



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin



Dear Parents / Carers and Students

It has been a terrific term at our Academy, with so many wonderful things happening across every aspect of Academy life. From the most engaging lessons, to success on the Sports Field and the Dance students working hard for their upcoming show on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th May 2024.

I was overwhelmed this term by the visit to our Academy from the Department of Education, who were extremely complimentary of the level of teaching across our Academy. Our CEO, Mrs Reid said 'All of the visitors commented on how calm, purposeful and positive the environment for learning was. We saw some outstanding instructional teaching, focused, buzzy partner talk, independent learning [where appropriate young people working at their own pace with devices] and group work where everyone had a clear role. Everywhere we went we were welcomed with a smile [from the minute we arrived] and the young people were keen to talk about what they were learning.'

It is simply remarkable how well our young people are doing and with over 11,000 sessions of extra-curricular activities being attended by our students, this simply sums up all that is good about our Academy.

Next half term, we will be working hard to ensure our Year 10 and Year 11 students are 100% prepared for their GCSE examinations and we will continue to push all of our students to excel in all that they do.

I am incredibly proud of our Gateway family and to work with students, staff, parents, carers and the community every day is an absolute pleasure. Our students have an enormous heart and are achieving great things.

Kind regards,

Head of School – Mrs G McLaughlin

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

	Fri	29-Mar	** GOOD FRIDAY - BANK HOLIDAY **	
	** FRIDAY 29 MARCH - FRIDAY 12 APRIL - EASTER HOLIDAYS **			
	Tuesday 02 - Friday 05 April - Easter School Years 10 and 11 only			
	SUMMER TERM 2024			
APR	Mon	15-Apr	0815	All Years Start (Yrs 7-11)
	Thur	18-Apr	1600-1900	Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options
MAY	Mon	06-May	** BANK HOLIDAY **	
	Tue	07-May	1900	Dance Show
	Wed	08-May	1900	Dance Show
	Thur	09-May		HPV Vaccinations (Year 8)
	Mon	13-May		GCSEs Summer Exams start today (13 May 2024 - 19 June 2024)
	Fri	24-May		End of Half Term
	** MONDAY 27 MAY - FRIDAY 31 MAY - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS **			

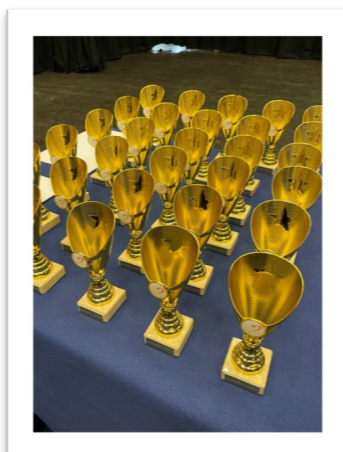


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ACADEMIC AWARDS

Just last week, students from all walks of life were celebrated and lauded for their outstanding achievements, setting new standards with their remarkable progress and accomplishments. Their dedication and hard work were evident in every aspect of their endeavours, showcasing a commitment to excellence that inspired all who witnessed it. Capturing these moments of triumph, the Gateway Times features a stunning array of images showcasing the achievements of each year group. Flip through the pages to witness the pride and joy radiating from the faces of our students as they bask in the well-deserved recognition of their efforts. From academic milestones to extra-curricular triumphs, these snapshots encapsulate the spirit of success that thrives within the corridors of the Gateway Academy, serving as a testament to the unwavering dedication of our student body.



MENSA TESTING

Students at Gateway Academy were provided with the unique opportunity to challenge themselves by participating in the internationally acclaimed Mensa testing programme. This prestigious initiative allowed students to assess their cognitive abilities and potentially qualify for membership in Mensa, an esteemed society reserved for individuals with exceptionally high IQ scores. By opting to partake in the Mensa testing, students at Gateway Academy were able to engage in a rigorous intellectual assessment, fostering a culture of academic excellence and personal growth within the school community. This initiative not only encouraged students to strive for intellectual advancement but also highlighted the school's commitment to providing diverse and enriching educational experiences. We are proud to report that 4 students qualified to join Mensa with IQs of 155 or above.



HEALTH CAREERS ROADSHOW

Year 10 students were presented with an invaluable opportunity to explore diverse career pathways within the field of healthcare through an engaging roadshow event. This immersive experience provided them with first-hand insights into the multitude of professions available in the health sector. The students enthusiastically participated in various activities and discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of the range of career options and the pathways to pursue them. Their enjoyment and enthusiasm throughout the event underscored the significance of such initiatives in guiding and inspiring young minds towards fulfilling and impactful career choices in the vital field of healthcare.



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YEAR 7

Mrs L Bruce

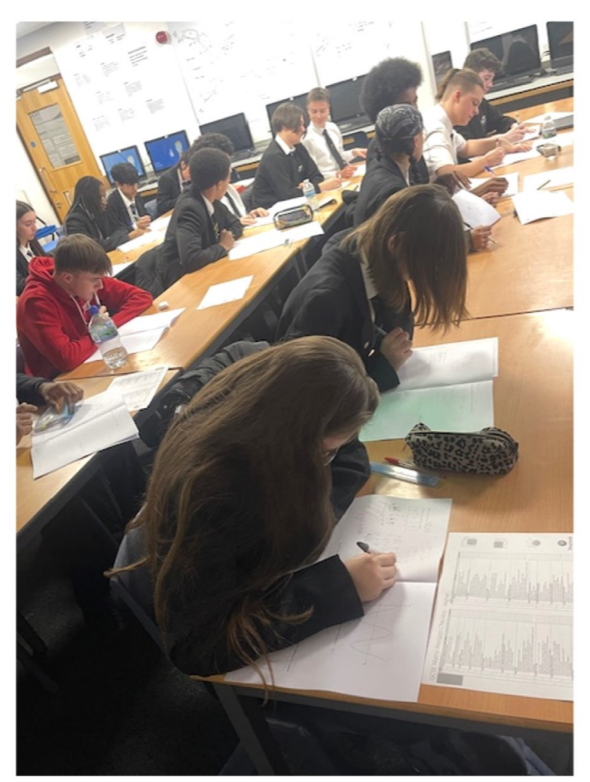
Congratulations to Year 7 for completing your second term as Academy students. So much has happened this term, and we have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks drawing us to the end of term. Some of the Year 7s went on a trip to The Gurdwara in Kent. I spoke to a number of staff who attended the trip, and the overriding feeling was how fantastic the students were; their behaviour and manners were exceptional, a credit to the school. The year group completed their second round of assessments, and all the data will have been shared with you at home. We were impressed with their approach to the assessments this time around; however, we will continue to work with students to ensure we can prepare them for every set of assessments throughout their time here so they have many techniques and strategies that are fool proof by the time they complete their GCSE exams in Year 11. We had two celebration assemblies to finish the term. Last week, we celebrated 20 students winning "Tutee of the Term," following their tutor nominations. We awarded Miss Livingstone's "Student of the Term" to Harleigh B, and my winner went to Archie E, both extremely worthy winners. The tutor group that won our Easter Egg and Spoon race challenge was 7C, and finally, our Tutor group of the Term went to 7F. We then celebrated the academic achievements of standout students; we awarded 16 subject progress awards with the Gold progress award going to Jada B and 16 subject attainment awards with the Gold attainment award going to Hristiyana-Sibel B. We also celebrated students achieving over 70 core values badges as well. It was lovely to see two of our head students, Bailey and Chloe, handing out the certificates and awards to our Year 7s. Finally, a huge congratulations to the Year 7 netball team who made it through to the Essex Plate Final against Redden Court. They matched Redden goal for goal almost and played some quality netball, but it just wasn't to be this time, and they were runners-up. Onwards and upwards for these girls; we can't wait to see more success from them in future seasons. I have included a selection of photos: Year 7 Netball girls, Elwen N competing for her Trampolining Club, Mariya R with her temple homework, and examples from Honya T of her revision flashcards for her assessments.



YEAR 11

Mrs A Dixon

Year 11 have had an amazing half term and achieved so much. We are very proud of them and cannot wait for the summer term to begin. We had some great events this half term; the MADE project began, where students get to have one-to-one mentoring. After-school dinner and study sessions took place where students had the chance to stretch and challenge themselves in Maths and English. Additionally, a progress and attainment assembly was held, with many Year 11 students winning badges and trophies for their academic achievements, among many other accomplishments. Prom planning and fundraising are well underway, and students will be organising more events in the summer term to raise money for their upcoming events in the following months. Easter School begins on Tuesday 2nd April, and we are thrilled to announce that 90 Year 11 students have signed up, which is fantastic. We hope you all have the best four days. Furthermore, there are many booster sessions happening in the second week of the Easter break, which will provide valuable support to those students who have signed up. Just a reminder that the Graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, 21st June. More details will be sent out regarding this after the Easter break. Prom is scheduled for Thursday, 27th June, and again, more information will be released upon our return. Please encourage all Year 11 pupils to revise and complete coursework during their two weeks off, as well as to get some well-earned rest. When students return, they will only have 18 school days until the exam season begins, so it is vital that they are as prepared as they can be. We are extremely proud of each and every student and are confident that they will achieve fantastic things. Lastly, thank you for your ongoing support with our Year 11 pupils. Happy Easter, Miss A Dixon



HISTORY NEWS

Year 9 and 10 students participated in a trip to Belgium to look at the battlefields from WW1. While there, they experienced an original trench from 120 years ago; these have been kept as reminders of what soldiers on the Front Line would endure. There were still massive shell holes around the trenches from where German forces had fired shells at the British troops.



Students then had the opportunity to examine a dressing station where injured soldiers were taken to be treated by army medical personnel. Our guide Ian, was very knowledgeable of the conditions the soldiers were treated in and of how soldiers with injuries such as gas could be treated. He was also able to keep Luca from talking for a whole 5 minutes!

Passchendaele Museum was a phenomenal experience, where reconstructed bunkers from WW1 could be explored. The museum spared no expense in designing a trench system which seemed to stretch for miles underground. The students also had the opportunity to visit Ypres, a city that had been completely destroyed during the Great War and while sightseeing had the opportunity to try the famous Belgian chocolates and waffles. The trip also featured 'fantastic' singing from the group, including Barbie girl and Call Me Maybe. (Mr Baker refused to join in...!).



DANCE NEWS

The eagerly awaited annual Dance Show at The Gateway Academy is drawing near! This year, the show will take place on Tuesday, May 7th, and Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. Our students have been pouring their hearts and souls into their rehearsals, dedicating themselves not only during lessons but also during lunchtime and after-school clubs, all to deliver a truly spectacular performance for our audience. Tickets for the show will be priced at £4 each and will be available for purchase starting from Monday, April 15th. You can conveniently buy your tickets either through ParentPay or with cash at the student services desk. We are excitedly anticipating your presence at the show once again this year, and we cannot wait to share this incredible experience with you!



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EURODISNEY TRIP



Students embarked on an enriching journey to Paris as part of the modern foreign languages trip, immersing themselves in the vibrant culture and heritage of the city. From exploring iconic landmarks to indulging in the culinary delights of French cuisine, every moment was filled with excitement and discovery. Moreover, students had the opportunity to experience the magic of Disneyland Paris, creating unforgettable memories as they explored the enchanting world of fantasy and adventure. It was truly a memorable and educational experience that broadened their horizons and deepened their appreciation for the French language and culture.

SPORT AT THE GATEWAY

Mr J White



This term at The Gateway Academy has been another fantastic one for sports. There has been so much packed into it, and it's been truly gratifying to witness numerous pupils seizing these opportunities. The year 7 and 8 boys were entered into the county Rugby 7's competition for the very first time, with these matches held at New Hall School. Despite the wet and windy conditions, our year 8s just missed out on qualification from the group. Nevertheless, they demonstrated real potential and delivered some outstanding performances. Similarly, the year 7 boys performed admirably, reaching the bowl semi-final before losing to the eventual winners. This showcases the potential these students possess to compete at the county level, serving as a genuine springboard for us to progress further next year.

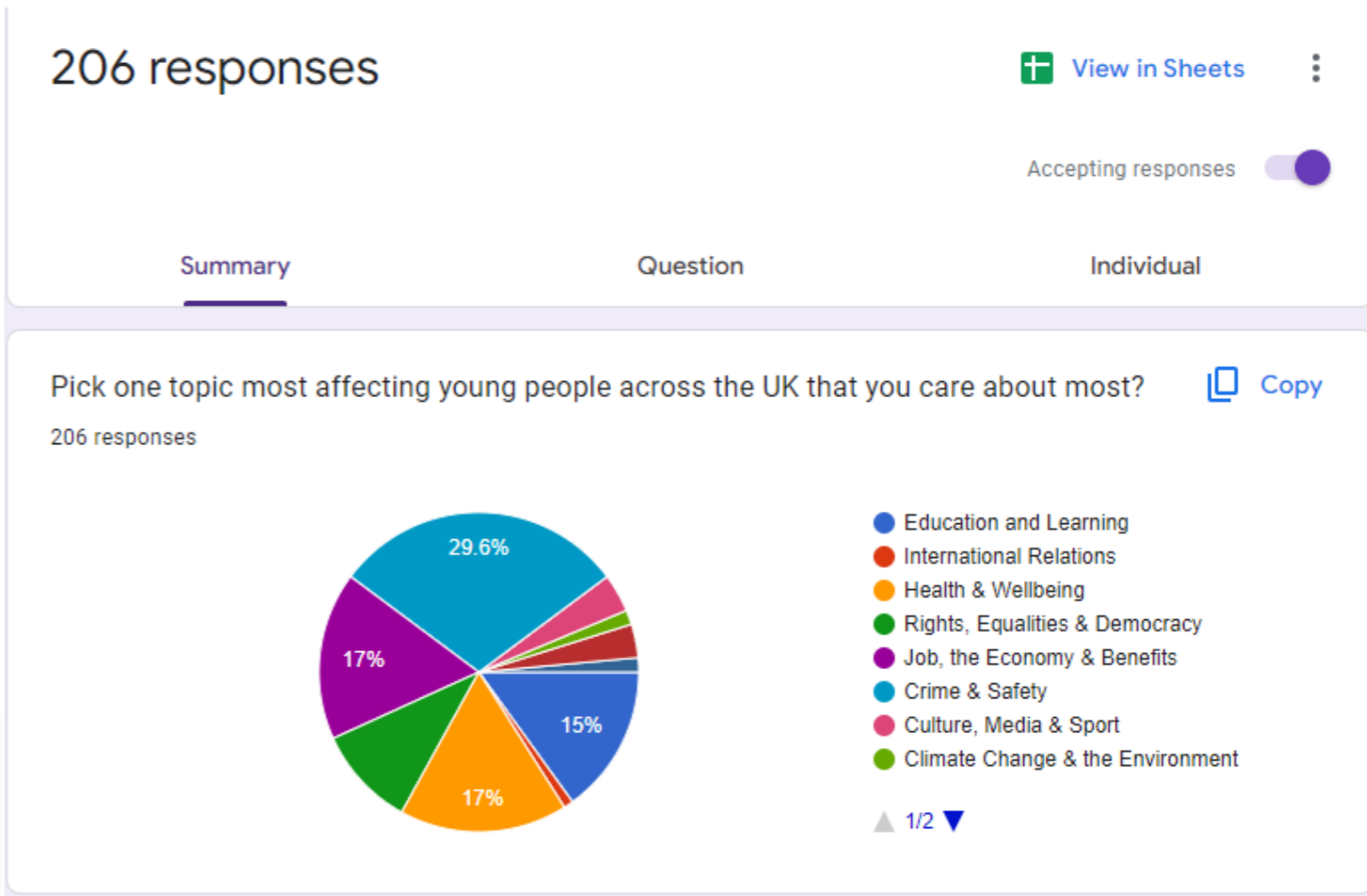


The school's basketball program continues to flourish under the guidance of Coach Lee. The county competition has recently concluded, with our Year 8 boys reaching the final. Despite our best efforts, we fell short against the reigning champions, Shenfield. Nevertheless, this marks the first time the school has made it to a full county final, serving as motivation for us to strive for even greater success next year. Additionally, the Jr NBA competition has progressed to the knockout stages, with three out of our four teams qualifying for the postseason. This rapid development showcases how quickly these pupils have honed their skills to compete at a national level and is a testament to the hard work they've put in.



ACTIVISM

Year 9 students undertook a comprehensive survey, delving into the issues that matter most to them. The findings of this survey have illuminated key areas of concern for our youth. Notably, our local youth cabinet member has been entrusted with the task of compiling and presenting the results from all participating schools in our area to the parliamentary forum. This initiative underscores the proactive engagement of our students in addressing pertinent societal issues at a broader legislative level, signalling a collective endeavour towards effecting positive change within our community.



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YEAR 10

Ms A Shannon

Year 10 has had an extremely positive term, with assessments completed to the highest standard, rewards given out for their attainment and progress across all subjects, university trips offered to provide students with the experience of university life, a substantial careers fair, and an external company working with all Year 10 students on revision and different techniques. It is fair to say that the students have not only had a jam-packed term but also received support for their futures beyond the academy.

Below are some photos capturing what Year 10 has been up to this term.



It has been fantastic to see so many Year 10 students fully engaging in their studies leading up to their assessments and making the most of the opportunities offered to them. Keep checking the careers pages for any other aspirational trips that interest you, and remember, we have Mrs Fuller on site to assist you with your future plans.

There is much to look forward to in the next half term, Year 10: work experience, CV writing, mock interviews, the final round of assessments, and hopefully, a big rewards trip to celebrate your achievements.

Have a lovely Easter, Year 10, and we look forward to the next term.

PARENTAL INFORMATION

As you are aware students from Y7 – Y11 are given a 1-2-1 device for personal learning when in school and for use at home; all websites visited are monitored and filtered by a product called “Smoothwall” this is a market leader in filtering solutions for schools and colleges in Europe.

As part of the agreement with yourselves we ask parents to also be vigilant on what is accessed at home as well as the time of day the devices are being used – if you feel you have any web concerns please report directly to the IT team by using the email address - filtering@theglc.org.uk

SPORT AT THE GATEWAY Contd.

Mr J White

I had the privilege of witnessing our Year 7 girls' netball team compete in the Essex Plate final last week. This marked the first time we've ever reached an Essex final in netball – an great achievement in itself. Though we ended as runners-up, narrowly losing by three goals in a closely contested match, the girls showcased outstanding sportsmanship and represented the school admirably. On behalf of everyone in the Physical Education department, a heartfelt congratulations to the team for this remarkable accomplishment.

To conclude the term, we organised the Couch to 5K community event, aimed at bringing the school together to complete a 5K run, jog, or walk. It was an fantastic occasion, and it was heartening to witness so many staff and students enthusiastically participating. The event underscored the strength of our community and highlighted the exceptional students we have at our school. As we look ahead, we have a summer of athletics on the horizon, with four teams from our school set to compete in the national athletics competition. It will be exciting to see how far we can progress in this event, given the immense potential within our school.



FEEDING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS FEBRUARY 2024

On 25th January we invited our local supporters and referral agencies to join us at Wyldcrest Country Club for breakfast.

We wanted to show our appreciation for their ongoing support and tell them some plans for 2024.

It was great to have such like minded people in one room together, all sharing stories of the support they give to vulnerable people or support they give to Thurrock Foodbank. We could not operate without the kindness of these people and our local supporting businesses.

We look forward to hosting more events like this, inviting more people to come and see how we can support each other.

Thank you to all that attended—it was a great success.

From April 2023—February 2024

6,856
People so far have been fed with emergency food by TFB

3,084
Of which are children

2,995.7KG
Of food has been donated this month so far

2,826.2KG
Of food has been given out this month so far

Warehouse Opening Hours
Monday –9am—3pm
Wednesday—9am—3pm
Thursday—9am—3pm

APPRECIATION POST

This month we were contacted by a small business in Grays called Sugar Me Cupcakes who wanted to offer their help.

They wanted to donate a very beautiful cake to one of our families in need.

We had a family in mind straight away. It is safe to say our client was very emotional from the generosity of this small business.

On behalf of Thurrock Foodbank we...

Thurrock Foodbank, 2-4 Chase Road, Corringham, Essex, SS17 7QH
www.thurrock.foodbank.org.uk katecollier@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk
Telephone—01375 416200. Registered Charity Number—297569

NEWSLETTER

Thurrock Council Financial Inclusion Team Supporting Thurrock Council

Benefits with Budgeting, Benefit & Debt Issues

Will be at the following libraries:

- Aveley Library First Tuesday of every month 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Bethus Library Wednesdays 2:00-4:00pm (fortnightly)
- Chadwell Library Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm (fortnightly)
- Corringham Library Fridays 2:00pm-4:00pm (fortnightly)
- Grays Library Mondays 10:00am-midday (fortnightly)
- Parfitt Community Hub Last Thursday of every month 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Tilbury Library Mondays 2:00-4:00pm (fortnightly)

HUGE THANK YOU TO BRENTWOOD FOODBANK IN HELPING ORGANISE AND CO-ORDINATE THIS HUGE DONATION FROM NAKED SPROUT

KEEP SUPPORTING THURROCK FOODBANK EVERY LITTLE HELPS

Huge thank you to Morrisons for their giving tree money. We was able to get so many essential items we are short of in the warehouse meaning our clients will receive a full food parcel.

FREE School Uniform Events

Friday 10-11:30am	Saturday 10-11:30am
15th January	20th January
16th February	17th February
15th March	16th March
15th April	20th April
17th May	18th May
23rd June	22nd June

Be the CHANGE you wish to SEE in the world

Thurrock Foodbank is part of the @Coop Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause visit coop.co.uk/membership

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LIST

- Sponge puddings
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Jelly
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Ravioli
- Chilli Con Carne
- Curry

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YEAR 9

Ms B Mead

Year 9, what a busy half term it has been!

In recent weeks, students have undertaken their second round of assessments and achieved some fantastic grades across the year group. These results are a true reflection of the hard work and dedication you have put in over the last half term. Well done to all!

Throughout this half term, we have also hosted a series of careers and further education assemblies and events. These opportunities have allowed us to provide you with as much information as possible to help inform your option choices, which are quickly approaching. It was incredibly gratifying to witness so many Year 9 students seizing the opportunity to participate in taster sessions for new subjects not currently studied in Year 9. Students were offered sessions in business studies, health and social care, child development, dance, photography, and psychology. Over 100 students applied to take part in these sessions, which is fantastic. We hope that this experience has provided you with further insight into each of these subjects, aiding you in making the best possible choices after the half term break.

This week, we also celebrated and rewarded numerous students across the year group in two assemblies. The first assembly was the Easter rewards assembly, where students nominated by their tutors were recognised for consistently going above and beyond across the Academy. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 9A: Alex G and Ruby E
- 9B: Kara L and Franciszek B
- 9C: Vincent O and Kevin I
- 9D: Brendan and Naana K-Y
- 9E: Reggie M and Danielle L
- 9F: Jack F and Jahia T
- 9G: Gavriella N and Alfie R
- 9H: Oliwia G and Cameron-James L



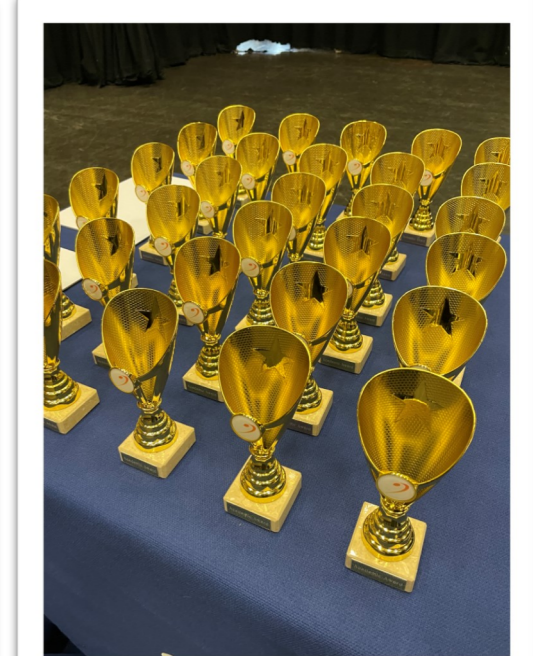
Additionally, Evie G was awarded the title of Year 9 Student of the Term. Furthermore, the following tutor groups were also recognised:

- 9A for earning the most positive points this half term
- 9F for achieving the highest attendance this half term
- 9G for receiving the lowest amount of behaviour points

Moreover, over 40 values award badges were distributed to students nominated by staff for demonstrating the Academy's core values. This is truly fantastic work from all students. Well done!

Our second celebration assembly was our progress and attainment awards, where the following students won awards based on their recent assessments:

SUBJECT	PROGRESS	ATTAINMENT
Art	Gabija V	Ciara B
Computer Science	Lola K	Niko B
Design Technology	Anisa R	Emmanuel O-A
Drama	Augustine A-T	Sopuru E
English	Emmie F	Jessica S
Food Technology	Ebony-Rose B-I	Alex G
Geography	Mylee L	Gavriella N
History	Lennie C	Maja C
Maths	Harry A	Smaranda P
PE	Lewis B	Kara M
Science	Jake W	Mikayel A
Spanish	Michelle S-G	Julia Z



Our gold, silver and bronze winners were:

Progress			Attainment		
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Mylee L	Naana K-Y	Augustine A-T	Henry C	Jessica S	Beatrice O



A heartfelt congratulations to all our award winners for this term!

As a final reminder, Year 9 parents and options evening is scheduled for Thursday, 18th April. This event provides you with an opportunity to engage with your child's teachers, discussing their current progress and gathering more information to assist in making informed options choices.

Keep up the fantastic work, Year 9!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP THIS TERM

There has been a flurry of activity within the student leadership group this half term, as they have played a pivotal role in organizing and executing various initiatives. From assisting in the coordination of the job fair to orchestrating the sale of roses and doughnuts in support of the charity CRY, their dedication to community involvement and philanthropy has been exemplary.

Moreover, their ongoing efforts to promote mental health awareness and wellbeing among students have been commendable. Our newly formed group ERIS, dedicated to raising awareness about gender-based violence, has been actively fundraising through the sale of cakes and badges, curating a book selection in the literature lounge, and collecting donations of sanitary items for the women's shelter.

Additionally, our antibullying ambassadors remain vigilant in their commitment to supporting students. Through their engaging assemblies, personalised one-on-one interactions, and vigilant monitoring during break and lunch times, they ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all. Students can easily report instances of bullying directly from the website or through the year group Google Classroom page.



Furthermore, our resilience group has initiated academic mentoring sessions, offering year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to volunteer and receive guidance from older peers on effective revision techniques, addressing learning challenges, and providing subject-specific support. If you believe your child could benefit from this program, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school.

These initiatives underscore our commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive school community, where students are empowered to thrive academically, emotionally and socially.



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YEAR 8

Mr M Scott

Year 8 has concluded an exceptional spring term, marked by their unwavering dedication to preparing for the second round of assessments and their exemplary conduct throughout. They have demonstrated commendable qualities that reflect positively on their school, families, and the wider community.

Moreover, students exhibited a remarkable display of compassion through their involvement in the First Give project, where they actively supported local community groups and charities. The judges were truly impressed by the level of dedication and attention to detail shown by the students in their research and presentations. Witnessing young individuals passionately advocate for the various charities chosen was a privilege in itself, and the visiting charities commended the students for their attentiveness and astuteness.

It's evident that Year 8 students have not only excelled academically but have also showcased their empathy and commitment to making a positive impact in their community. They are truly deserving of praise for their outstanding efforts this term.



Attendance has demonstrated a notable increase, surpassing the national average and serving as a testament to the resilience and enjoyment that students experience in attending school and embracing daily challenges.

Furthermore, reward points now reflect the renewed sense of Responsibility, Resilience, Compassion and Aspiration evident across the year group. While they set the bar high with their efforts last term, they have surpassed expectations and are on track to conclude the academic year as the year group with the highest total of reward points. A heartfelt thank you is extended to all for their encouragement and support in this achievement.

Another highlight was witnessing students receive rewards for their Progress and Attainment within the year group. It was particularly gratifying to see numerous new students receive awards this time around, alongside some returning to claim awards once again. This serves as recognition of the collective aspiration demonstrated by all students and reflects their dedication to excellence in their recent assessments.



RS TRIP TO GURU NANAK GURDWARA

On Wednesday, March 20th, 47 students from Year 7 and 8 embarked on a memorable visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Gravesend, reputed to be the largest one in Europe. This excursion provided a unique opportunity for students not only to gain insight into the Sikh faith but also to delve into its ethos and philosophy.

During the visit, students were treated to a comprehensive tour of the magnificent building, where they learned about its rich history and the significance behind various architectural features. The experience was enhanced by engaging discussions about the Sikh religion, its traditions, and its values.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity for students to partake in the Langar, a communal meal served in the Gurdwara. Here, students were warmly welcomed to join in the community lunch, experiencing first-hand the spirit of inclusivity and generosity that characterizes Sikh hospitality.

Throughout the visit, the students from The Gateway Academy conducted themselves with utmost respect and curiosity, earning praise for their exemplary behaviour and eagerness to learn. Their respectful demeanour and genuine interest in exploring different cultures exemplified the values of our school community.

Overall, the visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara was a truly enriching experience, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation among our students. It served as a testament to the diversity and inclusivity that we celebrate at The Gateway Academy.



EVEN MORE NEWS....

GURU NANAK GURDWARA Contd.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students recently participated in a workshop focused on sustainable, cruelty-free, and plant-based eating, facilitated by volunteers from Animal Aid. During the workshop, the volunteers demonstrated the preparation of a delicious plant-based dish, specifically a chilli, which was met with great enthusiasm by the students.

This initiative aimed to promote a compassionate and eco-friendly lifestyle among the students, highlighting the importance of considering the ethical and environmental implications of dietary choices. By exploring plant-based alternatives, the students gained valuable insights into the benefits of sustainable and cruelty-free eating practices.

The workshop not only provided practical culinary skills but also encouraged critical thinking about food production and consumption. It served as a meaningful opportunity for our students to engage with broader issues surrounding sustainability and animal welfare, fostering a deeper understanding of their role in promoting positive change within their communities and beyond.



ART NEWS

Clay Workshop led by Julie Hadley, Art Teacher and Examiner at Harris Ockendon

On March 15th, twenty Year 11 students had the opportunity to participate in a clay workshop hosted at The Gateway Academy. This workshop, which we have been running for three years now, is eagerly anticipated by both students and staff alike.

The workshop provides a platform for these fortunate Year 11 students to unleash their creativity and produce stunning clay artworks to support their art coursework. Equipped with images and ideas, the students, under the expert guidance of Jenny Hill from The Gateway Academy, embarked on a journey through various clay techniques, even for those who had never worked with clay before.


Throughout the day, the Year 11 students demonstrated remarkable dedication and enthusiasm, working tirelessly to bring their imaginative visions to life. From spacemen to birds, snakes to zombies, and pyramids, each student crafted unique clay pieces tailored to their individual projects.

We eagerly await the opportunity to collect the fired clay pieces from the kiln and apply the finishing touches with a coat of paint back at Harris Ockendon. This workshop not only provided invaluable hands-on experience but also allowed students to push the boundaries of their creativity and bring their artistic visions to fruition. We look forward to seeing the outstanding outcomes of their efforts.



DRAMA NEWS

In an exciting endeavour orchestrated by the Drama department, students were given the remarkable opportunity to witness the captivating production of '39 Steps' at the Queens Theatre. This outing served not only as a delightful excursion but also as an enriching educational experience, allowing students to immerse themselves in the world of live theatre.





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- Go to the **three-dot** menu in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Privacy**
- Then toggle **Private account**

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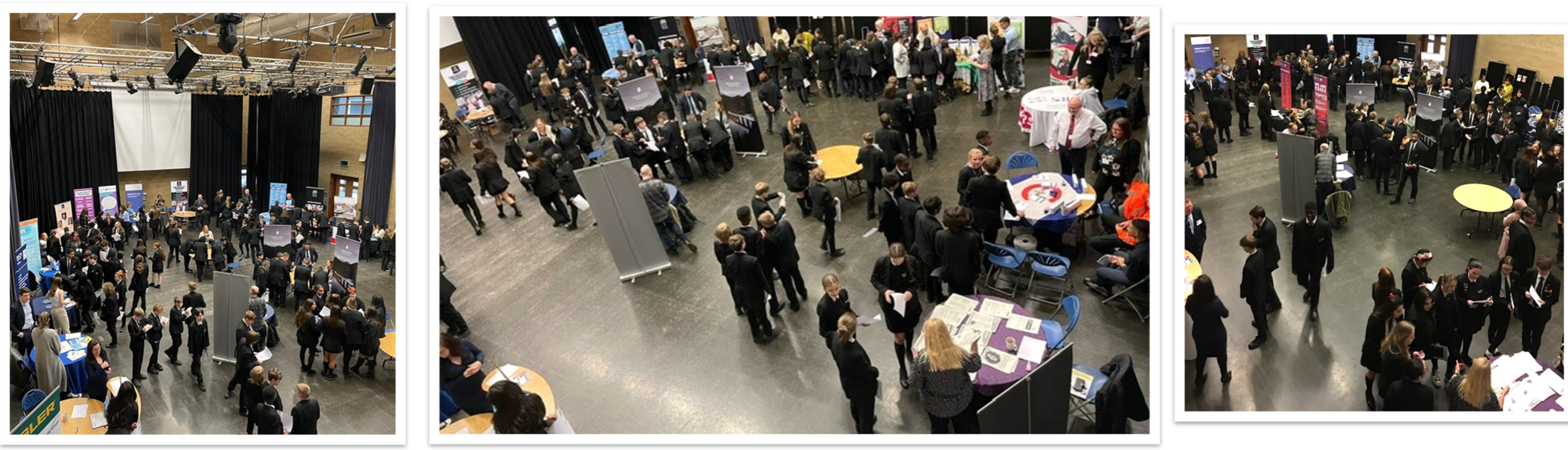
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CAREERS INFORMATION

Our work experience programme has been launched for Year 10 students, who will undertake a one-week placement in July. During this time, they will be responsible for sourcing their own placements. If you are aware of any companies willing to support this initiative, please email anna.fuller@theglc.org.uk.

Additionally, our remarkable Student Leadership Team played a pivotal role in organizing a Careers Fair, open to students from all year groups. This event provided invaluable opportunities for students to interact with representatives from various industries. We aim for this fair to become an annual event, further enhancing our students' career readiness and aspirations.



MADE Training collaborated with select Year 10 and 11 students to deliver valuable revision techniques aimed at significantly bolstering their academic progress moving forward.



Eighty students from Year 8 and 9 enthusiastically participated in an M & G Enterprise Challenge, facilitated by The Talent Foundry. This engaging workshop, centered around numeracy within the STEAM framework, creatively linked mathematical concepts to real-life scenarios, offering students a dynamic and practical learning experience.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Brighter Futures
Thameside Family Hub
 Manor Road, Grays, RM17 6DZ
 Email: thameside@thurrock.gov.uk Phone: 01375 367 894

Brighter Futures
Stifford Family Hub
 On the grounds of Belmont Centre Academy, Parker Road, Grays RM17 5TH
 Email: stifford@thurrock.gov.uk Phone: 01375 82801

What's on in March 2024

Start	End	Activity	Age groups	How to join in
Mondays				
8.30am	12.00pm	Housing Advice for Council Tenants		Book in advance 01375 413 820
9.30am	10.30am	Baby Rhyme Time	0 to 12 Months	All welcome
9.30am	10.30am	Bring a Story to Life 4 th - The Three Billy Goats Gruff 15 th - Old MacDonald Had a Farm 18 th - The Three Little Pigs 25 th - The Very Hungry Caterpillar	24 to 60 Months	All welcome
11.00am	12.00pm	Baby Massage	0 to 12 Months	Book in advance
2.00pm	3.00pm	Stay and Play	24 to 60 Months	All Welcome
Tuesdays				
9.30am	10.30am	Stay and Play	12 to 24 Months	All Welcome
10.00am	12.00pm	STOP - Parenting Programme for Parents of Teenagers		Referral only
11.00am	12.00pm	Fun with Books - 5 th March Fun with Storying - 12 th March Fun with Mark Making - 19 th March Fun with Instruments - 26 th March	12 to 60 Months	All Welcome
2.00pm	3.00pm	Story Play 6 th - 8 to 12 months 12 th - 12 to 24 months 19 th - 24 to 60 months 26 th - 0 to 12 months		All Welcome
Wednesdays				
9.00am	4.00pm	Melville	Ante Natal 18months +	Book in advance Drop in
9.00am	11.00am	Children's Confidence Advisor 6 th March		All welcome
9.30am	10.30am	Parents 1 st Coffee Morning/Drop In 13 th March		All welcome
10.30am	11.30am	SEND - Just For You Stay and Play 13 th , 18 th and 23 rd March	0 to 60 Months 0 to 12 Months	All welcome
1.30pm	2.30pm	Let's Talk to your Toddler	12 to 24 Months	Book in advance
1.30pm	2.30pm	Fussy Eating 26 th March	12 to 60 Months	Book in advance
4.00pm	5.30pm	Young Carers		Referral only
Thursdays				
9.00am	4.00pm	Melville	Ante Natal	Book in advance
9.30am	11.00am	Charlton	24 to 60 Months	Referral only
1.30pm	2.45pm	Baby Weighing Clinic - Drop In	0 to 60 Months	All Welcome
1.00pm	3.00pm	Triple P Baby Parenting Programme	Ante-natal or parents with a child aged 0 to 12 months	Book in advance
Fridays				
9.00am	1.00pm	Speech and Language Drop In 1 st March		Referral Only
9.00am	1.00pm	Early Interaction Advice Sessions Garden Group 1 st March	24 to 60 Months 24 to 60 Months	All welcome
10.00am	12.30pm	Job Club - Supported Families Employment Advisor		Book in advance 07776245301
10.00am	4.00pm	Inclusion Visions - Substance Misuse and Support - Drop In	18 + Years	Lorraine, G 07977 792 236
11.15am	12.15pm	Let's Talk to Your Baby	0 to 12 Months	Book in advance
1.30pm	2.30pm	Stay and Play	0 to 12 Months	All welcome

What's on in March 2024

Start	End	Activity	Age groups	How to join in
Mondays				
8.30am	12.00pm	Housing Advice for Council Tenants		Book in advance 01375 413 820
8.30am	1.30pm	Early Interaction Advice Sessions	24 to 60 Months	Referral Only
9.30am	10.30am	Stay and Play	12 to 24 Months	All welcome
10.00am	12.00pm	Parents 1 st Coffee Morning/Drop In 4 th March		All welcome
12.00pm	2.00pm	Triple P Baby Parenting Programme	Ante-natal or parents with a child aged 0 to 12 months	Book in advance
Tuesdays				
9.30am	10.30am	Let's Talk To Your Baby	0 to 12 Months	Book in advance
11.00am	12.00pm	WellComm - Talk Together	24 to 48 Months	Referral only
10.00am	11.00am	Baby Sign Along 8 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th March	3 Months to 2 Years	Book in advance
1.30pm	2.30pm	Stay and Play	0 to 12 Months	All welcome
Wednesdays				
9.00am	12.00pm	Local Area Co-ordinator Donna Burnett - 23 rd March		Book in advance 07584 345 551
10.00am	4.30pm	Inclusion Visions - Substance Misuse and Support - Drop In	18+ Years	Lorraine, G 07977 792 236
10.00am	12.00pm	EPEC - Living With A Teenager Parenting Group	Parents/Carers	Book in advance
1.30pm	2.30pm	Stay and Play 6 th , 26 th and 27 th March	24 to 60 Months	All welcome
Thursdays				
8.30am	1.30pm	Early Interaction Advice Sessions	24 to 60 Months	Referral Only
9.30am	11.00am	Parental Outreach Advice Session 28 th March		Book in advance
10.00am	11.00am	Childminder Support Group 29 th March		All Childminders welcome
10.00am	12.30pm	Job Club - Supported Families Employment Advisor	Parents/Carers	Book in advance 07776 245 301
11.00am	1.00pm	B3 - Birth, Bumps and Belonging A safe space for parents of Afro Caribbean heritage (0-2 years) and parents to be		All welcome
11.00am	12.30pm	Pre and post-natal exercise classes Face to Face - For all fitness levels. You could improve your blood, muscle control, posture, core strength, wellbeing and mood.	Mothers with a 0 to 6 month child 6 month child	Book in advance Tilbury Family Hub 01375 858243
1.00pm	2.30pm	Antenatal exercise classes Virtual - For all fitness levels. You could improve your blood, muscle control, posture, core strength, wellbeing and mood.	Mothers with a 0 to 6 month child	Book in advance
1.30pm	2.30pm	Let's Talk to your Toddler	12 to 24 Months	Book in advance
1.00pm	2.30pm	Parent Carer Panel 7 th March		Referral only
Fridays				
9.30am	10.30am	Baby Massage	0 to 12 Months	Book in advance
10.00am	11.30am	Stella, Walsingham Clinic	0 to 60 Months	All Welcome
12.30pm	1.30pm	Antenatal Information Sessions 8 th , 15 th , and 22 nd March		Book in advance sarah@parents1st.org.uk 07789753625 sarah@parents1st.org.uk
1.00pm	16.30pm	Early Interaction Advice Sessions	24 to 60 Months	Referral Only
1.30pm	2.30pm	Let's Talk to your Toddler	12 to 24 Months	Book in advance
Saturdays				
10.00am	1.30pm	Daads and Partners Antenatal Group		Info@parents1st.org.uk Book in advance 01268 525 756 info@parents1st.org.uk



Brighter Futures – Family Hub Offer

Please use this link to see the Family Hub's offer and activity details –
www.thurrock.gov.uk/family-hub-activities

Please see the Thurrock website for details of each Family Hub and what is on offer each month and Face Book for information:
www.facebook.com/groups/thurrockschildrenscentres

Are your registered with the Family Hub? If not, you can do this online.

GLC Gateway Academy
 All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best

EVEN MORE NEWS....

YEAR 11 BREAKFAST

This week, our Year 11 students were treated to a well-deserved free American-style breakfast as a token of appreciation for their exceptional dedication and hard work towards their GCSE studies and revision. This gesture aimed not only to acknowledge their relentless efforts but also to provide a moment of relaxation and enjoyment amidst their rigorous academic endeavours. As they continue to strive for success, we commend their resilience and commitment to their education.



REWARDS 4 U

On the last day of term, our legendary Gateway prize draw saw over 40 prizes being awarded to lucky students as part of our termly prize draw event. From projectors to bikes and even a 42-inch TV, there were a plethora of exciting rewards up for grabs. Additionally, one fortunate Golden Ticket winner walked away with a brand new iPad.

Don't forget to submit your vouchers for the Summer draw, which promises to be bigger and better than ever before. With a chance to win fantastic prizes, including surprises yet to be revealed, make sure to drop your vouchers into the box. Who knows? Your name could be the next one pulled out!



Academic Awards

Below, you'll discover an additional assortment of images capturing the highlights from our Termly Academic Award celebration.



How to stay safe on TikTok

Choosing to **make your account private** allows you to approve or deny followers and restrict your uploaded content to followers only. To make your account private:

- Tap on the profile tab
- Go to the **three-dot** menu in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Privacy**
- Then toggle **Private account**

You can keep your identity secure by not including any personal information, such as name, address, phone number or age in your profile.

Users can also manage their experience through the **Digital Wellbeing** tool in their settings, using 'Screen Time Management' and 'Restricted Mode', to limit the type and amount of content viewable.

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 **0800 800 5000** www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc

FREE School Uniform Events
 Free for everyone, no referral needed.

Fridays 3 - 4.30pm
 19th January
 16th February
 15th March
 19th April
 17th May
 21st June

Saturdays 10 - 11.30am
 20th January
 17th February
 16th March
 20th April
 18th May
 22nd June

Community Church Chadwell St Mary
 Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)
RM16 4QR

Save the planet and your pennies!
Hundreds of items in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Shirts & blouses
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Pinafore dresses
- Jumpers & cardigans
- Blazers & ties
- PE kit incl football socks
- Kimonos
- Black shoes
- Coats

Clear, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church
 Registered charity no. 1062201. Tel: 01375 484 951

ReThink ReCreate ReCycle
 Open to all young people aged 12-18
 Competition opens 22nd January 2024
 28th March 2024

Take a plunge into the world of recycling like never before. It's not just about bins and bottles, it's about turning everyday items into extraordinary creations and giving them a new lease on life. We want to see your innovative minds at work, turning old items into mind-blowing masterpieces.

HOW TO ENTER
 Collect the items you want to recycle and transform these into a mind-blowing creation.
 Take a photo of your masterpiece, and in a paragraph, show the inspiration behind your creation while highlighting the materials you recycled.
 Email it to rethink@thurrock.gov.uk
 Remember to include your name, age, year group and current school setting.

THINK ABOUT:
 What message does your creation convey about recycling?
 How did you recycle materials to create something new and exciting?
 How can your creation inspire others to join the movement?

YOUTH VOICE GROUP SUPPORTED BY THURROCK YOUTH CABINET

Are you 16-25 years old?
 Would you like to have a say on life, learning and living in Thurrock?
 If so, Thurrock Youth Cabinet would like to hear from you!

Do you identify as neurodiverse, additional needs, special needs, SEND or have a learning difficulty?
 We would love to hear from you!

Join a new Youth Voice group and turn your ideas into action.

- Attend three times a year at Grangewaters in South Ockendon
- Lunch, drinks and an activity provided
- Meet new people (16-25 olds with additional needs)
- Collaborate with Thurrock Youth Cabinet members and staff
- Have your say and be listened to!

To sign up or find out more, email today at youthvoice@thurrock.gov.uk

Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:
 Thursday 29th February 12.30 to 13.30
 Thursday 14th March 12.30 to 13.30
 Friday 26th April 12.30 to 13.30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to www.thurrock.gov.uk/autism

*For every person who understands autism better, another autistic person will be happier!
 (With thanks to Autism Action 2022)



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

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 Thursdays	2pm to 4pm
Stanford-le-Hope Library	Wednesdays	2pm to 4pm
Tilbury library	Mondays	2pm to 4pm

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](https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/stronger-together/warm-spaces).

To find Warm Spaces throughout the UK, go to the [Warm Welcome Spaces](https://www.warmwelcomespaces.org/) website.

For help finding more support, go to [support with the cost of living](https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/support) and [Stronger Together: support for residents](https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/stronger-together/support-for-residents).



PATT ADHD Support Group
 For families with children and young people with ADHD and neurodiversity

Booking essential
 If we need to cancel a session you will get notification via email
 To book: www.patt.org.uk/adhd/support or scan the QR Code below.
 Facebook: PATT ADHD Support

First Wednesday of each month 6.30pm to 8.30pm

7th February 2024 Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
 6th March PATT Office
 1st May Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
 5th June PATT Office
 3rd July Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
 4th September PATT Office
 2nd October Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
 6th November PATT Office
 4th December PATT Office

3rd Friday of each month 9.30am-11.30am
 PATT Office, 51 Lodge Lane, Grays, RM17 5RZ

19th January 2024 16th February
 15th March 19th April
 17th May 21st June
 19th July 27th September
 25th October 29th November

Specialist Health Visitor Appointments with PATT SENDIASS via MS Teams

These appointments are for parents with children who have additional needs. It is an opportunity to meet with our team to discuss how our service may be able to assist. This may be signposting to other services, explaining processes, coordinating health care, referral, intervention, or support. It is also an opportunity to meet the PATT SENDIASS team and get advice and guidance on education and school issues.

To book a 15 minute, online appointment, visit www.patt.org.uk/booking-page Or scan the QR code below.

Please be assured that you will have the opportunity to speak with Caralyn or a member of her team in private during these sessions.

2023	Time	2024	Time
Thursday 12 th September	10.30am - 12.30pm	Thursday 18 th January	10.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 18 th October	10am - 12pm	Wednesday 29 th February	10am - 12pm
Thursday 16 th November	10.30am - 12.30pm	Thursday 28 th March	12.30pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	10am - 12pm	Wednesday 17 th April	10am - 12pm
		Thursday 30 th May	10.30am - 12.30pm
		Wednesday 29 th June	10am - 12pm
		Thursday 11 th July	12.30pm - 2.30pm

Because of the nature of the roles in this team we may need to cancel at the last minute, if this happens, I will arrange to speak with you at a different time.

EASTER EGG APPEAL

WE WOULD LOVE TO PROVIDE THE FAMILIES WE SUPPORT WITH A SPECIAL TREAT THIS EASTER. WE ARE COLLECTING EASTER EGGS TO PUT SOME SMILES ON THE CHILDREN'S FACES.

CAN YOU HELP?

Thurrock Foodbank
 2-4 Chase Road, Corringham, Essex, SS17 7QH
 Contact - latecoller@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk
 Office - 01375 436200
 Website - www.thurrock.foodbank.org.uk
 Registered Charity Number - 297569

Opening hours - Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am - 3pm

Schedule 2024
 where and when to find us
 Sessions run term time only
 To book an appointment: www.patt.org.uk scan the QR code or call 07702 127 252

First Wednesday of the Month 5pm - 6.30pm
 Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub, Copland Road, SS17 0DF
 Runs in conjunction with PATT ADHD Support group (6.30 - 8.30pm)
 6th Feb, 7th May, 2nd July, 1st Oct, 5th Dec

First Thursday of the Month 9.30am - 11.00am
 Tilbury Family Hub, London Road, Tilbury RM18 8EY
 1 Feb, 7 Mar, 2 May, 6 Jun, 4 Jul, 8 Sep, 2 Oct, 5 Dec

Second Wednesday of the Month 10am - 12pm
 Ockendon Family Hub, 20 Affan Drive, RM15 5AP
 19 Jan, 16 Feb, 13 Mar, 9 May, 12 Jun, 10 Jul, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec

Fourth Wednesday of the Month 4pm - 6.30pm
 PATT Office, c/o Take 4 Care, 51 Lodge Lane, Grays RM17 5RZ
 24 Jan, 28 Feb, 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 22 May, 29 Jun, 29 Sep, 23 Oct, 27 Nov

Third Monday of the Month 4pm - 6.30pm
 30 minute online session with a member of the PATT team
 19 Jan, 18 Mar, 15 Apr, 20 May, 17 Jun, 16 Jul, 16 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec

FAMILY VIEWS WORKSHOP
Second Tuesday of the Month 10am - 2pm
 A one hour, one to one session at the PATT office to support you to complete the family views document. We will send you the template and guidance document when we receive your booking for you to start writing your child's story so far.
 Please bring the document with you when you attend.
 13 Feb, 12 Mar, 14 May, 5 Jun, 9 Jul, 10 Sep, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec

EASTER FAMILY ACTIVITIES 2024

Activity	9.00am - 11am	11.00am - 12.00pm	1.00pm - 3pm	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 2 April	Bushcraft	Canoe	Climbing	Kayak
Wednesday 3 April	Archery	Packboard	High Rope	Sail
Thursday 4 April	Climbing	Kayak	Sail	Bushcraft
Friday 5 April	High Rope	Sail	Bushcraft	Canoe
Tuesday 9 April	Bushcraft	Canoe	Climbing	Kayak
Wednesday 10 April	Archery	Packboard	High Rope	Canoe
Thursday 11 April	Climbing	Kayak	Bushcraft	Canoe
Friday 12 April	High Rope	Sail	Archery	Packboard

Activities cost £11 per person, per session. Why not book more than one session and stay for lunch (bring your own). Snacks ship upon request. Accompanying adults must stay on-site. Why not take part too?
 Children aged 6 to 16 must be on safety equipment prior to booking. Get in touch to arrange an appropriate time.

Thurrock's specialist for everything at **GRANGEWATERS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE**
 Buckles Lane, South Ockendon, RM15 8RS

To book call **01708 855 228**

For further information visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/grangewaters or email grangewaters@thurrock.gov.uk

GRANGEWATERS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL 2 COURSE

Grangewaters is a great inland location to learn the skills and background knowledge needed by the competent powerboat driver and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence.

This course aims to teach boat handling and seamanship in powerboats. It focuses on low speed close quarters handling, man overboard recovery, an introduction to driving at planning speed, and collision regulations.

Our course is run by our expert RYA instructors using our Rib and Jiffs craft. All safety equipment will be provided.

RYA Level 2 Powerboat 2-day course
 April 10-11
 Thursday 30th & Friday 31st May 2024
 9.00am - 5.00pm
 £250

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 Email us on grangewaters@thurrock.gov.uk
 Call us on 01708 855 228
 @Grangewaters

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