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WELCOME

A message from the Head of School Mrs & McLaughlin

ear Parents / Carers and Students ,

I am thrilled to announce that the Department of Education has officially validated the GCSE results for The Gateway Academy. Our school continues to set new standards, with our students ranking among the highest achievers in Thurrock. Notably, our students' progress in Maths is the top in the Borough and in English, it is the third highest. Across the board, the majority of our subjects exceed the national average for both progress and attainment. This success is a testament to the dedication of our staff, students, parents and carers, who collaborate to make The Gateway Academy an outstanding institution.

Moreover, our student attendance remains consistently above the national average, underscoring our commitment

to providing an exceptional education. Witnessing our students' drive and motivation first hand in their daily lessons is truly inspiring.

On a different note, we are increasingly concerned about the impact of social media on our students. We have observed several issues spilling over into Academy life, often originating from 'group' chats, particularly on platforms like Snapchat. I kindly request that parents and carers actively monitor their child's activity on these platforms, ensuring they are both mindful of what they post and what they receive. It is essential to engage in regular conversations with your child about whether social media is enhancing their happiness or detrimentally affecting their wellbeing. If it is the latter, I urge you to consider limiting their usage accordingly.



A reminder of the key dates coming up next half term:

FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 26-Feb 0815 All Years Start (Years 7-11)

Mon 26-Feb Years 7 - 9 Assessments (for two weeks 26 February - 08 March 2024)

Year 10 PPEs (for two weeks 26 February - 08 March 2024)"

Wishing you and your families a wonderful break and a heartfelt thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Headteacher-Mrs G McLaughlin

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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

Thur 07-Mar 1600-1900 Year 11 Parents' Evening (2)

Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April - Easter Holidays

Wed 27-Mar Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis

CAREERS

This half term has been a busy one with assemblies held for all year groups from external providers on their next steps and aspirations. These included USP which includes Palmers, our local college aimed at years 8, 9 and 10, DWP for years 7 and 8 about aspirations, St Clere's, a local 6th form for years 10 and 11 and finally AIM Group to our year 11s regarding Apprenticeships and T Levels. Tutor times and the Careers Page on Google Classroom provide lots of material and have included information on Open Evenings for our years 10 and 11, webinar sign ups, videos on how we use maths topics in careers, information on Apprenticeships, National Apprenticeship Week, Jobs of the Week, Labour Market Information and the opportunity for year 10 students to apply for Easter School at the University of East London. Trips have included: 10 students from KS3 attending a Greentech summit held by the Creative Tech Festival at Ford Dunton Plant and 40 year 10 students going to a Health Tech Careers Roadshow at Seevic College. Leja Rimsaite won a prize for her overall participation and enthusiasm, a very well done! On Wednesday, January 10th, we also took 16 Year 10 students to the University of Essex for a maths enrichment trip. The purpose of the trip was:

- To inform students about the maths options available to them after GCSE.
- To find out more about careers involving mathematics.
- To explore different areas of maths beyond the GCSE curriculum.

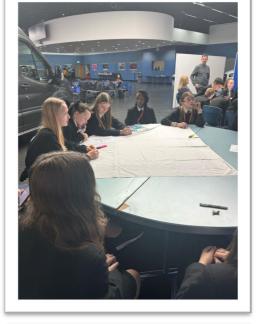
WHAT A SKILL! - KARATE

Congratulations to Tomas Gudaitis (year 8) who attended England's karate championship in Sheffield and in his age group category (12-13 years) won silver and bronze medals.



















MORE NEWS



YEAR 7

Mrs L Bruce

We have made a fantastic start to the term so far. The students have been working diligently in class, building on the knowledge they acquired in term 1. We were fortunate to have Paul Hannaford visit the Academy, and our year 7 students had the opportunity to experience an assembly with him, learning about his life and journey with drug use and gang involvement. The students were engaged and well-behaved throughout, a credit to us here.

In our PAD sessions each morning, we have been busy preparing for the next round of assessments. Each week, the students have had a different focus, such as specific Maths revision, as well as English and Science. Additionally, sessions on mind maps, flashcards, and revision timetables are planned. I hope the students find these useful in the lead-up to the assessments. I have also been sending all the resources home to parents/carers through Edulink.

A polite reminder that assessments will start the week commencing Monday, 26th February, and will continue for 2 weeks. A schedule has been sent home and also placed on Google Classroom so that all students can be prepared for their assessments.

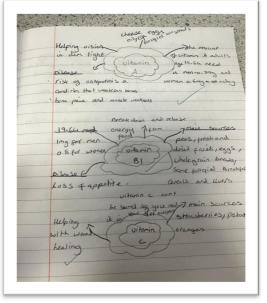
There has been much sporting success for our year 7's in both Netball and Basketball, and we're really proud of all those representing the Academy. Some standout lessons have been in Food Technology and Spanish, where students have been confidently speaking out loud. It was a joy to hear!"



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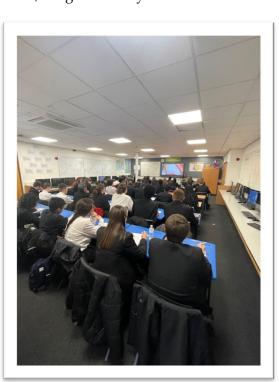


YEAR 11

Mrs A Dixon

Year 11 has had a great start to this term. They have begun their final round of PPEs and are working exceptionally hard to achieve the best grades possible. Many students have attended 7 am English sessions, over 50 students have attended further maths sessions on Wednesdays

and Fridays after school, and our students have been leading revision sessions in the Ellis Theatre. The Year 11 team has been inundated with reference requests from sixth form and college for many Year 11 pupils, which is fantastic. It's extremely exciting to see so many of our students applying to sixth forms/colleges and planning their next steps carefully. We want to wish our Year 11 students the best of luck in their next week of PPEs. Please encourage your son/daughter if they are in Year 11 to maintain a positive work ethic and ask for support if needed.





CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ HISTORY

This month, the Academy has been celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month. Through key PAD and PSHE sessions, students are learning about the history of LGBTQ+ and the hardships the communi-

ty has faced over the years. Mr Moruzzi conducted key assemblies for all year groups, and the Academy is proudly flying the LGBTQ+ flag in support.





ART NEWS

Year 10 GCSE students have been creating exceptional ceramic final pieces for their movement projects. These students have worked tirelessly to create these pieces, both during class time and in their own time.

Year 9 have been creating a portfolio of art based on

ment posted some incredible pieces created

Natural forms since September. This half term the key focus was on a coral ceramic Artist called Lisa Stevens. The Arts depart-

by the yr9's in response to Lisa Steven's artwork on Instagram this week and Lisa liked our post!







SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Years 7 - 10 will be completing their next set of summative assessments between the 26th Feb – 8th March. The assessment timetables for each year group can be found

Specific information and revision resources for each subject will be provided on your child's google classroom. Recommended revision guides are available to purchase on ParentPay.

Top revision techniques that our Subject leaders recommend are:

- Creating mind maps
- Using Knowledge Organisers
- Using flashcards
- Using online revision websites

You can find more information about top revision techniques below:

https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/top-10-best-revision-tips-from-past-students/

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/exams-or-demon-fighting/essential-revision-tips

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk#zfcq2v4

YEAR 9

Ms B Mead

Year 9,

As we progress through this term, we have some important events coming up. Firstly, when we return after half -term, we'll dive straight into assessment week. It's been wonderful to see all of you engaging in your various revision techniques over the past few weeks. Please make sure you utilise these sessions to support your revision during the half-term break leading up to your assessments. We've received videos from all of your core subjects explaining exactly how and where to find your revision materials, along with three technique sessions: 1. How to create effective mind maps, 2. How to effectively use flashcards, and 3. How to create an effective revision timetable. All of these resources have been uploaded to the Year 9 Google Classroom page for you to refer back to.

Additionally, we're starting conversations about the options process this half-term, with the options/parents' evening scheduled for April 18th. It's been fantastic to welcome subject leads into our assemblies over the past few weeks to discuss their subjects with you, ensuring you can make the best choices for yourselves. If you have any questions about certain subjects, please speak to your class teacher. If you're worried or have concerns about your options choices, please don't hesitate to come and speak to either myself or Mrs Smith in the Year 9 office.

We are incredibly proud of our student leaders and anti-bullying ambassadors who have been fully involved in running and organising a number of charity events and supporting parents' evenings. They are an absolute credit to our year group. The anti-bullying ambassadors have also led assemblies on key topics for all year groups. They planned and created the presentations themselves and delivered them confidently to all five year groups.

Finally, this week, we had a group of students attend the Respect Project as part of the Essex Boys and Girls Club. Six students have been offered a place on the final project, which is fantastic! A huge well done to you all!

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PAUL HANNAFORD



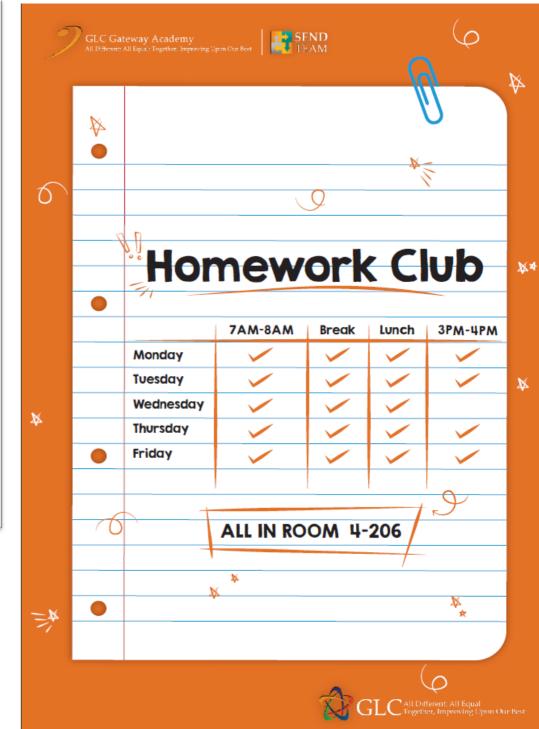


Last week, Paul Hannaford paid a visit to the Gateway Academy to enlighten our young minds about the perils associated with gangs, drugs, and knives. In his typical fashion, he delivered a captivating assembly, sharing his personal experiences and illustrating the profound impact a life of crime can have on an individual.









YEAR 8

Mr M Scott

Hello Gateway Family,

It has been a fantastic few weeks for Year 8 at the Gateway Academy. Student attendance is up, reward points are being collected daily by students who are demonstrating the school's core values, and students are now starting to focus on their revision techniques in more detail to ensure that they are ready for their next round of assessments, which take place after the half-term break.

All Year 8 tutor groups have now completed their 'First Give' final presentations, and the judging team that came along were overwhelmed by the hard work and passion that students put into their projects and presentations. Tutor groups were challenged with choosing a local charity of their choice, researching that charity, and raising awareness, money, or both to support it. Every tutor group did a fantastic job of working as a team to achieve this. We have had many local charity visits which students had organised with the support of their tutors.

The Grand final saw the teams from each tutor group give their presentation to the 'First Give' judging team and their whole year group. Every single participant showed great courage and brilliant oratory skills in commanding the stage and making a bid for their charity to be the chosen winner of £1000.

As with any contest of this nature, there can only be one winner. This award was presented to 8G, Mrs Louw's tutor group. St. Luke's Hospice was the charity they chose, and they did a fantastic job of raising money and awareness for them. 8H, Mrs. Bouretaa's tutor group, received special commendation. Though they did not emerge as winners, the work they put into raising money and awareness for the Sea Cadets showed great detail and fantastic first-hand research into what the Sea Cadets bring to the local community.

A brilliant undertaking by all tutors and tutor groups to support local charities within our community. A massive thank you to all.











Mark your calendars for February 14th! During break and lunch, we will be hosting a bake sale to celebrate the holiday of love.

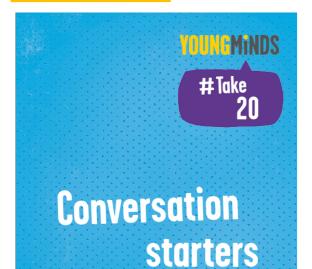
Please ensure you bring some money . if you would like to buy something on this day.

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YOUNG MINDS



Starting a conversation can be difficult, especially if you're worried that your child is having a hard time. It doesn't matter what topic the conversation starts with - it's about the opportunity it gives you both to talk about feelings and to provide comfort.

Here's some conversation ideas to start things off...

General

How are you feeling? talk about?

most proud of?

What was the best day?

> What did you do today that you are

vou could start toda

again, what would you do differently?



You're the leading expert when it comes to your child. You can tell when they aren't in the mood to talk, or when they aren't responding

Reassure them that if they don't want to talk now, they can talk to you at any time. You can also follow up conversations with encouragers:

Encouragers

ever change that that's okay too We're going

If you are concerned about anything that has come up in a conversation, try your best to tell them how you see things, and be clear

to provide comfort and reassurance.

about any actions you are going to take. Try 0808 802 5544

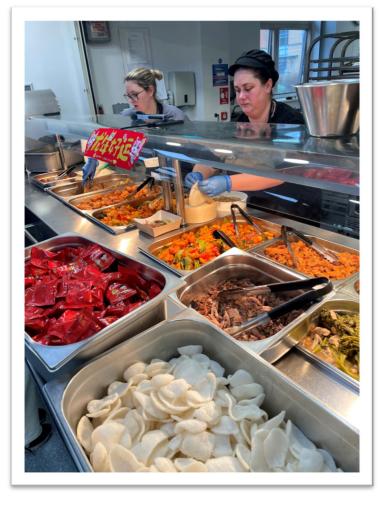
to get through

If you need help or support, please contact our parents helpline

CHINESE NEW YEAR

This week was a celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon. To celebrate, on Thursday, the canteen staff put on a lovely spread of Chinese food. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the meal.





YEAR 10

Ms A Shannon

Well done to those students in Year 10 who have made a great start back to the academy this term. We have settled back into our learning after returning from the Christmas break, with the students preparing themselves for our next round of assessments, which will be starting the week beginning February 16th. We have been sharing lots of resources with students via Google Classroom to support their revision and preparation for assessments, as well as looking at different revision materials in tutor time each day. We have plenty of supplies of flashcards, revision timetables, and knowledge organizers available in our office for students to help themselves to. We will also be sharing our resources via Edulink to parents so you will be able to support from home.

Congratulations to the hospitality and catering students who recently took part in a master class in filleting a fish. The students absorbed all of the new skills that they were taught and were a credit to the Academy. They will be putting their filleting skills to the test in their practical assessment after half term.

I have the privilege of walking into the lessons Year 10 students are in every day around the Academy, and some of the work they are producing is fantastic. I have attached a few pictures of the beautiful work students have been producing recently.

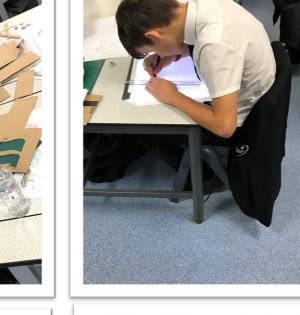
Well done, Year 10, and for those who are consistently excelling, there will be a big rewards trip coming your way!

ENGLISH

Students are learning about Macbeth in English and some of the work that has been produced has been truly exceptional. Here is a quick snapshot:



















EVEN MORE NEWS....

USEFUL INFORMATION

Worried about a child?

You can phone or write to The MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

• Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802.

- Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468.
- Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection.
- Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc







Warm Spaces

Thurrock libraries offer you a warm welcome during the winter months.

From Monday 20 November 2023 until Friday 29 March 2024, at set times each week, many of our local libraries are offering residents a free hot drink in a safe and supportive space.

Grays library and Purfleet library are accepting winter coat donations during this period, to help those most in need to stay warm this winter. Purfleet library is also accepting donations of clean blankets (no duvets or other bedding). Contact the libraries below for full details.

Join us in our Warm Spaces on the following days and times.

Library	Day	Times
Aveley library	Tuesdays	2pm to 4pm
Belhus library	Wednesdays	2pm to 4pm
Chadwell library	Thursdays	2pm to 4pm
Corringham library	Fridays	2pm to 4pm
East Tilbury library	Thursdays	10:30am to 12:30pm
Grays library	Mondays	10am to midday
Purfleet library	Tuesdays	2pm to 4pm
	Thursdays	2pm to 4pm
Stanford-le-Hope Library	Wednesdays	2pm to 4pm
Tilbury library	Mondays	2pm to 4pm
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You can also enjoy our wide range of library services, such as free wi-fi, during these times and throughout our library opening hours.

A list of other Warm Spaces in Thurrock is available online at Stronger Together. Warm Spaces &.

To find Warm Spaces throughout the UK, go to the Warm Welcome Spaces & website.

For help finding more support, go to support with the cost of living and Stronger Together: support for residents of

What is Snapchat?



Snapchat is a photo messaging app with a twist. Snapchatters can take photos, record videos, add text and drawings and send them to friends. These 'Snaps' aren't saved by default so it feels more like having an ordinary conversation. Once everyone has viewed a Snap, Snapchat's system is designed to automatically delete it from their servers. Opened Snaps typically cannot be retrieved from Snapchat's servers by anyone, for any reason. Upon registration 'Team Snapchat' will automatically send you a series of 'Snaps' to take you through the basics.

Age restrictions

Snapchat is not intended for children under the age of 13. Teens aged 13-17 should have permission from a parent or legal guardian to use the app.

A Snapchat account can be deleted by going to https://accounts.snapchat.com/ accounts/delete_account and entering the child's username and password. If Snapchat obtains knowledge that a user is under the age of 13 they will terminate the account.

Note: If you forget your password you can submit a password reset request to Snapchat at: https://accounts.snapchat.com/accounts/password_reset_request





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out more, email today at thvoice@thurrock.gov.uk





