



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

It continues to be a wonderful summer term for The Gateway Academy and to see the energy, commitment and hard work from our students and staff is just beautiful!

The Year 11 students were incredible throughout their examination period and we are extremely proud of how far they have come in their five years with us. Year 7 to Year 10 did fantastically well throughout their assessment period too and I am confident that going through this process will support them to reach their full potential.

Some important dates for the remainder of this academic year:

- 03 July - 7 July 2023 - Year 6 – 7 Transition week
- 03 July – 07 July -Year 10 Work Experience
- 13 July – GLC Summer Arts Festival
- 18-July - Reward Trip to Thorpe Park
- 19-July – WOW Day!!!

I am pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed across the Academy for the next academic year and we are in a very fortunate position that due to the strong reputation of our Academy, we have recruited some very experienced teachers to join our team. We expect, with the wonderful staff that we have, to go from strength to strength and to give your child the very best educational experience.

In order to end the term with a lifelong memory for our students, we will have our WOW Day on Wednesday 19 July. This is a great way to end the term and more importantly, allows our students to have some fun!

PHOTOGRAPHY IN SOUTHEND



A group of 34 Year 10 students, accompanied by Mrs Hill and Miss Dale, embarked on a Photography Trip to Southend on Thursday 22nd June. The purpose of the trip, led by Miss Cas-settari and Miss Elsey, was to explore and capture various aspects of the seaside town, including the seafront, amusements, and Adventure Island. Focusing on the theme of 'Environment,' the students utilised their technical abilities to produce remarkable photographs. Their impressive work not only reflects positively on the Academy but also greatly enhances their GCSE course-work with the valuable imagery they captured.

DANCE DANCE DANCE

We recently accompanied a group of 25 Year 9 dance students from the Gateway Academy to participate in the Thurrock SSP dance show. The students, brimming with enthusiasm, delivered captivating performances consisting of three distinct dances. Their talents were showcased before an audience comprising of local primary schools as well as parents and caregivers. It was an unforgettable experience for the students as they had the privilege of performing on a grand stage at the esteemed Thameside Theatre in Grays. Throughout the entire day, the Gateway students exemplified their unwavering passion and professionalism, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to all the students involved for seizing this incredible opportunity and making it truly remarkable!



FAREWELL YEAR 11

The time has come to bid farewell. Congratulations on successfully completing your final year at the Academy; it has truly been an incredible journey! On Friday afternoon, we gathered for the graduation celebration, where each student received a well-deserved certificate. Moreover, 24 students were recognised for their outstanding excellence in various subjects. Additionally, we presented four special recognition awards to deserving individuals:

- Academic Excellence: Malcolm O
- Community Generosity: Didan L
- Inspirational Individual: Ekamjot K
- Outstanding Achievement: Riley W

The overwhelming generosity of the gifts and cards that students brought for Mrs Fuller and myself on Friday touched our hearts. We are immensely grateful for your thoughtfulness and kind gestures. Now, it's time to prepare for the much-anticipated prom, which will take place at the elegant Orsett Hall on Thursday 29th June, at 7pm. We eagerly await your presence at the pre-prom reception, which will be held here at the Academy at 5:30pm.

Before we part ways, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to each Year 11 student. May you find great success and abundant happiness in all your future endeavours. Please stay in touch and keep us updated on your progress. Enjoy your well-deserved and extended summer break.

Warm regards, Mrs Bruce

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
13th July		Summer Arts Festival
18th July		Thorpe Park Trip
19th July	11.30 finish	Wow Day

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

WINDRUSH 75



Last week, students from various GLC schools came together to commemorate Windrush 75 at Tilbury. The event was a remarkable occasion as students honoured the individuals who immigrated to the UK 75 years ago.



MORE NEWS

YEAR 8

Miss R Mead



Year 8:

What an incredible start to the final half term, Year 8 students! Your performance in the recent assessments has been truly outstanding. I've witnessed each and every one of you pushing yourselves to achieve your personal best, and I couldn't be prouder.

Moreover, it has been a delight to participate in some of your lessons this week. In food tech, you had the chance to showcase your culinary skills during the "free cook" activity. I was amazed by the diverse array of dishes created, from pizzas to cheesecakes. The pride in your culinary creations was clearly evident. In art, I witnessed the creation of remarkable final pieces centred around the theme of "identity." You all worked diligently, exploring various materials and experimenting with artistic techniques. In drama, script work took centre stage, and your use of props brought your performances to life. Additionally, in music class, you tackled a range of ukulele songs, and I couldn't help but notice the incredible growth in your confidence. It was truly heart-warming to see so many of you participate and audition for next year's school musical. Your passion for performing is remarkable, showcasing the immense talent within our year group.

We have a plethora of exciting opportunities in store for the remaining weeks of Year 8, with Year 9 fast approaching. Remember to embody our school values in all that you do and continue to strive diligently.

Congratulations, Year 8 students, on your accomplishments!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Thirteen Year 9 students completed their Bronze DofE practice expedition on Thursday and Friday, overcoming the challenges posed by extreme weather conditions. Despite facing scorching 29-degree heat during their walks and enduring torrential rain in the evenings, the students persevered. They demonstrated resilience by setting up their camp, preparing their own meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and showcased impressive navigation skills as they completed their solo trek around Brentwood and Ingrave. Based on their performance, we hold great confidence that they will achieve success in their final expedition scheduled for September.



WILDWOOD TRIP

Wildwood Kent is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of UK Native species, with a strong emphasis on enhancing biodiversity in the United Kingdom. Among the notable species they house are the Lynx, Brown bear, and European wolves, all of which were once native to the UK. Through engaging experiences, students had the opportunity to intimately interact with these animals, gaining valuable insights into their ecological roles and the crucial need for their conservation.

Furthermore, the students participated in a workshop that beautifully complemented their curriculum on the Natural Selection of bird beaks. This workshop provided a seamless connection to their academic studies, allowing them to explore and understand the intricacies of adaptation and evolution in a practical and hands-on manner.



GDPR

May we kindly remind all parents to complete the GDPR and Biometric permission form. Please click the link: <https://forms.gle/Wpt74c8u4qC83cy37>



MORE NEWS

#WE WILL

The Gateway Academy welcomed The Ormiston Trust's professional film crew on Thursday, 22nd June, as they arrived to capture the student leadership team's activities for the #WeWill project. The students eagerly showcased their initiatives aimed at enhancing various aspects of academy life, including sustainability, academic resilience, culture, compassion, and mental health promotion through peer mentoring. Their articulate and impressive presentations left a lasting impression.

Subsequently, the students were given the opportunity to present their projects to the esteemed members of The Ormiston Trust Board. The #WeWill project, centred around youth activism, seeks to empower students to initiate social action and drive positive change.

Engaging in youth social action provides young people with a sense of belonging within their communities. By actively participating, they not only integrate themselves more deeply but also foster confidence and character development. Certain forms of youth social action even enable young individuals to cultivate essential skills and build networks that can support their future employment prospects.

Specifically, the Ormiston Families' #WeWill project aims to enhance young people's understanding of mental health and well-being, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to assist peers who may be facing their own struggles.



INTRODUCING...

We are delighted to introduce Pippa, our newest team member at The Gateway. Pippa is a therapy dog who brings joy and comfort to our school community. She dedicates one day a week to work with us, and her presence has quickly gained immense popularity among both staff and students alike.



UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX—FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP

30 students were given an opportunity to go to a two day workshop in partnership with the University of Essex to be immersed in Forensic Science and Law. The students undertook a crime scene where they had to look the part in the hazard suits to ensure not to contaminate the crime scene and collect the evidence, take pictures and record it in a file. They then were sent to the laboratories to study fingerprints, blood analysis and weapon imprints. This was accompanied by lectures in law where they learnt Latin and the laws around the crime scene that could be used to support their case. By the second day they had gained all the skills they needed to sit down plan if they were defence or prosecution by creating a poster and planning a presentation. A special well done to the following students that presented in front of all three schools: Pearl, Immanuella, Princess, Seterah, Guste, Ohemaa and Ebony.



YEAR 10

Mrs Dix-



The Year 10 students have demonstrated remarkable dedication and a positive attitude over the past two weeks while undertaking their PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations). Their commitment to their studies has been truly impressive and has garnered recognition throughout the Academy.

Moreover, the Year 10 pupils have had numerous incredible opportunities to participate in various trips over the recent weeks, where they represented the academy admirably. These trips included engaging experiences such as a photography shoot in Southend, an immersive wildlife encounter in Kent, and a visit to a university. All of these outings were highly successful, and the students thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

In addition to these trips, the Year 10 students took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge last week. The guest speakers leading the sessions were thoroughly impressed with the students' positive work ethic and their dedication during the sessions.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the upcoming week when many students will embark on one- or two-week work experience placements. This presents an exciting and fantastic opportunity for our students to gain practical knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are looking to expand our student leadership team and are looking for students in each group who are:

- Responsible
- Resilient
- Compassionate
- Aspirational

Do you have leadership qualities that could help to move The Gateway Academy to the next level?

Is your attendance currently over 95%?

Then we need you

How to apply: Write a letter to your Progress Leader that states the impact you have had in your time here at The Gateway Academy. Include in your letter how you demonstrate the Academy's core values. Also include any experience you've had of leading others (this may be from outside hobbies and interests)

Please print your letter and hand it in to your Progress Leader.

HEAD STUDENTS

If you are in year 10 and would like to interview for a Head Student position, please write a letter about how you have contributed to The Gateway Academy, how you have demonstrated the core values and how you are going to make a difference as a lead student including any experience you have of leading, motivating and inspiring others to make a difference.

As part of the interview process you will be expected to create a presentation showing your ideas about your contribution so far and what you would like to do if you were a Head Student.

Please email a copy of your letter to ami.dixon@theglc.org.uk by Thursday 6th July

Interviews will be held the following week for those who have 1-week work experience and on the 17th July for those who have 2 weeks work experience.