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A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

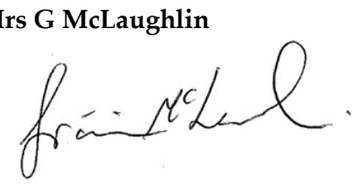
It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as the Headteacher of The Gateway Academy this academic year. Reflecting on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the opportunities afforded to our students: high-quality teaching and learning, specialist basketball coaching, academic tutoring from our alumni, whole academy productions, and an extensive range of clubs and activities for our students to participate in. We have maintained a continuous focus on "improving upon our best."

As we move into the summer break, we will be working hard to find ways to develop further. Some of the initiatives we will be implementing next year include:

- **Learning:** We will continue to focus on student learning and the best teaching strategies to help students reach their full potential.
- **Free Lunch:** Students will receive a free lunch on their birthday as a small treat for our exceptional students.
- **Uniform:** Students wearing the academy skirt are expected to ensure it is below the knee. Too much learning time has been lost addressing issues with students not dressed appropriately for the academy environment.
- **Army Cadets:** We aim to expand our co-curricular offerings, ensuring that students have every opportunity to get involved in the extensive programs available.
- **Values:** Responsibility, resilience, compassion, and aspiration are values we will continue to embed across every facet of Academy life.

"We were not born to be average.
We were born to be exceptional.
We are The Gateway Academy."

Mrs G McLaughlin



HEAD OF SCHOOL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	AUTUMN TERM 2024			
SEPT	Mon	02-Sep		** TRAINING DAY 1 **
	Tues	03-Sep		** TRAINING DAY 2 **
	Wed	04-Sep	0812	Year 7 start @ 0815
			1112	Years 8-11 start @ 1115
	Wed	11-Sep	0900-1100	Year 6 Open Day
			1205	Staggered finish for students (in preparation of Open Evening)
			1800-2000	Year 6 Open Evening
	Mon	16-Sep	0800-1430	Years 7, 9 and 11 Photographs
			1600	Year 7 SEND Parental Event
	Wed	18-Sep	1600	Year 8 SEND Parental Event
	Thu	19-Sep	1600	Year 9 SEND Parental Event
	Mon	23-Sep	1600	Year 10 SEND Parental Event
	Thur	26-Sep	1600	Year 11 SEND Parental Event

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

As we come to the end of the year, we recently hosted our final big event: District Athletics. This competition, which our school won for the first time last year, was a title we were eager to defend.

In this event, each pupil scores points for their team if they place in the top eight of their events. These scores are totalled to determine the overall team score. Teams are divided into categories: Year 7 boys and girls, junior boys and girls, and inter boys and girls, with trophies awarded for each category and an overall trophy.

Our pupils have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, attending countless training sessions to perfect their skills with the intent to excel in this event. Their dedication paid off as they performed brilliantly, earning numerous medals and placing well in many finals. The sheer number of medals returning to our school was a clear indication of our success. This reflects the dedication of our athletes and the immense natural talent within our school.

It was thrilling to hear the results, with Gateway winning the Year 7 boys, Junior Boys, Inter Boys, Year 7 Girls, Inter Girls, Overall Boys, and Overall categories, securing a dominant victory. Gateway scored 519 points overall, a massive 160 points ahead of the next best-placed team. A massive congratulations to the pupils for their amazing achievements. This should serve as a springboard to future success.

We aim to create a culture of excellence in PE and ensure that our pupils have the same opportunities to participate in sports as those from all schools. It is important for pupils to seize these opportunities, as they will provide incredible sporting experiences.







SUMMER FUN

Students at the Academy attended Southend-on-Sea for a day of fun at the theme park. At school, we have set up a range of inflatables that students had the opportunity to use during their PE lessons.







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Year 7

Mrs L Bruce

Congratulations, Year 7! You have completed your first year as Academy students. We have finished in style with many celebrations happening across the year group. The Year 7 boys' basketball team won the Junior NBA competition they competed in throughout the year, and the Year 7 girls were runners-up in the same competition. The Year 7 boys' and girls' athletics teams won the district competition and were crowned overall Year 7 winners. Standout individual medal winners were Alannah F, Aishat W, Aakifah O, Katie S, Tobi S, Layla Q, Archie E, David A, and the boys' relay team.

I also had the pleasure of completing two celebration assemblies over the last couple of weeks. Tutors selected their tutees of the term: for 7A, it was Yannis S-M and Amarniee R; for 7B, it was Aishat W and Shane T; for 7C, it was Isla R and Michael O; for 7D, it was Cameron C and Annabelle T; for 7E, it was Gloria-Anastasia C and James R; for 7F, it was Elwen N and Jack D; for 7G, it was Summer M and David A; and finally, for 7H, it was Freddie G and Pearl R. Miss Livingstone awarded her student of the term to Lottie M-A, and my award went to Tobi S, both very worthy winners. The winning tutor group for the term, taking into consideration their attendance, positive points, and negative points, was awarded to both 7D and 7F. Year 7 students embraced Culture Day, allowing us to celebrate the diverse community we have within the Academy.

We had the opportunity for 130 students to join the rewards trip to Adventure Island in Southend. All students had a fantastic day, and the weather only made it better. Year 7 students, across the board, have represented themselves with pride, shown great enthusiasm, and have been fantastic additions to the Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for their support this year and wish everyone a happy and healthy summer holiday. I am looking forward to welcoming them all back in September for Year 8.





















BASKETBALL

It has been a very successful year for Gateway Academy sports, particularly with the introduction of our basketball program. We have seen the following successes:

- Year 8 Basketball Essex Cup Finalists
- Year 7 and 8 Boys Junior NBA Winners
- Year 7 Girls Junior NBA Finalists
- Basketball District Winners

These achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and team spirit of our students, coaches, and support staff. The introduction of the basketball program has not only provided new opportunities for our athletes to excel but also fostered a sense of community and pride within the school. We are immensely proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to building on this year's successes to reach even greater heights in the future. Hard work truly pays off, and Gateway Academy's sporting triumphs are a clear reflection of this.













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TECHNOLOGY

Years 8, 9, and option Year 10 in food technology had the opportunity to be a part of the Cook School, the Linda McCartney Cook-Along sessions, which meant we took part in the National Vegetarian Cook-Along Session 2024. https://www.cookschool.club/

Pupils got the opportunity to make Mary McCartney's smoky veggie hot dogs. They really enjoyed making them and exploring a vegetarian diet. Pupils embraced the challenge and made some wonderful veggie hot dogs. I am very proud of them all.





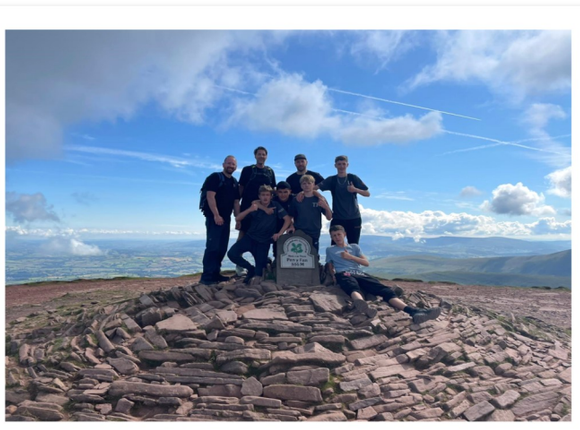





ROTARY CLUB

Five Year 10 boys were sponsored by the Rotary Club to go on an adventure in Wales. They participated in caving, gorge walking, cliff jumping, and hiking, making it an experience of a lifetime.






CAREERS

Fifty -three Year 10 students took part in a trip to Anglia Ruskin University for a Careers Expo, featuring stalls from the NHS and other careers related to Health & Care. The first week of July was Year 10 work experience, in which 88% of students participated. It was a hugely successful week, with some students being offered part-time jobs and opportunities to apply for apprenticeships after they leave school.

Year 10 also visited Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford for a tour of the campus and other activities to raise their aspirations. This concluded with the annual mock interview day, where students were interviewed by outside professionals. This gave them an opportunity to present their CVs, wear professional clothing, and experience a formal interview style to help them prepare for their future.

All Year 9 students watched a performance on Career and Future Options, which they enjoyed. This gave them the opportunity to think ahead and make informed decisions about their post-16 steps.

ZAHEER AHMAD (MBE)

Year 9 was extremely lucky to have a visit on Thursday, 11th July from Zaheer Ahmad, Member of the British Empire! Mrs. Kitsiou began by reminding the students of the importance of the GLC motto, "All Different, All Equal; Together Improving Upon Our Best," and our desire to be "exceptional" by following the Gateway Academy core values of Compassion, Aspiration, Resilience, and Responsibility.

Zaheer shared his captivating life story, discussing his experiences growing up, working in a cinema and at Costa, and eventually becoming a highly decorated police officer. We learned about his senior leadership roles at major corporations, including Haleon Healthcare, Ernst and Young, and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). Zaheer explained that he was a former race advisor to Arsenal Football Club and recently served as an advisor to a task force aimed at boosting socio-economic diversity in financial and professional services. In 2022, he became an independent panel member with the Premier League Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Standards, supporting all 20 Premier League clubs. He currently heads Unifying Culture at a professional services firm, BDO.

One Year 9 student described the session as, "It broadened my realms of thinking and gave me an insight into what my life could be like." Numerous students asked for his autograph at the end. We were so lucky to have this talk from an inspirational leader who has over 35 awards and honours, and we could see why Her Late Majesty the Queen made him an MBE.





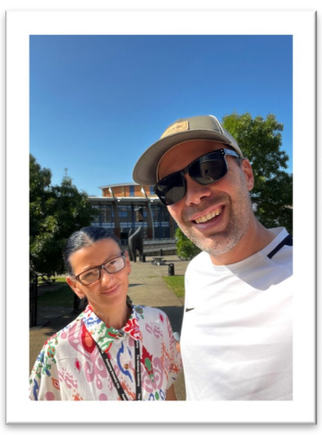

EVEN MORE NEWS....

YEAR 8

Mr Scott

The year group is at the end of Year 8 and ready for the challenges Year 9 will bring. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of you and your children this year. Year 8 students have grown in confidence term after term and are emerging as a highly aspirational and resilient group of young people.

We have seen grades from termly assessments rise consistently, and students are now ready to hit the ground running in Year 9 and continue this trend. This progress is due to the responsibility they show when revising, attending after-school sessions, and putting in the work to improve upon their best.



We know some of you have had your struggles this term but have shown great resilience in getting in and getting the job done. It is inspiring to see such character from such young people. That determination will take you far in life.

Well done, Year 8, on winning the County sports. It is a phenomenal achievement, and the high level of participation was exceptional. We had the Year 8 boys' basketball team reach the final for the first time in Gateway history and perform brilliantly, though they were narrowly defeated by the better team. This is a phenomenal achievement, and there are great things to come in the future.

The large number of you taking roles in the school theatre production was a testament to the year group's character and thespian spirit. I have never seen a Year 8 group take such leading roles or be so involved in the whole production. It was by far the best production I have seen in my 11 years at Gateway Academy.

Finally, the compassion you have shown for each other at times has been heart-warming and is a testament to your adherence to the Gateway Academy values, but more importantly, it reflects the family values you have been brought up with. A massive thank you to you and your families for being a part of Gateway Academy.





















YEAR 10

Ms Shannon

WE MADE IT, YEAR 10!!!!

As we reach the end of another incredible year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and countless memorable experiences. Each of you has shown resilience, aspiration, and a willingness to push beyond your limits, and for that, I am immensely proud.

We have had an extremely busy year with lots going on...

Work Experience

The majority of students took part in our annual work experience, where they had the opportunity to spend a week in the world of work. Students had to find their own placements and arrange everything that they needed. The feedback for our students was fantastic; all employers were pleased with their performance, professionalism, punctuality, and attendance. Well done, Year 10—another great achievement and something to be added to your CVs as you move into Year 11.

Mock Interviews

The students experienced what a real-life interview would be like to prepare them for the working world. These mock interviews were held after their work experience, giving them the opportunity to reflect on how the working world operates and to help them prepare for future interviews. Several volunteers from companies within the community gave their time to conduct these interviews and provide the students with feedback. The students dressed smartly, provided the interviewers with their own CVs and covering letters for the jobs they were applying for. We were blown away by how well some of the students did and are extremely pleased with how they conducted themselves throughout the whole process. They showed high levels of maturity and articulated themselves fantastically. Well done, Year 10.

Athletics

Some of our students represented the school at the English Schools Track and Field Cup earlier this term, as well as the Borough Athletics just recently. Students performed exceptionally well on the day, winning numerous medals. A big shout-out to all of the Year 10s who took part—you were fantastic and made us all proud. Let's see if you can do the same next year and finish your time at the academy on a high!

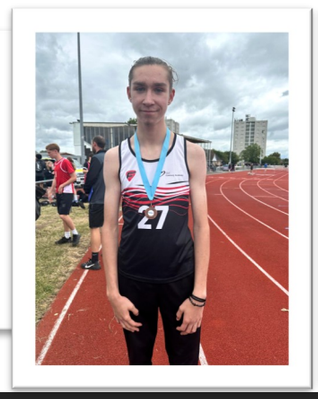
Academic Awards

We celebrated our successes in our last assembly, recognising the students who achieved the highest progress scores in their subjects and the highest attainment scores based on the latest data and reports. We had some outstanding winners who all received a certificate and trophy to celebrate their success. Excellent progress is being made, Year 10—let's keep this up as we move into Year 11.

As we part ways for the summer, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. Take time to pursue your passions, spend quality moments with loved ones, and prepare yourself for what we have coming up next year and what you want to achieve in your last year at Gateway Academy.















EVEN MORE NEWS....

YEAR 11

Miss Dixon

Year 11,

Back in June, we held our annual graduation event with the largest attendance ever—over 800 people gathered here at the Academy, and it was truly amazing. It was fantastic to see so many people supporting the students of our community and celebrating their success. Thank you to all the Year 11 pupils and parents/carers who attended and made it such a special occasion.

Following that, we hosted a prom at the Orsett Hall, and it was absolutely spectacular. Students danced all night and celebrated together in this stunning venue. It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves and relaxing with their peers. We also want to express our gratitude to all the Year 11 pupils and parents/carers who attended the pre-prom reception; it was delightful to see everyone's outfits and transport.

We would like to wish all the Year 11 pupils the best of luck for their future, and we look forward to seeing you on August 22nd for your results.

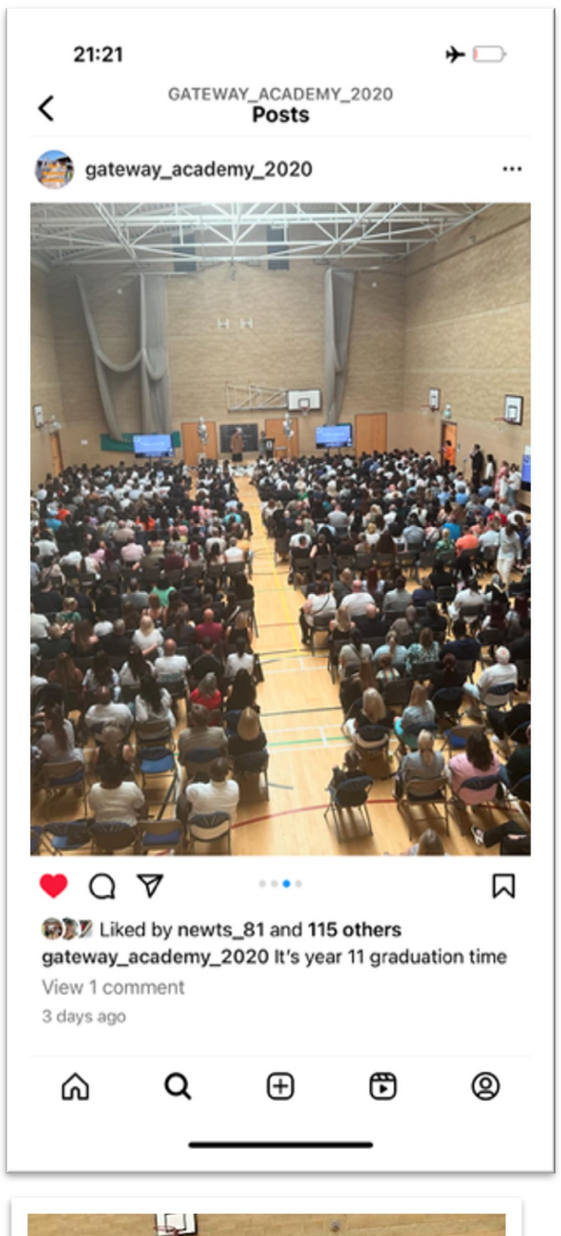
All the best,

Miss Dixon and Miss Davis













CULTURE DAY

On Tuesday, July 9th, we celebrated our wonderful diversity at The Gateway Academy with our annual Culture Day. Students were able to showcase their heritage through cultural dress, flags, face painting, food, dance and bracelets. The students demonstrated both respect and compassion as they supported and encouraged each other throughout the event.

















EVEN MORE NEWS....

ADVENTURE ISLAND

Wednesday 17th July we took over 400 students from the Academy on a rewards trip to Southend's Adventure Island. The students and staff had a great day. It was truly fantastic to see all of the students step up and take responsibility for themselves and to look out for their school mates. The students conducted themselves fantastically, they did the school proud and they did themselves proud. Students attended the trip for a number of reasons: exceptional attendance, an extremely high number of positive points, and for consistently demonstrating the Academy's Core Values. It was a pleasure to take the students on this trip, one we look forward to planning for next time.











YEAR 9

Miss Mead

Year 9, what can I say?! We have had yet another fantastic year together, and you continue to go from strength to strength. This term, we have seen some of the most exceptional work from you: incredible performances in our annual dance show, excellent commitment and resilience towards sporting events including district sports, and sitting your summer assessments in the sports hall, achieving some fantastic results.

It has been wonderful to celebrate with you over the last few weeks. Over 90 Year 9 students attended the rewards trip to Adventure Island, where we had the most amazing day! Students were an absolute credit to the year group and the Academy. We have also celebrated through two rewards assemblies in the last two weeks, one dedicated to academic success and one dedicated to students consistently going above and beyond, showing the school's core values. Students were nominated by their tutors and the pastoral team, and our winners were:

Compassion Award Winners:

- Hollie-Rose P
- Thomas N
- Kendra A
- Liara-Luisa H
- Emmanuel O-A
- Riley S
- Alfie R
- Gabrielle T

Aspiration Award Winners:

- Mario R
- Kara L
- Nuhana I
- David R
- Danielle L
- Jahia T
- Sammie C
- Archie B
- Karina Z
- Lena K
- Mia W
- Leah H
- Maliyah R
- Jarell F
- Mia B

Responsibility Award Winners:

- Peace A
- Callum H
- Smaranda P
- Ciara B
- George P
- Fatim F
- Mikolaj G
- Cameron-James L

Resilience Award Winners:

- Chloe W
- Karina Z
- Lena K
- Mia W
- Leah H
- Maliyah R
- Jarell F
- Mia B

PRIZE DRAW

The final day of term saw the Gateway Prize Draw. Sixty-six students across the academy won awards ranging from a drone, chocolates, and projectors to a bike and a TV. Well done, everyone! The draw, carried out every term, is an extra incentive to support students' exceptional drive at the academy.





Please take time over the summer holidays to relax and have fun, as well as to prepare for what we know is going to be a big change coming in September. As we transition into KS4, we want to ensure you are in the best possible position to achieve your goals. You have all selected your options and will have a completely new timetable. I know we are going to achieve great things!

Well done, Year 9! I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you. It is fantastic to see you maturing and growing along the way! See you in September!

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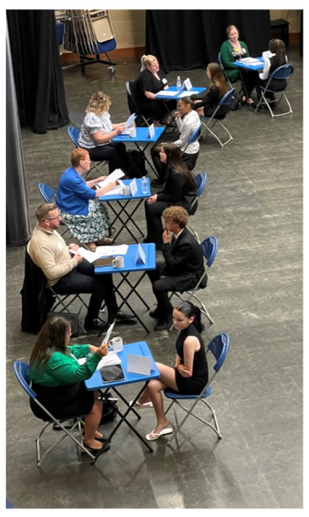
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CAREERS

An extremely busy last half-term for Careers for KS4 students. Fifty-three Year 10 students took part in a trip to Anglia Ruskin University for a Careers Expo, which featured stalls from the NHS and other health and care-related careers. The first week of July was Year 10 work experience, with 88% of students participating; a hugely successful week during which some students were offered part-time jobs and the opportunity to apply for apprenticeships after they leave school. Year 10 students also visited Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford for a tour of the campus and other activities aimed at raising aspirations. This culminated in the annual mock interview day, where students were interviewed by outside professionals. This gave them an opportunity to present their CVs, wear professional attire, and experience a formal-style interview to help them prepare for their future. All Year 9 students watched a performance on careers and future options, which they enjoyed. It also gave them the opportunity to think ahead for making decisions about their post-16 steps. All in all, it was a very eventful term and year for our Careers provision here at Gateway.





Worried about a Child?

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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.nspc.org.uk

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Events happening in the community:



Future Dockers in partnership with One Goal Football Academy

Our sessions will help develop
Their technical skill
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IMAGES OF CELEBRATIONS













