

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

Dear Parents / Carers and Students

It has been an incredible term so far at our Academy. We continue to achieve great things, with student attendance and academic performance exceeding the national average. As we approach the end of this academic year, I am delighted to inform you that our staffing remains exceptionally strong. We are fully staffed for the 2024-2025 academic year, which is particularly noteworthy given the national teacher shortage. The dedication and commitment of our wonderful staff to support our students in reaching their potential is truly remarkable.

Highlights of this half term include the Dance Show, the athletics events, the amazing trips we have offered and the outstanding attitude of the Year 11 students towards their GCSE examinations.

However, we remain concerned about students' use of mobile phones late into the evening and their interactions with people

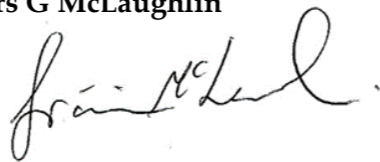
they do not really know. I urge all parents and carers to consistently monitor their child's phone usage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents / carers, community members, students and staff for their continued support. Together, we are achieving truly extraordinary things. As we move forward towards the end of this term, please ensure your child is studying for their upcoming examinations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs G McLaughlin



HEAD OF SCHOOL



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

		Mon 06-May	** BANK HOLIDAY **	
MAY	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)
	Thur	23-May		GLC Senior Citizens' Dinner [invitation only]
	Fri	24-May		End of Half Term
** MONDAY 27 MAY - FRIDAY 31 MAY - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS **				
JUNE	Mon	03-Jun		Year 10 PPE Exams (for two weeks - 03 June - 14 June 2024)
	Mon	10-Jun	0815	All Years Start (Yrs 7-11)
	Wed	12-Jun		Years 7-9 Assessments (for two weeks 10 June - 21 June 2024)
		12-Jun		Catch-Up Vaccinations (all year groups)
	Fri	21-Jun	1300	Early closure due to Year 11 Graduation
	Fri	21-Jun	1330	Year 11 Graduation
	Fri	21-Jun		Wind Rush Day (Official Day 22 June 2024)
	27-Jun	1745	Year 11 Pre-Prom Reception @ The Gateway Academy	
	27-Jun	1830	Year 11 Prom - Orsett Hall	



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DANCE SHOW

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th May 2024, we held our annual dance show. This all-inclusive community dance event featured students from primary through to Year 11, giving them the opportunity to perform and showcase their talent and passion to an audience. This year's show included over 20 numbers in a range of different dance styles, including contemporary, commercial, acro, musical theatre, jazz, and tap. In total, we had over 130 students participating, demonstrating their hard work and love for dance. Our Year 11 students also had the opportunity to perform their exam choreographies, and students across all year groups were able to audition their own pieces to perform in the show. Students have shown incredible dedication and resilience during all of their lessons and after-school rehearsals. They gave up weekends and evenings to rehearse for the performance, and their passion and commitment to dance were truly reflected in their performances.

We also invited local dance schools and colleges to perform alongside our students, providing them the opportunity to see dance beyond The Gateway and inspiring them to consider dance as a post-16 option.

The students were absolutely outstanding and performed with such confidence. The dance department is very proud of each and every student involved in this year's show, both on stage and supporting backstage, and wants to say a massive thank you and well done to you all!.... See some of the fabulous images on page 2.....

SATFF VS YEAR 11

Read more about the Staff vs Year 11 Football on Page 2....



CAREERS NEWS

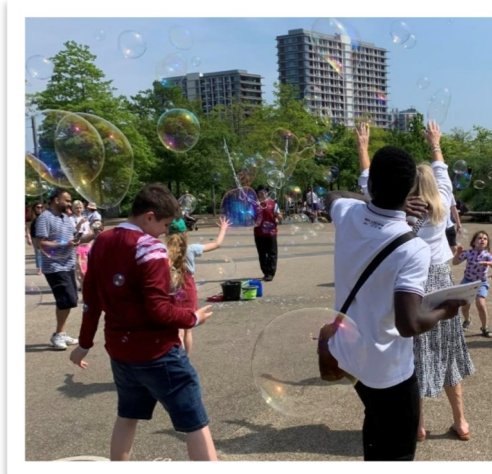
Daniel C, Year 10, and Gabrielle V, Year 8, presented their speeches to the Student Leadership Team and have both been elected to represent the Thurrock Youth Cabinet

Year 10 students are busy trying to source their work experience placements, which take place for one week in July, along with creating their CVs in preparation for Mock Interview Day the following week. They will also be visiting the Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford Campus for a tour. If you are aware of any companies that can support with work experience placements, please email anna.fuller@theglc.org.uk.



STUDENT NEWS

Kai & Emmanuel (both Year 9 student leaders) enjoyed an amazing day (Saturday 11th) at West Ham. It was Emmanuel's first ever time, and he loved every minute of it, along with the buzz of the 60,000-plus crowd. Their smiles beamed from start to finish, and they even danced around in the bubbles at the ground. Luckily West Ham won, but even if they had lost, it wouldn't have mattered to these two. Two wonderful ambassadors for The Gateway Academy



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Year 11

Mrs A Dixon

Year 11 has had an amazing half term. They have kicked off the exam season with a bang, and we are so proud of each and every one of them. The determination, work ethic, positivity and support they have all shown are just incredible, and we could not have asked for better. Please congratulate them on this, as it is not an easy time for them, and they are all doing their best.



We have had many events within the year group, including extra sessions after school with dinner and the charity football match, Year 11s vs. staff. This was a fantastic event, and everyone had a lot of fun. The final score was 2-2, and everyone played well. Unfortunately, the pupils just could not get another one past us teachers!



Prom and graduation are fast approaching, and the deadline for tickets and payment is within the next few weeks. Please ensure all reply slips are returned to us and payments have been made. Year 11's last day will be Friday, 14 June; however, pupils will continue to come in for booster sessions, revision sessions, and exams. They must also be in full uniform. Graduation will be on Friday, 21 June at 1:30 PM. Prom will be on Thursday, 27 June at Orsett Hall, with a pre-prom reception here at the academy.



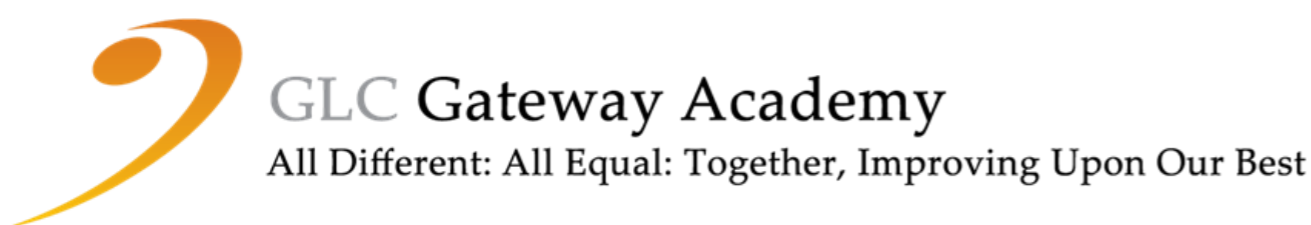
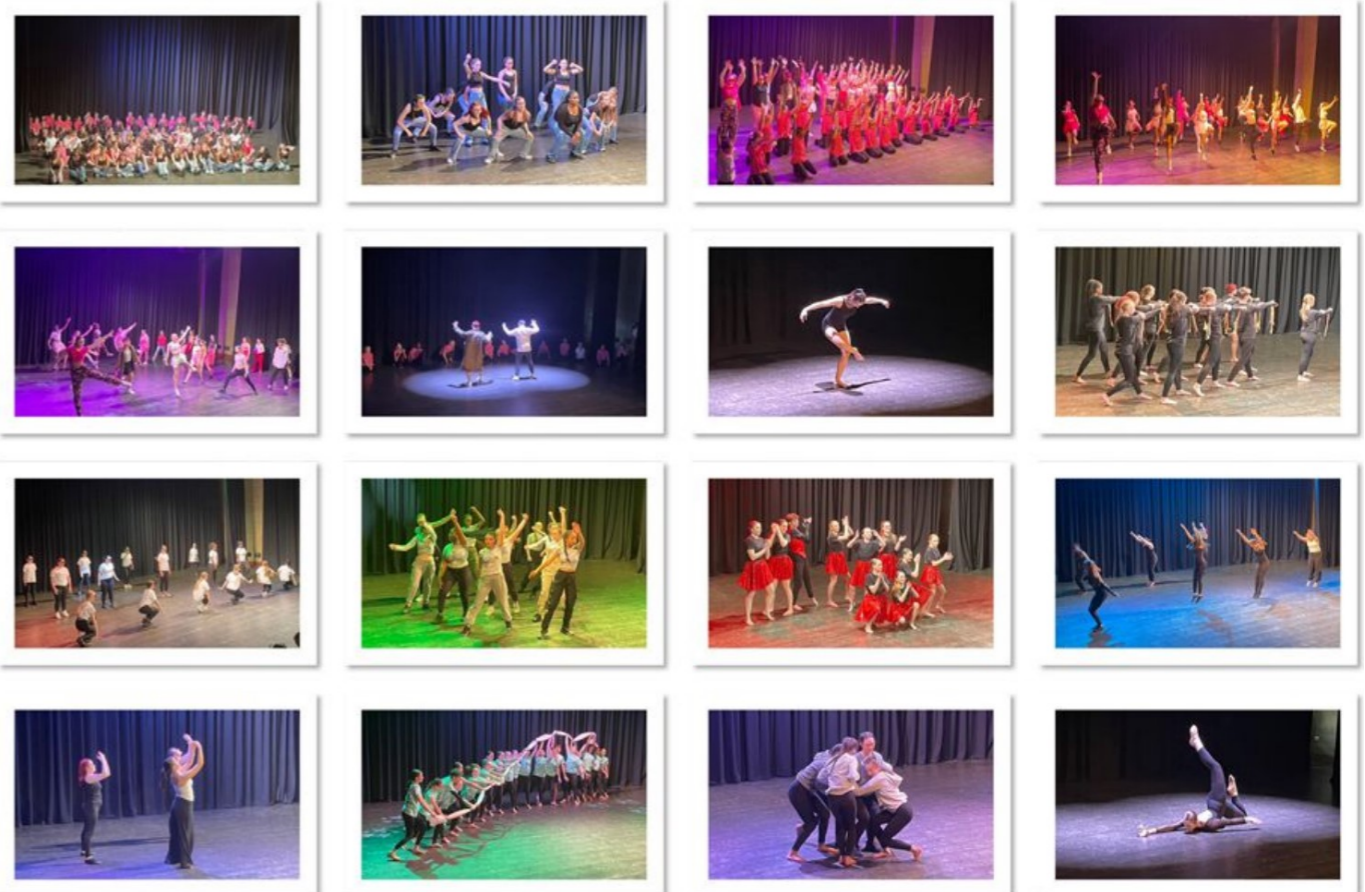
Thank you for your ongoing support of the brilliant Year 11 students. We hope their dedication continues after half term. What an amazing year group they are!

DANCE NEWS CONTD....

Continuing the celebration of our annual dance show, we would like to highlight some standout moments and feedback from the event. The energy in the Eliis theatre was palpable as students dazzled the audience with their routines.

Looking ahead, the dance department is already buzzing with ideas for next year's show. We aim to continue fostering an environment where students can explore their creativity, develop their skills, and build lasting memories.

Our commitment to providing high-quality dance education and opportunities remains steadfast, and we are excited to see how our students will continue to grow and inspire through their passion for dance. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's dance show. Your support and enthusiasm are invaluable, and we look forward to many more years of spectacular performances!



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YEAR 10

Ms A Shannon

Year 10 have been working hard this past half term on writing their CVs and trying to find work experience. This has put some of our students in a different position where they have had to go out themselves and source a placement for a week in July. Some students have been fantastic and have already sorted their placements, CVs, and all the paperwork needed for their placement. A huge thank you to Mrs. Fuller, our Careers Advisor at the academy, for her continued support with Year 10 and for providing them with the tools needed to approach businesses and companies. Thank you as well to our parents and carers who have also been supporting from home, helping with finding placements, or offering placements to some of our students. This will be the first experience our students have of what the working world looks like, how different businesses and companies run, and, more importantly, how hard you have to work in the real world—a taste of reality once they leave the academy.

Following their work experience, Year 10 will have a Mock Interview Day where they will come to school dressed smartly and participate in official interviews. Company directors will be attending the day, interviewing the students, looking at their CVs, questioning them about their aspirations and futures, and providing feedback that they can use when applying for their first real job.



When we return after half term, Year 10 assessments will commence. (Students can find details on their GC page and also on the school website.) All these assessments will be conducted under exam conditions in the sports hall, mirroring what they can expect in their actual GCSE examinations. Recently, we held an assembly to guide students through exam protocols and expectations, and they responded admirably. They approached the assembly with maturity and the right attitude. Sitting in a large exam hall can be daunting for students, but they manage it exceptionally well, paying close attention to all instructions for their upcoming assessments.

Students have been working tirelessly throughout this half term and should be proud of what they have achieved. This next term is going to be huge for our Year 10's with a lot of focus being on them as year 11 starts to leave. Big shout out to Megan B for being nominated and winning Jack Petchey this term – an extremely talented young lady who always supports her peers and is doing some great work within the community.

Another congratulations to all of the amazing dancers who represented the academy and Year 10 last week in their performances, you were outstanding and a true credit to the school.



We are looking forward to what is in store as we move into Year 11. Enjoy your half term Year 10.

SAFEGUARDING

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 & colleges in Europe.

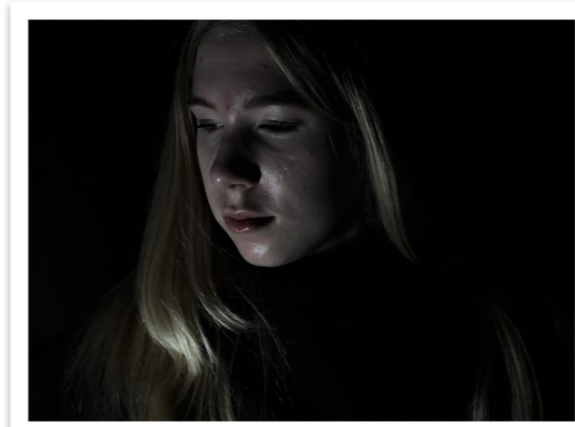
As part of the agreement with yourselves we ask parents to also be vigilant on what is accessed at home as well as the time of day the devices are being used – if you feel you have any web concerns please report directly to the IT team by using the email address - filtering@theglc.org.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

Currently, students in year 10 GCSE Photography are taking photos with digital SLR cameras on manual settings. Technically this is very complex and students have excelled with their work and evidencing their ability.

This is an example of student Scarlett M's work demonstrating her ability to control the camera manually and building her coursework for her GCSE portfolio.

We look forward to shooting in Southend in June for our next unit of work.



YEAR 7

Mrs L Bruce

Year 7 have had a busy time within the Academy over the last few weeks. A number of students performed in the Dance show, which was outstanding, and a select group of students had the opportunity to take part in an Art workshop, which was a great experience. Some Year 7 students were selected for the Track and Field Athletics Cup, all representing the Academy to a high standard.

Students have been working very hard in lessons, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and positive attitude. We have been busy helping the students prepare for the upcoming assessments, which start on the 10th of June and last for two weeks. We have provided students with a revision timetable and are encouraging them to work at home to help them prepare.

Wishing you a lovely half term break, and I look forward to welcoming you back for your final half term before the summer break.

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YEAR 8

Mr M Scott

Year 8 has continued this term as strongly as they finished the last. Students have shown real dedication to their learning and community life at The Gateway Academy.

Positive attitudes toward learning are evident as Year 8 prepares for their next set of assessments starting on Monday, 10th June. The high number of students requesting additional revision resources highlights their commitment to improvement.

Attendance has remained consistently above the national average and is approaching the best of any year group at The Gateway Academy. Daily challenges to improve punctuality have made a significant difference. Well done to all!

Reward points and tokens are in high demand as students consistently demonstrate positive behaviours. Tutor groups have been competing for the top spot as we approach the end-of-year school trip for our exceptional students. Currently, the top three tutor groups in reverse order are L. Rowe 8E, J. Curran 8F, and in first place, F. Bouretaa 8H. Great job, 8H!

I encourage you all to spend time over the break working on your revision using the guides, knowledge organisers and resources provided by your teachers. Every bit of effort will make a big difference!

Fantastic effort by all. Have a lovely break and come back ready to go!

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Our mental health ambassadors were busy this week, leading activities in school to promote mental health and well-being. They created a podcast for our primary schools to demonstrate meditation and mindfulness, held a Green Station Day, threw foam at Mr. Moruzzi and Mr. Thomas, and organised an art competition. The Mental Health Support Team visited the school to hand out leaflets to all students and be available to speak with any students or parents who needed support.



COLGATE DONATION

In line with our Health and Hygiene lessons as part of PSHE, all Year 7 students have received a free tube of toothpaste and an information sheet from Colgate. This initiative aims to promote good dental hygiene habits and educate students about the importance of maintaining oral health.

The information sheet provided by Colgate includes tips on effective brushing techniques, the importance of regular dental check-ups, and the impact of diet on dental health. By integrating these lessons into our PSHE curriculum, we hope to instill lifelong healthy habits in our students.

We are pleased to announce that we will be extending this initiative to Year 8 students later in the summer term. They will also receive a free tube of toothpaste and an information sheet, ensuring that all students have access to the resources they need to maintain good oral hygiene.

This program is part of our ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of our students, recognising that good oral health is a crucial aspect of overall health. We believe that these small steps can make a big difference in the lives of our students, helping them to develop responsible self-care habits that will benefit them throughout their lives.



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YEAR 9

Ms B MEAD

Year 9, another fantastic half term completed! As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, we know our final round of assessments is coming up. It has been fantastic to witness so many of you going above and beyond in your lessons, ensuring you are in the best possible position for these assessments. Students have been guided through revision strategies such as effective mind mapping and creating revision timetables for the half-term break to ensure they are using their time effectively. A reminder: there are printed copies of the term 3 knowledge organisers in the Year 9 office, as well as blank revision timetable templates and other revision materials. Please make sure you come and collect anything you need to support your preparation for these upcoming assessments.

A huge thank you to all Year 9 students and their parents/carers for ensuring all options choices were completed and submitted before the deadline. Attendance at parents' evening was fantastic, and there was some really positive feedback. It has been wonderful to hear so many conversations surrounding options choices and future career goals in recent weeks. All students were clear on the choices they wanted to make, which shows the level of thought and preparation that has gone into the process. Brilliant work!

It was wonderful to see some of the Year 9s performing in the dance show at the start of May and the PE athletics event, as well as having a group of students complete the Respect Project. We had some amazing feedback regarding these students and their hard work, resilience, and determination. Well done all!

Next term, we have a range of different activities, rewards trips, and assemblies taking place to finish what has been a fantastic year.

Well done, Year 9—you have been amazing!



SENIOR CITIZENS MEAL

On Thursday, 23rd May, The Gateway Learning Community hosted their annual Senior Citizens Meal at the Gateway Academy. This cherished event warmly welcomed senior citizens from the local community for an enjoyable and memorable evening. The attendees were treated to a delightful two-course meal, with desserts specially prepared by the talented Gateway Academy catering students, adding a personal and community-focused touch to the culinary experience. Complimentary drinks were also provided.

In addition to the delicious meal, the evening featured games of bingo and a raffle, adding an element of fun and excitement to the gathering. The event was not only about providing a joyful evening for the guests but also about supporting worthy causes. All proceeds from the night were dedicated to charity, with this year's beneficiaries being the Thurrock Foodbank and Cardiac Risk in the Young (C.R.Y.). These organizations play crucial roles in supporting those in need and raising awareness about important health issues, respectively.

As a token of appreciation and to add a personal touch, each guest was presented with a plant as they departed. This thoughtful gesture, carried out by students or staff, served as a lasting memento of the evening and symbolised the care and community spirit at the heart of the event.

The annual Senior Citizens Meal at the Gateway Academy exemplifies the commitment of the Gateway Learning Community to fostering connections, supporting charitable causes, and creating meaningful experiences for the local senior citizens.

"Thank you so much for a lovely meal and evening. It was so nice, and everyone made us feel so welcome. The pupils are a real credit to the Gateway and worked so hard to make certain that all the guests were looked after. Thank you again."

- Mr. & Mrs. Packer

MILAN TOUR

On May 2nd, 33 students embarked on a football trip to Milan. For many, it marked their first time traveling abroad without their parents. As they arrived at the Konami Youth Development Centre, initial nerves transformed into excitement. They enjoyed three training sessions with experienced Milan coaches over the course of four days. Prior to that, they savoured authentic Italian pizza at local restaurants, sparking a desire for more.

The group also had the opportunity to cheer on Milan's Under-19 team, witnessing a thrilling 3-2 victory and even capturing moments with the players. The next day, they explored Milan city centre, immersed themselves in its culture, and indulged in some shopping. They also visited the iconic San Siro stadium, experiencing the proximity to the legendary grass where many football greats have played.

The trip culminated in game day, where all three squads competed against local Italian teams. The Year 8/9 boys achieved a commendable 4-4 draw, the Year 9/10 boys secured an impressive 8-4 win, and the girls staged a thrilling comeback, clinching a 3-2 victory. Amidst the passion of the game and the excitement of competition, lasting friendships were forged, skills were refined, and unforgettable memories were created in Milan.



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PE NEWS

Mr J White

This has been a busy half term of sport, with the winter season finishing and moving to the summer season. There has been a change in emphasis on what we are doing. Athletics has been front and centre of the sporting landscape at Gateway, with the Junior NBA Basketball also coming to its conclusion. It has been a fantastic first year in this competition for us, with 3 of the 4 teams entered making the finals. These will be held at the University of East London and the University of East Anglia after the half term break. We wish all of our teams luck.

The Athletics season has started really well with us entering 4 teams into the English Schools Athletics competition for the first time in the school's history. We have had all four teams make regional finals in this, which will be completed after the half term break. This is a testament to the hard work the pupils have put in and shows the talent levels that we have within the academy. To give some perspective on this, the winners of the national athletics over the past 10 years have invariably come from Essex. This shows the level of performance that takes place within our region and the schools that we are striving to compete with.

Sport is really going from strength to strength, and I would encourage all pupils to attend as many extracurricular clubs as possible. The provision for sport is huge and as a faculty, we are incredibly passionate about providing opportunities for all of our pupils to take part.

LITERATURE LOUNGE EVENTS



HARRY POTTER

The literature lounge was a hive of activity for a group of enthusiasts on the 2nd of May. Twelve excited teams participated in our first annual Harry Potter Day quiz, with the winners being team "Hogwarts Rejects." Well done to everyone who participated, and a big thank you to Ms. Clarke-Irons for her contribution as the grand quizmaster.



SHERLOCK HOLMES DAY

We were celebrating again on the 22nd of May in the literature lounge. Our first murder mystery event saw our suspects Mr Mitchell, Miss Kelly and Miss Balmer all under the spotlight for the murder of a guest speaker. Our determined sleuths used their lunchtime to analyse the clues and come up with their accusations. Out of 14 teams of super sleuths, only one team was victorious and uncovered the true murderer.

It was Mr Mitchell who murdered the speaker in the canteen with the exploding beaker.

A big well done to everyone involved, and especially Elwen and Eliza in year seven, who were our master sleuths and cracked the case wide open.



You have shown amazing developments in your reading habits over the last term! Keep up the great work by challenging yourself to read at least 20 minutes a day for the whole of your half term. We all know that reading 20 minutes daily has brilliant impact on your overall health and well-being, as well as those amazing test results that will be coming up in term three.

Our three top tips for the perfect 20 is plenty experience are:

- pick a read that you enjoy
- avoid distractions
- record what you read on the 20 is plenty tracker.



Remember to keep an eye out on your Google Classroom year group notice pages for the announcements of future literature lounge events.

EVEN MORE NEWS....

USEFUL INFORMATION

Current Vacancies.

Click the below for more information

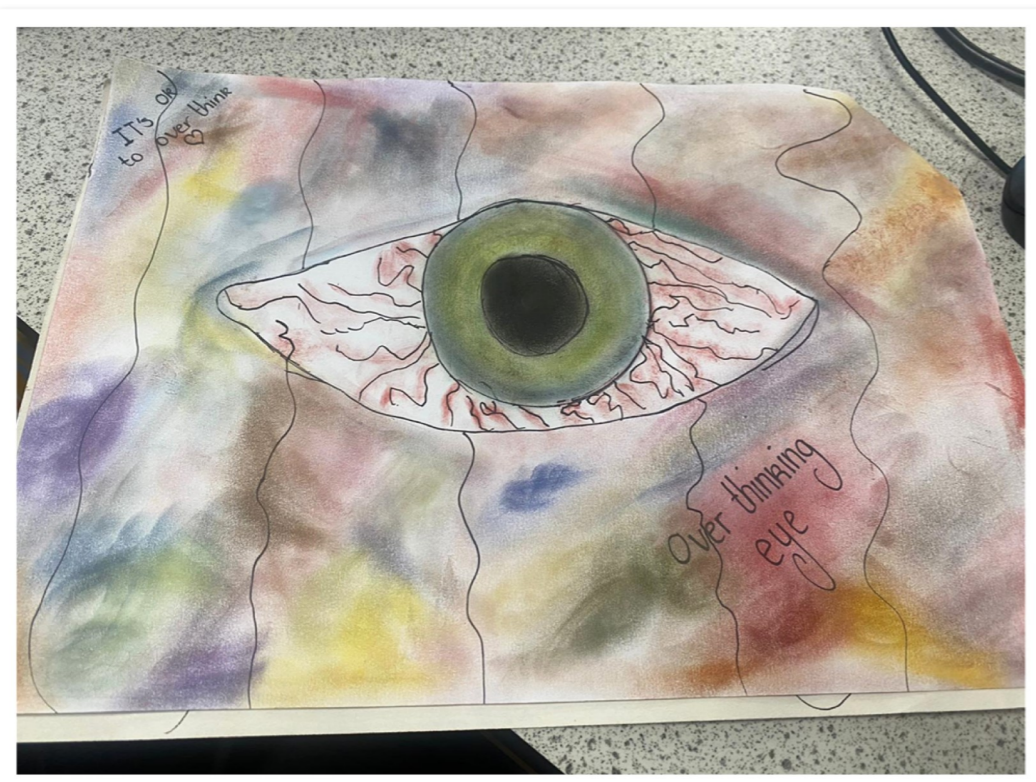
The Gateway [Secondary] Academy: English Teacher Closing Date 31/05/2024 12:00 Permanent

Establishment: Gateway Learning Community Salary: 31973 - 47852 Location: Grays Department: English Key Stage: Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

Job Type: Full Time Closing Date: 31/05/2024 12:00 Interview: TBC Start Date: September 2024

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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.

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, RM176SL
Tel 01375 652802

Emergency duty team (out of hours) Tel: 01375 372468

Police Child Abuse Investigation Team. Tel: 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC: 0808 8005000 www.nspcc.org.uk

Kik (or Kik Messenger) is a free messaging app used by 300 million people worldwide that lets users exchange messages, photos, videos, GIFs and webpages via a Wi-Fi connection or data plan. Kik is unusual in that your child can sign up without a phone number and then find and message other people via just their username. Kik is aimed at anyone aged 13 years and older – the app says teens between 13 and 16 years old will need parental permission but it does not verify ages.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

What parents need to know about Kik

- CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & GROOMING**: Evidence in the UK has shown that Kik has featured in more than 1,000 child sexual abuse cases in the last five years and that 13-16 year olds are at risk on the app. Offences include the app is used to share images of children, grooming and sexual exploitation. Kik has also been identified by UK police as being used by sex predators, and there has been a number of reports of children being targeted by predators, including the murder of a 13-year-old girl by a man she met on Kik.
- FAKE OR ANONYMOUS PROFILES**: What makes Kik unique to most other private messaging apps is the fact that it doesn't require a phone number or a social media ID to create an account. By using a username, your child can avoid sharing personal information with other users. In the public, this makes it far easier for people to masquerade as someone else or create a fake persona.
- SEXUAL PREDATORS**: Some predators use Kik with the intention of targeting children. Typically, this is a subtle and a potentially dangerous individual who will build a rapport with your child and then use this to groom them into sexual activities and webcam sex with them.
- JOINING PUBLIC GROUPS**: All over the world, there are public groups on Kik. These are often used by predators to groom children. There are also public groups on Kik that can be used for creating a group chat or if it were used by someone on the internet, it could be used to spread misinformation.
- SEXTING**: Unlike the general ease of having photos and videos sent to you, these messages can be screenshot or saved at the press of a button, which could lead to further damage, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to send, possess, download, share and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.
- KIK 'BOTS'**: Users can add bots to their friends list and communicate with them on the app. Bots are automated software programs built into the app that mimic human conversation. Bots can be used to create a conversation with any Kik user who has opted to chat with someone with them. Bots have been used to send 'pornbots' and 'sexbots', which try to lure users into clicking on links to porn websites by using suggestive and other personalised messages.
- VIDEO CHAT**: Your child can take part in a live video chat with their friends via one-to-one chat, or with up to six friends at a time in a private group chat. There is a big danger that conversations can be recorded and shared without their knowledge, and it is illegal to share or receive any content of a sexual nature. This includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.
- PERSONAL OR COMPROMISING USERNAMES**: As Kik made with usernames and not phone numbers, some people may search for chat as to who someone is in real life, based on their name. For example, if your child says their name is 'John', someone could search for 'John' and find out where they live, their school, and other information that they have shared on other social media platforms.

Top Tips for Parents

- CHOOSING A USERNAME**: When setting up a Kik account, ensure that your child knows the importance of choosing a username that is not their real name. Encourage your child to choose a username that is hard to guess, using a combination of letters and numbers.
- SHARING USERNAMES**: Encourage your child to be cautious about sharing their username on social media, such as Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, and make it clear that they should never share their username or Kik account details with anyone they don't know. If your child joins a group, you may wish to check the group and see who the other members are. Your child should never share their username or Kik account details with anyone they don't know.
- DEACTIVATING ACCOUNTS**: If your child is under 13, you can submit a request to Kik to deactivate their account. Use the subject line 'Parent Request' and provide your child's Kik username and age in your message. If your child is over 13 and you want to close their account, you will need to go to the email address registered to their account before you can deactivate it.
- FIND GENUINE FRIENDS**: The Kik app includes an algorithm that suggests that your child can be added to their friends list. Encourage your child to be cautious about accepting friend requests from people they don't know. If your child is over 13 and you want to close their account, you will need to go to the email address registered to their account before you can deactivate it.
- SHOW HOW TO BLOCK & REPORT**: Teach your child how to block and report users on the app. Kik's 'Block' feature can be used to block anyone who sends you a message without responding to them or that they have blocked. Your child can also report anyone who is inappropriate or who is harassing them. Encourage your child to be cautious about sharing their username or Kik account details with anyone they don't know.
- AVOIDING UNEXPECTED IMAGES**: Kik allows images to be shared, but it is important to teach your child to be cautious about clicking on links or images that they are not sure about. Encourage your child to be cautious about clicking on links or images that they are not sure about.
- USING A VALID EMAIL**: According to Kik, it is important to use a valid email address when registering their account. This will help Kik to contact you if you need to verify your account. Encourage your child to use a valid email address when registering their account.
- MUTING OR LEAVING A CHAT**: If someone has sent a message that is inappropriate or that your child does not want to receive, they can mute or leave the chat. Encourage your child to be cautious about clicking on links or images that they are not sure about.
- DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS**: If your child knows how to talk to someone they don't know in real life, the risks of using Kik are greatly increased. Encourage your child to be cautious about talking to strangers on Kik.
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY**: If your child has something to share, encourage them to talk to you or someone they trust. They may be left out and in need of support. Encourage your child to be cautious about talking to strangers on Kik.

NOS National Online Safety www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Supporting young people online Information and advice for parents and carers

Help make sure that your children know how to stay safe online by using the SMART Rules.

- S** Safe: Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too.
- M** Meet: Do not meet up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, as they are still a stranger, if someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report the together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- A** Accepting: think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) and do not accept something if you are unsure who the person is or what they've sent you.
- R** Reliable: You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. always compare 3 websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you find online.
- T** Tell: Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused, you could talk to a teacher, parent, carer or a helpline like Childline 0800 11 11
- Heart**: Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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
- Pimsoles
- Black shoes
- Coats

Clean, 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. 1062301. Tel: 01375 484 101

Wilder Weekend: #30DaysWild

SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024

10:30am - 4pm

£10 per child

SEED BOMBS

BUG HUNTING

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WILD ARTEFACTS

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Thameside Nature Discovery Park, Mocking Wharf Road, Stanford le Hope, SS17 0BN

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