



WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

We have continued the momentum this half term and are expecting students to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning.

The new punctuality system implemented is having a massive impact on reducing student lateness to lesson and lost learning time. Thank you to all parents/carers for their support with our new system.

Whilst I appreciate that a small number of students are struggling to adapt to the high expectations we have at the Academy, we know that by continuing to set the highest standards we will support our students to reach their potential both academically and more importantly in the future.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have responded to our survey; we are very grateful with the amount of positive comments and we will share with staff. In terms of any recommendations, I will be meeting with the Leadership Team in the next few weeks and will write to you regarding some actions we will take as a result of your feedback.

This is now my eighth year as the Headteacher of The Gateway Academy and my team and I remain as committed as ever to keep ‘improving upon our best’. To work with our students, staff, parents, carers and community every day is a true joy and a privilege.

I am incredibly proud of our students and it is a really fantastic place to work. Thank you for your continued support and let us all work together to help our young people reach their potential.

Yours sincerely



Read more about the year 7 and 8 Stubbers trip on page 4

THE ACADEMY'S NEW LEAD STUDENTS

Jude F-R in year 10 recently completed the Cancer Research Shine Night walk with his father. He walked for 26.2 miles overnight to help raise money for the charity. We are very proud. Well done Jude!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
21st November	For two weeks	Years 7—10 Assessment Fortnight

WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

This week Christabel Quartson dropped in to officially open our staff and student wellbeing corner in the library. Students can find lots of self-help information about how they can manage different their own feelings. There are lots of activities for staff and students to help them to relax and take a break.

Christabel won the Jack Petchey award in 2022 and as a Psychology student she decided to dedicate the money to supporting the wellbeing and mental health of staff and students at The Gateway Academy.

Last week the Gateway Academy celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week. The Mental Health Ambassadors, with help from Emily, planned a bake sale and also a green station to raise awareness and money for the mental health charity Mind Thurrock and Brentwood. We sold items from cakes to cookies and doughnuts, and raised over £100. In our green station we sprayed students' hair different colours and also painted faces with glitter. The Gateway students really engaged with these activities and helped raise around £150 for a good cause. The Mental Health Ambassadors are around to help each week with any problems or concerns anyone may have. Each week we meet with our chosen mentees to talk through any issues, but are always around for anyone to meet with us. We meet in the library every Thursday and Friday morning, so feel free to come find us for a chat, or there is Mrs Bryant, Tracey or Paul who are always available.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year our Black History Month was organised and led by some of our amazing Equality Ambassadors. They planned different events for the fortnight to both raise awareness of the origins of Black History Month, the differences between different black cultures and to give students a hands on experience. They made and sold badges celebrating different cultures represented in the Academy, organised information to be shared with the PAD groups, worked to support the year group assemblies and provided some advertising around the school.

Subject such as PSHE and business studies were given the opportunity to take part in presentations from influential people who were able to explain the importance and contribution of Black people in their individual fields. They were fortunate enough to have presentations from Deborah Williams OBE, Chief Executive, Creative Diversity Network and Oluchi Ikechi, Partner, Head of Strategy & Transactions APAC, Capital Markets, Ernst & Young Parthenon and Founder of 'Fully Bossed'

To help celebrate they organised with Ms Olufemi for traditional food to be available in the canteen and had arranged for bracelet making to be available in the canteen on the 31st October to help close Black History Month.



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MORE NEWS

YEAR 11 Mrs L Bruce

Firstly can I say a massive thank you to those who attended year 11 parents’ evening; it was a fantastic turnout and really great to see so many families there.

Students received their PPE results in the same format as they will receive their GCSE results in August next year which will hopefully reinforce the momentum they have shown since returning in September.

Our Hospitality and Catering students took part in a workshop with The Royal Navy this week and were fantastic in all respects; the visitors were really positive about their experience here with our students.

Mrs Hill has been sharing some of the students’ incredible work from photography, I was really impressed when looking at the images they have produced.

The photos are unedited and taken on manual settings, using an extended shutter speed. What amazing talent we have amongst our students - so creative!

Fright Night for year 11 girls will be on the 18th November; we’ve had so many reply slips so the turnout is going to be fantastic, it’s going to be a great evening!

As always, thank you for your continued support with year 11 in what is a demanding year for our students.

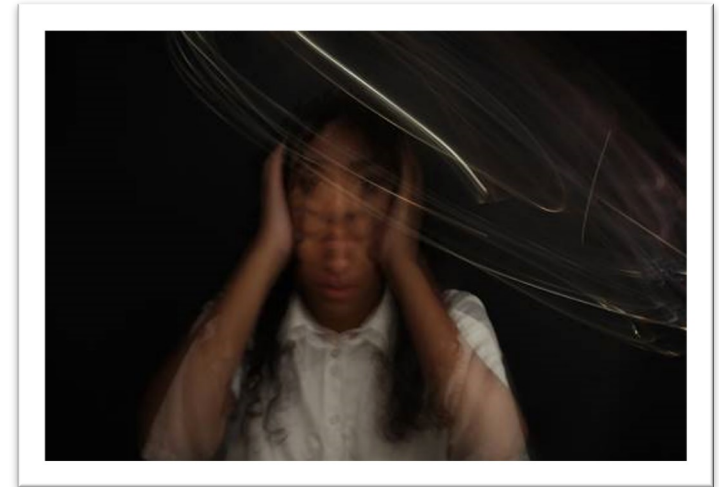
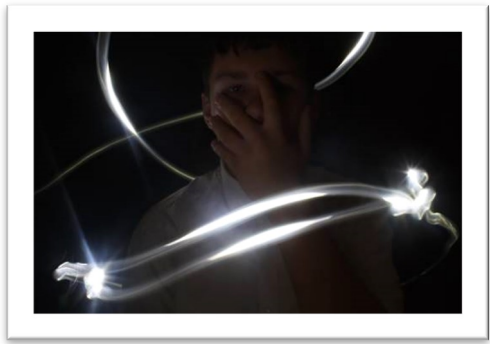


Photo Credit Left: Inaaya H

Photo Credit Top: Emaan C

Photo Credit Right: Liliana K

Photo Credit Below: Ali I



YEAR 8 Miss B Mead

The Year 8s have had a busy start to the half term, with students really pushing themselves to show the school’s core values each and every day. We have seen a dramatic change in student punctuality over the last fortnight, with students ensuring they are arriving to lessons on time to maximise their learning time. This is fantastic!

We have also had lots of wonderful events happening within Year 8 this week. We celebrated 11 students who were nominated for school values badges across three categories; responsibility, resilience and compassion. These students received their awards and certificates in assembly, so can now wear their badges with pride on their blazers. Our wonderful new student leadership team were also announced in assembly; these students have been selected to represent our year group across the Academy and in the local community. A huge well done to those students who have been selected.

The Year 8 rugby team played a fantastic first match this week. Mr Clark was very proud of all students who participated. Also, two groups of year 8 students have now started the Scholars Programme on a Wednesday and Friday after school; it is brilliant to see so many of them striving to improve upon their best!

Finally, on Friday we held our annual Halloween disco; this was a fantastic evening! Seeing how much fun each student had and the time and effort students had put into their costumes was just brilliant! Our overall costume competition winners were Declan W, Lacey-Mae H and Vanessa B. We look forward to the next big rewards event which will be coming soon...

Well done Year 8, keep up the great work!

Year 8 boys enjoying early morning yoga in PE with Mr Clark and students receiving their awards

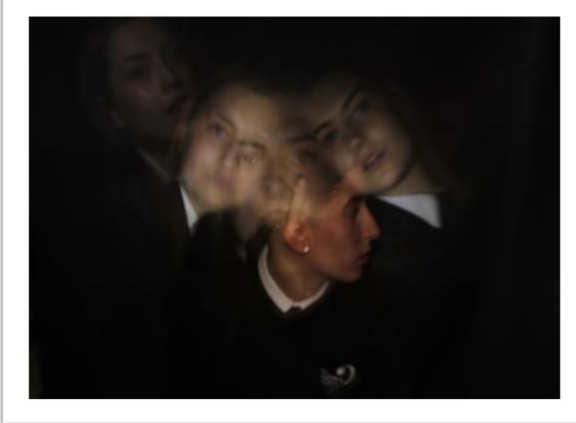
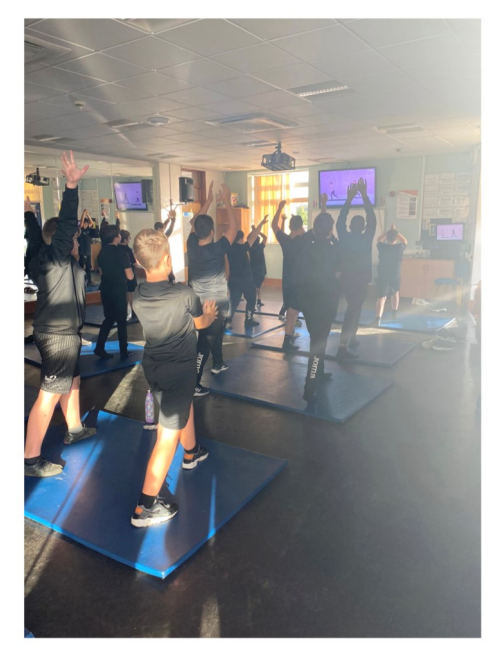


Photo Credit above: Mysty H & Ruby S Year 11



Left/Right—Year 7 and 8 students enjoying this years Halloween Disco.



GATEWAY SPARKS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

The Gateway Sparks have done it again! The girls put in another fantastic performance and were 4-1 victors against a battling Grays Convent team. Another step in the right direction for the Elite Development Football Programme says Head Coach Kamutero. All the time and hard work on the training ground is paying off and it’s great to see the girls enjoying themselves. Goals from Rox Chapman (hat trick) and Gracie Smith with a superb solo effort. The next round of the Essex County Schools Cup will be against either Sacred Heart or Harris Ockendon. Let’s go Sparks!



Are you the parent/carer of a young person (14-25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability?

Do you know how the law changes when your young person turns 16?

Do you worry what will happen to them when you’re gone?

Each term we hold “Coffee & Cake” information and training sessions for parents and carers focusing on Preparing for Adulthood. The young people themselves are welcome to attend.

Each session will focus on a particular theme e.g. Education (college, apprenticeships, work experience) or Finance (direct payments, benefits etc). There will also be members of Education, Social Care and the PATT service to answer any queries or make appointments for further assistance.

We are delighted to announce that these sessions will be held in person around the borough.

2022 – 2023 Session Schedule			
Date/Time		Topic/Themes	Venue
Wednesday 16th November	10.00 – 11.00	Preparing for Adulthood Workbook	Treetops Café
	11.15 – 12.00	Post-16 Transport/Travel Training	Buxton Road RM16 2WU
Friday 20 th January	10.00 – 11.00	Choosing Post-16 Provision	Inspire Hub, Grays
	11.15 – 12.00	Careers Advice, Work Experience	
Tuesday 14 th March	10.00 – 12.00	Social Care Post-16	South Ockendon Venue TBC
		The Mental Capacity Act & more	
Thursday 18 th May	10.00 – 11.00	Advocacy	Treetops Café
		What is an advocate? What can they do?	Buxton Road
		Do I need one? How can I get one?	RM16 2WU
		Annual Health Checks	
Monday 10 th July		Why have one? Where can I get one?	
	10.30 – 11.00	Finance (Direct Payments, benefits)	Stanford-le-Hope
	11.15 – 12.00	Making a Will	Venue TBC

For more information on the Evans Commission and how you can get involved, and the Evans Sessions schedule, please go to our website: www.patt.org.uk/evanscommission

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CAREERS

The Careers team would like to thank everyone who attended the Year 11 Next Steps Event. There was an amazing atmosphere, a great time was had by all and lots of excellent advice and ideas were being shared.

Students and parents were welcomed by a range of our employer partners including: The Port of Tilbury, Highways England, Mears, Waites and Readie Construction Group. All were on hand to give expert advice on apprenticeships, training opportunities and work experience.

Local Colleges USP, South Essex College and St.Clere’s Sixth Form were on board sharing information about post 16 choices such as A-Levels, T-Levels and Vocational courses.

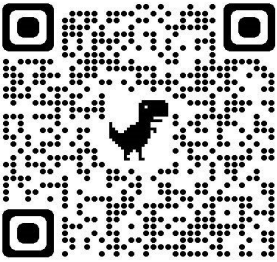
We also had a selection of Post 18 advisers joining us from The University of East London, Essex University, Writtle and Make Happen, all able to give our students the best advice for planning for their futures.



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SEND

If your child receives additional support within the Academy, please scan and support us in filling out the questionnaire below:



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

If you are unsure or require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Email: [Miss O'Dwyer](mailto:Miss.O'Dwyer@theglc.org.uk)
siobhan.o'dwyer@theglc.org.uk

BREAKFAST CLUB (7.45—8.10am)



Don't Forget Our Free Breakfast—
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Parental Calendar

The Parental Calendar for 2022-2023, <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/57/parental-calendar-2022-23>

as well as other valuable information.

GLC Teaching and Development Website

For further information about teaching and development across the GLC, please see www.glcteaching.co.uk

YEAR 10 NEWS

Mr N Concannon

Well done to 10A on winning the inaugural “Tug O War” competition today in assembly. Arda K was the star of the show there. Commiserations to 10D who put up a formidable challenge on the Friday. In a special event, Norvy R defeated Vytis C.

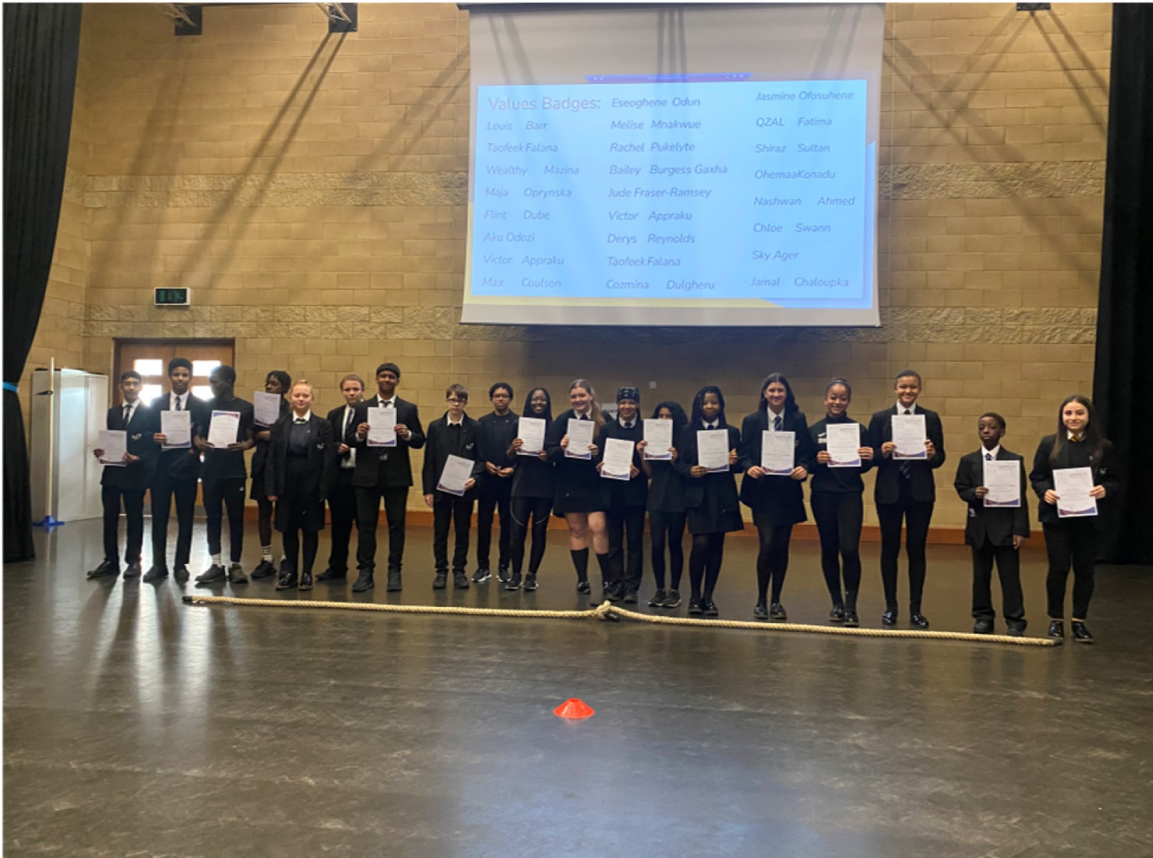
Well done to the outstanding Sky A and Reja R who were our most recent winners of the student of the week award.

A very special mention must again go to Jude F-R who walked 26.2 miles to raise much needed funds for Cancer Research UK in their annual Shine Night Walk around London. This is an excellent example of the type of ambassadors we need at the Gateway.

Congratulations to the most recent additions to the Student leadership team; Chloe S, Cozmina D, Olsi G, Reja R, Norvy R and Bailey B-G.

Well done to the 29 most recent winners of Gateway Academy Values Badges and Certificates.

With the FIFA World Cup just around the corner, we will celebrate by running the following competitions: Last Man Standing, football prize giveaways and a 5-a-side football inter-tutor group competitions.



WORK WITH US!

GLC Gateway Academy -Head of Music

Type of Position: Head of Music
Subject: Music
Start Date: Start Date Negotiable
Closing Date: Midday on Thursday, 17th November 2022

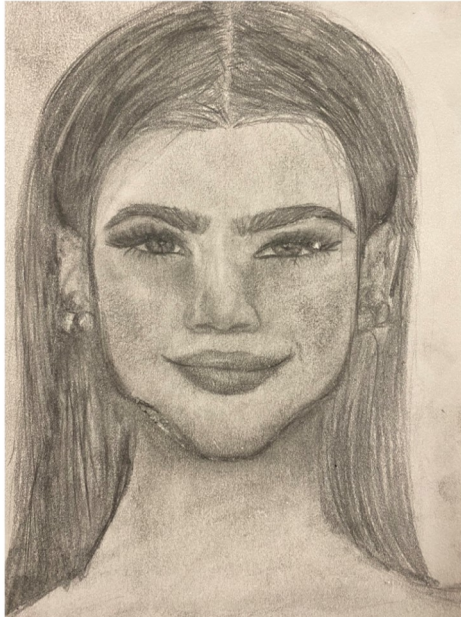
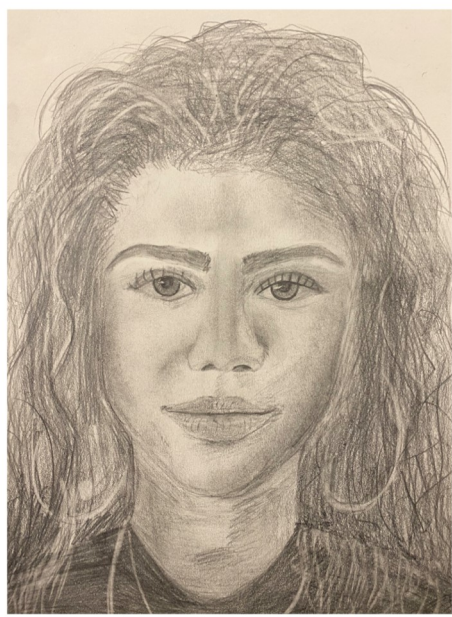
GLC Gateway Academy: Child Protection & Safeguarding Lead

Type of Position: Child Protection & Safeguarding Lead
Subject: N/A
Start Date: ASAP
Closing Date: Midday on Tuesday 22nd November 2022

For more details on these Vacancies. Please Visit <http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

ART SHOUTOUT

This week we have seen some amazing artwork by a year 8 students, Daria B who joined us last week and immediately caught up on her year 8 Artwork with this fantastic portrait—excellent dedication and showcasing of her skills in tonal drawing. Well done also to Chloe W, who always shows incredible aspiration in her artwork and regularly achieves a high standard. Well done to both students.



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GA LIBRARY
OPENING TIMES

BEFORE SCHOOL:
7.00am - 8.15am
(OPEN ALL BREAK TIMES)

AFTER SCHOOL:
2.35pm - 5.00pm

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EVEN MORE NEWS....

STUBBERS

Year 7 and 8 Students Conquer Stubbers during October Holiday School!

60 students in Years 7 and 8 attended our October Holiday School. Students had English, Maths and Science sessions every day and students worked really hard throughout making rapid levels of progress. The students were rewarded with a FREE trip for all to Stubbers Activity centre at the end of Holiday School where safe risk taking was encouraged and challenges were overcome. Congratulations to all the students who were with us as this was a fantastic week.



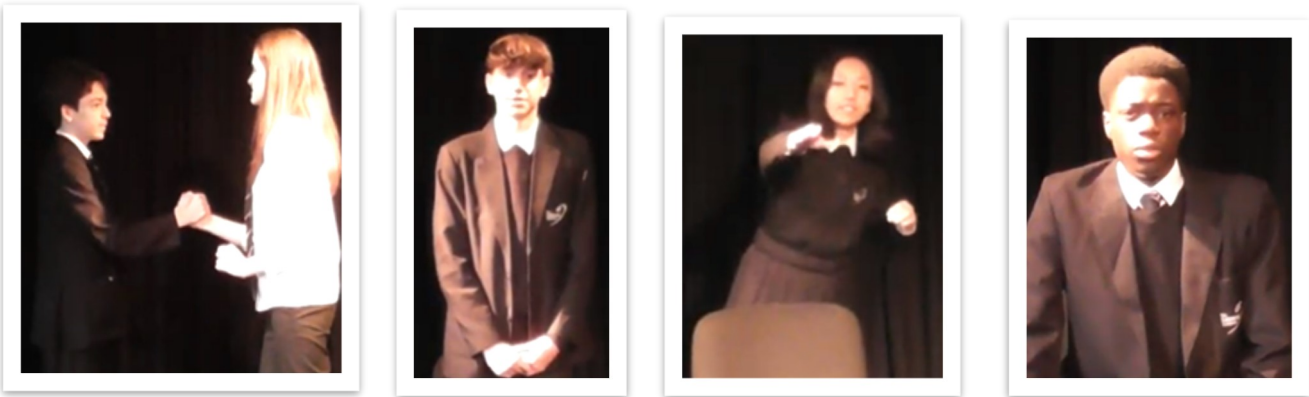
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DRAMA NEWS

Congratulations to Year 11 Drama Students for producing extremely high quality Component 2 Final Assessment Performances.

On the 7th November Year 11 Drama Students performed the final Component 2 Performance. The texts the students chose to perform included extracts from *Blood Brothers* and *Too Much Punch for Judy*. The performances from some students were outstanding and the quality was beyond the exam board’s criteria. One student even got so into his performance and character that he produced real tears! Students will now prepare for the final Component 3 Exam external set brief – bring it on!



ROLL OF HONOUR

Keep your eyes peeled. These badges are awarded for exceptional standards against the Academy Values!

Responsibility

Year 11— Jack H, Arianne L, Zahraa M, Jenai A, Hamna A, Malcolm O, Alexandra M, Raluca M, Ekamjot K, Ashleigh A, Bill B, Mysty H.

Year 10— Louis B, Taofeek F, Wealthy M, Maja O, Flint D, Aku O, Victor A, Max C.

Year 9— Maddison C, Adam I, Ronnie B, Arune K, Ben R, Eli Cook; Riley M, Ben M, Anastacia K, Levi A.

Year 8— Jacee A, Sieni S-T, George P, Skye K, Effy R, Henry C, Jade K.

Year 7— Alfie B, Julius R, Elsie H, Samuel B, Salma M, Izy H.

Resilience

Year 11—Jelesha L, Moses P, Solomon F-A, Brandon M, Emily W, Alex Z, Dylan M.

Year 8—Junior A, Alex G, Vanesa B.

Year 7—Daisy-May S

Compassion

Year 11— Zahraa M, Alexandra M, Stephanie D.

Year 10—Chloe S, Sky A, Jamal C-K.

Year 8—Sean M-O, Jessica S, Gavirella N, Mia B, Sophie B, Garren T, Lena K.

Well done everybody!



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Royal Navy Visit Catering Services

Mrs Reynolds had organised a fantastic opportunity for the Hospitality and Catering students in years 9 to 11 this week. It was arranged for the Royal Navy Catering team to come in, talk through job roles and careers within the Royal Navy, explain their role as the catering team and then do a 90 minute cooking session with the students. Students were told to follow a recipe, Ready, Steady Cook style, and produce two dishes: sticky toffee pudding and Cornish pasties. During the trial, members of the Navy were assisting and developing our students' catering skill set. Students enjoyed working with different people and developed their presentation of food and knife working techniques to produce high quality dishes.

All students actively participated and were congratulated by the Navy Personnel on their achievements.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

2. KEEP TALKING

3. STAY VIGILANT

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

Meet Our Expert

National Online Safety

WakeUpWednesday

ALPS

ADDITIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT

Students must commit to taking part in ALL additional hours of learning every week.

What results will be in your envelope?

Additional learning to ensure you achieve your potential

WEEK 1 - 14.50 - 15.50PM

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Year 11

English – X Band

Science – Y Band

Brilliant Tutoring

Option B

Brilliant Tutoring

Science - X band

Maths - Y band

Geography Option B

Childcare Option B

Targeted Students

WEEK 2 - 14.50 - 15.50PM

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Year 11

Maths – X Band

English – y Band

Brilliant Tutoring

Option A

Brilliant Tutoring

Option C

Targeted students

Option A

Option B

Option C

Subjects in each of the options

Maths

English

Science

History

Geography

Art

Music

French

Dance

Design Technology

Spanish

Business

Photography

Creative Media

Health and Social Care

Performing Arts

Art

Spanish

History

Computer Science

Geography

Hospitality and Catering

Dance

Computer Science

Design Technology

History

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FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Free Breakfast for All

Every Morning in the canteen

7:30-8:10am

CEREAL

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Research suggests that breakfast REALLY is the most important meal of the day. At The Gateway Academy, we offer FREE breakfast for all our students. This includes a variety of cereals, bagels and toast. Juice every Tuesday and Thursday and hot chocolate on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the winter months. Feel free to encourage your child to eat breakfast and kick start the day with the nutritious and positive meal.