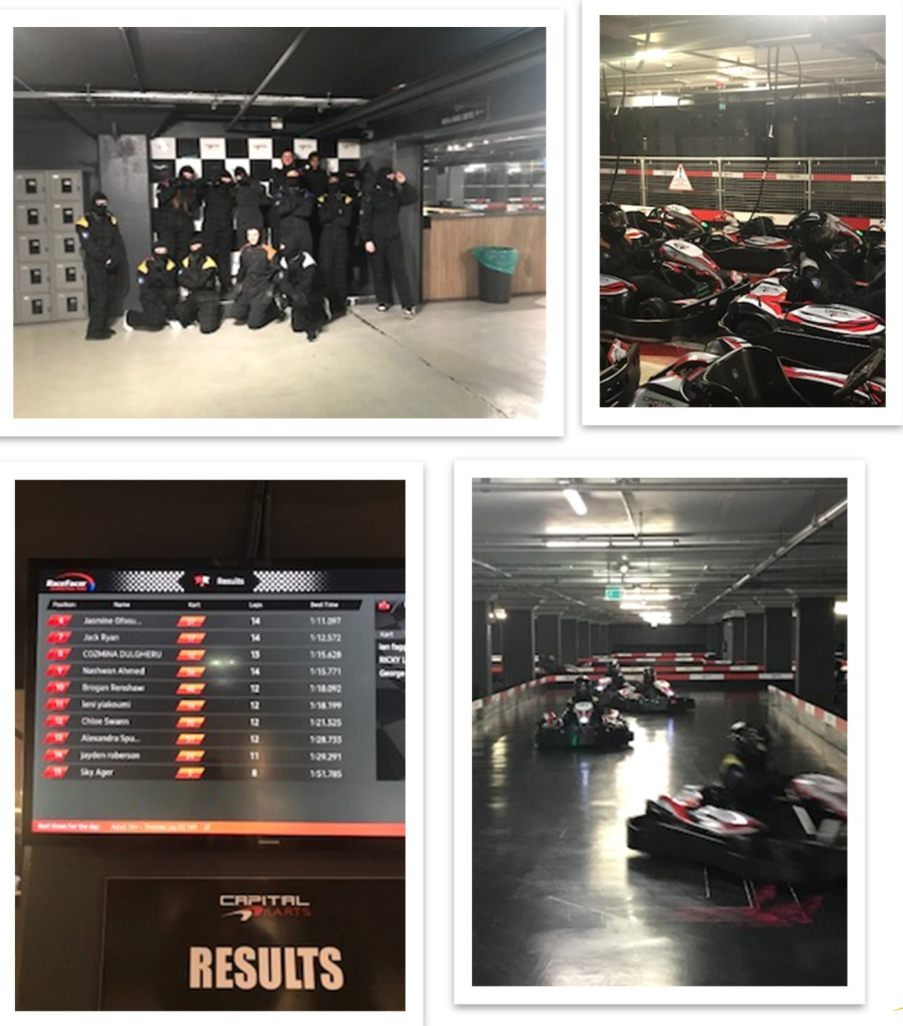
WALK ONLINE

Students in Years 7 and 8 attended Thurrock’s Walk Online Roadshow. With the ever increasing danger of what students can be subjected to online, it is important that all of our students not just understand the danger but know the difference between right and wrong and how to stay safe online.



YEAR 10 KARTING

A small selection of students in Year 10 were given the privilege of Go Karting last week. Students who are exemplary across the board in the Academy were picked and enjoyed the day out.



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GATEWAY!!