

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

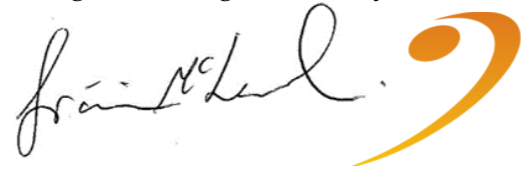
Mrs G McLaughlin

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of our Academy and your child's education. I am pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed across the Academy for next academic year with staff retention remaining incredibly high at our Academy; also we have some wonderful experienced staff joining our team. It is my absolute mission to continue to take great strides in the upcoming academic year ensuring that all young people in our care receive the best possible educational experience.

The Autumn Term begins on **Monday 05 September 2022** with Year 7 students expected to be on site by 8.12 am for an 8.15 am start and Years 8 – 11

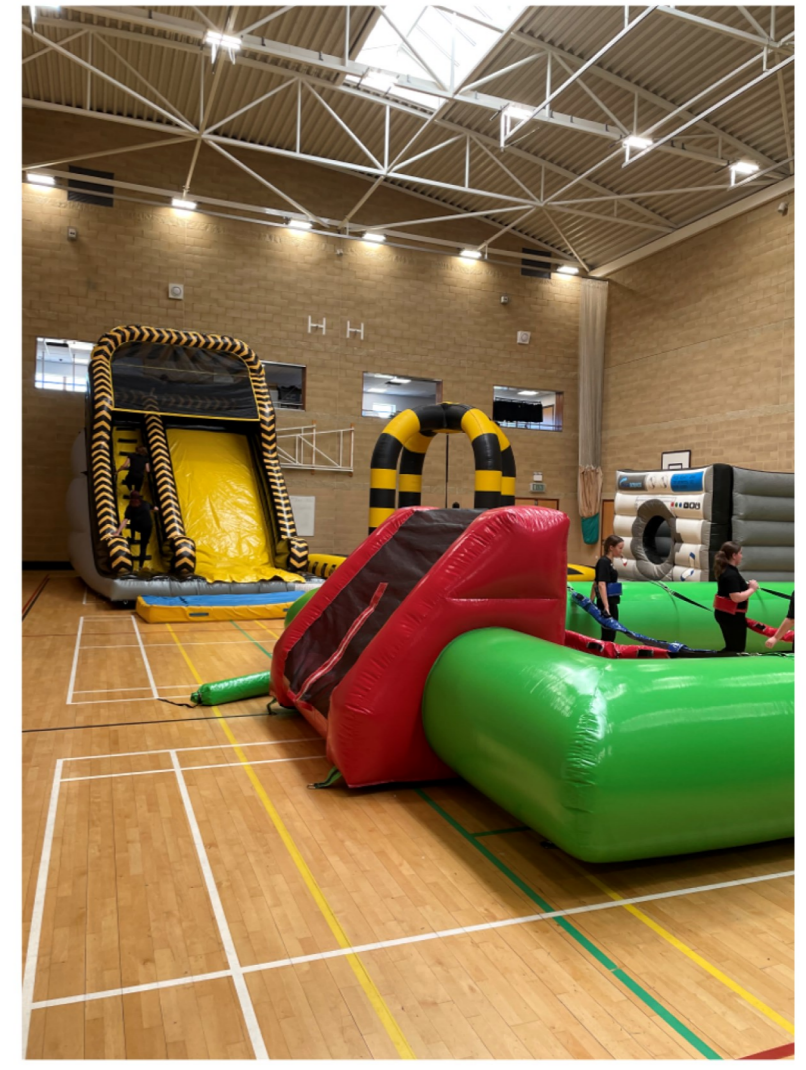
expected to be on site by no later than 8.42 am for an 8.45 am start.

Finally, I want to wish you and your families a relaxing and happy summer break. I look forward to welcoming the students back on their return in full uniform, with all of their equipment and books ready to start the new term. I am extremely proud to be entering my eighth year as Head of The Gateway Academy; we have a very experienced, dedicated and skilled group of staff and I know that this year we will go from strength to strength. Thank you!



INFLATABLE WEEK

Students in the final week had their PE lessons turned into inflatable fun. It was really enjoyable and gave the students a much needed bit of excitement after what has been an incredibly hard year. We will bring back WOW day next Summer with the legendary WOWBIZA making a come back!!



#WEWILL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 23rd June, 9B ran a very successful football tournament for years 7 and 8 to raise money for Meningitis Now. They chose this charity because meningitis is common in infants under 1 year of age and people ages 16 to 21. Meningitis can also kill within hours, so early diagnosis and treatment are vital. A member of the form had someone affected by this and he felt passionate about raising money for the cause. In total they raised £128.

9B decided to run a football tournament as they have a lot of experience of playing last year and they really enjoyed it. They wanted to give back to the younger years so they could enjoy a similar experience. A massive thank you goes out to Mr Rodell for supporting and to Libby, W, Kyran and Taofeek who although in other year 9 forms came to help out and supported on the day. **Olsi and Taylor, 9B.**



SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

48 students took part in this year's GLC Summer Arts Festival in a range of performances designed to celebrate the idea of "Be the Change!". Our dancers performed two brilliantly choreographed pieces about the pandemic, showcasing their talent, expression and versatility. We were fortunate to have a group of very persuasive speakers delivering a piece on the future of our planet which was very well received by the audience. A group of students also told a story in nine different languages about the small differences someone can make to the lives of others. Well done everyone who took part, including some excellent performances from students across the GLC primary Academies.

Mr D Zeffie



SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

It was a wonderful sight to watch our oldest students in year 10 clapping out our newest soon to be year 7 students following their successful transition. Students welcomed the Year 6 students to the Academy but also made them feel part of the Gateway family with a round of applause on their final day. Well done everyone!

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#Gratitude

Students at the Academy donated toys to the reception students at the GLC. As part of our Gratitude initiative students have been giving back across Thurrock. Well done everyone!!





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RESULTS DAY

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2022



COLLECTION TIMES

09:30am – 10:30am

UK Health Security Agency **Beat the Heat**

Keep in touch

- Look after yourself, older people and the young
- Listen to the weather forecast and the news
- Plan ahead to avoid the heat

Keep well

- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Slow down when it's hot

Find somewhere cool

- Know how to keep your home cool
- Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler
- Cars get hot, avoid closed spaces

Watch out

- Be on the lookout for signs of heat-related illness
- Cool your skin with water, stay clean and drink water
- Stay safe when swimming
- Get help. Call 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

MORE NEWS

YEAR 7 Miss R Mead

Year 7, what a fantastic first year we have had at the Gateway Academy. You have all grown so much over the last year and the year 7 team are proud of each and every one of you. You have settled into the Academy so well and you are showing the school's values in everything that you do.

This term, all year 7 students have been working with their tutors to create a gratitude project, a way in which we can say thank you to the staff and students in our Academy as well as the local community and chosen charities. This was finished off last week with some wonderful

projects. Some highlights: 7G hosted a 'compliments day' where students and staff could write thank you messages which were hand delivered throughout the day; 7E worked incredibly hard on creating handmade keyrings which were gifted to all staff; 7H delivered cupcakes to our canteen staff to say thank you for feeding us all each and every day as well as 7A hosting a charity football match. All students involved in these gratitude projects have shown initiative, resilience and leadership with the planning and running of their events.

This week we also had a fantastic celebration assembly where we celebrated the hard work and dedication of some of our students from across our final term in Year 7. Students were awarded for showing the key values, 100% attendance awards and tutes of the term.

Term 3 tutes of the term were:

- 7A- Edward P & Lily-Sue H
- 7B- Callum H & Eliya G
- 7C- David B & Emily C
- 7D- Daniel S & Maja C
- 7E- Danielle L and Harry A
- 7F- Sonnie A and Mylee L
- 7G- Jayjay F & Celina H
- 7H- Kai T & Caiden WL

A huge congratulations to all students who were nominated and won a prize this year. Another huge well done to all students who participated in last week's District sports event and were involved in the sports awards evening last week.

All year 7 students also got to enjoy a fantastic inflatables event run by the PE team last week to round off the year. Students were able to participate in activities and have fun during their final PE lesson of the year.



YEAR 8 Miss A Shannon

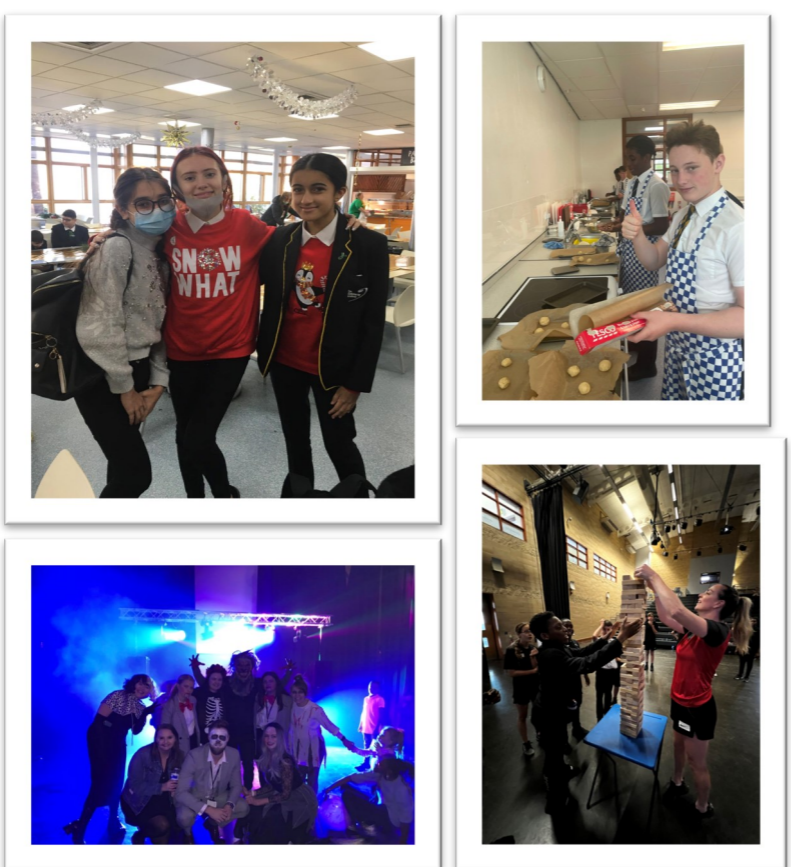
We made it Year 8!!!! And what a year it has been!!

Thank you to each and every one of you for all of your efforts this year, you have been amazing and make me so so proud each and every day.

We will be returning in September another year older and another year wiser with the expectations of us all raised even more. You will be starting your GCSE journey to your exams and to your future. Let's make sure when we return we are ready to learn and ready to start to make a difference. Let's make Year 9 the best year we have had yet.

Have a lovely summer Year 8 and be safe!

I have added a few pictures from throughout the year to remind us all of the memorable times we have had.



CAREERS NEWS Mrs K Palmer

In my first term as part of the Careers Team, I am pleased to report on some great events. Year 9 had a visit from the Performance in Education Company, discovering what future routes were available to them after leaving school. A range of Post 16 options were explored including College, Sixth Form and Apprenticeships. Students were quizzed on the difference between A-level and Vocational courses and training, giving them a great insight to start planning for their own aspirations.

Year 10 have had a bumper packed 3-day careers event, which was enjoyed and embraced by staff and students alike. The week started with mock interviews when students met industry professionals from DWP, The Port of Tilbury, Readie Group, Mears Group, Make Happen, Wates and Thurrock Local Authority, and had the chance to get tips and advice on their interview technique and CV writing. This was followed by aspirational visits to a range of Universities, including Cambridge's Emmanuel College, UEL, Anglia Ruskin, Essex and Writtle. This gave Gateway students a valuable insight into life at university. The careers event culminated with guest speakers from USP college, live webinars on apprenticeships from Yvonne Evans at the local authority, and the students being given the tools and support to research and plan for their own futures.

There is a lot more to come the next academic year!



YEAR 10 Mrs L Bruce

What a couple of weeks we've had for year 10 here at the Academy. Students completed their two weeks of exams and then went straight into preparing for their work experience programme. 30 students from the Brilliant Tutoring Programme went on a trip to Cambridge University while all others in the year group had their interviews with local employers. We are waiting for formal feedback but all visitors were so positive about our students and some really excelled themselves and should be really proud. Tuesday saw the whole year group go out on university trips; what an experience for them all and definitely not a small task for Mr Way and Mrs Palmer so huge thanks to them for organising. Finally on Wednesday the timetable was collapsed for them and they had a carousel of sessions on local colleges, apprenticeships and their next steps. I would encourage conversations to start happening over the summer about what our young people would like to do this time next year. Open days for colleges start in September and October once we return - we will keep students posted on these.

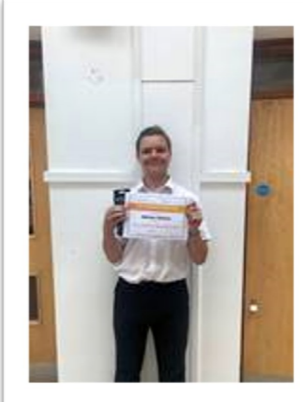
Finally we celebrated the end of year by rewarding two students with £40 Amazon vouchers- these went to Maisy E and Nahid A.

Wishing you all a lovely summer break, enjoy the weather and see you in September for the big year ahead.



YEAR 9 Mr N Concannon

Well done to all the year 9 students involved in the district athletics last week. Best of luck to the year 9 students involved in the "We Will Rock You" performance that will take place in Autumn; this promises to be an excellent show. Well done to the most recent winners of our student of the week reward; Adrian G and Ebony S. Both students have made fantastic progress and consistently demonstrate the core values of the school. Well done to the end of term award winners; Libby T (Oxford stationery set), Rebecca C (£50 JD Sports voucher) & Norvydas R (Mitre football); all students were thoroughly deserving winners. All year 9 students have received their progress reports and laptops ahead of the new academic year. Well done to recent year 9 winners of "The Pride of Geography" who showcased impeccable standards of pride in their workbooks; Julianne A, Maryam S, Adrian G, Chloe S, Calli S, Teddy M & Setareh A.



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MORE NEWS....

BE CAREFUL – SAFEGUARDING



Read more on the dangers of edibles and recent news from Essex Police

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Monday 11th – Tuesday 12th July, 17 students participated in their practical assessment for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students were absolutely superb given the circumstances of walking in high temperatures. There were many students showing excellent leadership skills in supporting their groups through challenging circumstances; the resilience of all groups was phenomenal. I am incredibly proud of the 21/22 cohort and the students have become such fantastic role models for the entire school. They have set the bar incredibly high for future Bronze cohorts at The Gateway Academy. All students successfully passed their Bronze Awards and are now in the process of finishing their evidence. Well done to all students involved! **Mr D Norris**



BREAKFAST CLUB (7.30–8.10am)



Don't Forget Our Free Breakfast in September

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

BRILLIANT TUTORING PROGRAMME VISITS CAMBRIDGE



As part of the range of events for Year 10 Careers Week, 30 students from the Brilliant Tutoring Programme visited Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge. The purpose of the visit was to expose students to University life and find out more about student finance, academic expectations and to undertake lecture style activities under the expert eye of our host Finn. Students also had an opportunity to have a good look round the College grounds and see the outstanding facilities available to undergraduates.

In order to challenge conventional wisdom and encourage them to discover new arguments and counter-arguments, Finn presented a philosophical question to our students: "What is time?" What then followed was some serious academic debate about contextual relativity, historical interpretations and an understanding of how philosophical thinking has changed over the centuries. A great day which has shifted the mindset of some students who definitely now have Cambridge in their sights.

Mr D Zeffie and Mme. L Monyei

WORK WITH US!

GLC Gateway Academy (Secondary): Cleaner

Type of Position: Cleaner

Subject: Support

Start Date: ASAP

Closing Date: Midday, Monday, 5th September 2022

Further information and positions can be found at:

<http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

GRATITUDE – SENDING COMPLIMENTS!

On Friday 15th July 7G came up with the plan of 'compliment day' for our gratitude project, to give students and staff the opportunity to show gratitude and kindness to peers. I am proud to say that on Friday myself and my tutees distributed over 200 compliments on an array of different postcards that were designed by the form. It was lovely to see the smiles on people's faces when they were being delivered all throughout the day; compliment day was a success! A big thank you to 7G for the planning that went into making compliment day happen.

Miss N Gazzard 7G

#WEWILL ART PROJECT



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022

- COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL
- ASDA CAFE**
Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022
 - FUTURE INNS**
Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays
 - TABLE TABLE**
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
 - YO! SUSHI**
Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022
 - THE REAL GREEK**
Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult
 - SIZZLING PUBS**
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.
 - BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
 - PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**
From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend
 - MARKS & SPENCER CAFE**
Likely But Not Yet Announced
 - WHITBREAD INNS**
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
 - MORRISONS**
Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)
 - HUNGRY HORSE**
Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.
 - BELLA ITALIA**
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday
 - CAFE ROUGE**
Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays
 - SA BRAINS PUBS**
Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day
 - ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**
One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays
 - PRETO**
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto
 - FARMHOUSE INNS**
Likely But Not Yet Announced

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ACTIVate (ActiveEssex)

FUNDED HOLIDAY SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE YOUNGSTERS

Free school holiday clubs run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council on behalf of the Department for Education, for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals. Additional funding has been provided by Essex County Council to extend a number of spaces to youngsters from low income working families and other eligible groups.

- Physical & enrichment activities
- Primary & secondary clubs
- Mental Wellbeing Hubs
- Specialist SEND Hubs
- Free tasty, nutritious meals
- Activity packs & online support

BOOKINGS OPEN - MIDDAY JUNE 20TH

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

