

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

As Christmas approaches, we have some wonderful things to look forward to including the Whole School Production of We Will Rock You, which can be seen on Tuesday 13 December and Wednesday 14 December 2022. Tickets are on sale now. We also have various trips, including a trip to see a Pantomime and our Christmas end of term assembly on Friday 16 December, a real favourite for students and staff!

Christmas dinner day, which is a great occasion for many staff and students, is on Friday 9 December 2022, as well as this being Christmas Jumper Day. (On this day students substitute their shirts or jumpers for a Christmas jumper but must wear their blazers and uniform.).

This will be a lovely day for the school community to come together and celebrate the end of a brilliant term here at the Academy.

We know that this is a very challenging time for some members of our community in relation to the cost of living particularly with the added pressure of Christmas. Just a reminder students can access a free breakfast every morning from 7.45am in the Courtyard Cafe. Also, we have additional exam tables, duvets and uniform available for students; please ask them to see Miss Newton or speak to their Progress Leader if they wish to avail of this service.

I am concerned about the number of students not wearing coats in the cold weather; please let us know if we can support you in any way.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our Academy.

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RESPECT

In last week's assemblies, students heard From Mr Mitchell on the topic of Respect and how this links to Gateway's Core Values. Students were also had a visit from the Head Students who went through some of the exciting things that they have planned including Culture Day this week.



WE ASKED THEY ANSWERED.....



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 Monday, 6th February 2023

GLC Gateway Academy (Secondary): Lead Practitioner in English

Type of Position: Lead Practitioner in English

Subject: English

Start Date: April 2023

Closing Date: Midday on 6th February 2023

GLC Gateway Academy (Secondary): Lead Practitioner in Computer Science

Type of Position: Lead Practitioner in Computer Science

Subject: ICT & Computer Science

Start Date: April 2023

Closing Date: Midday on 6th February 2023

For more details on these Vacancies. Please Visit

<http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy, however it is important to be aware of the risks associated with the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** While TikTok's "algorithm" feeds only videos that it thinks you will like, it can still show you content that is inappropriate for your age. This is because the app is designed to be used by teenagers and young adults, and it is not possible to restrict content based on age.
- IN-APP SPENDING:** TikTok has a virtual currency called 'coins' which can be used to purchase virtual gifts for creators. These coins can be purchased with real money, and there is a risk of overspending.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE:** TikTok is designed to be addictive, with a 'For You' page that shows you videos that are similar to the ones you have watched before. This can lead to spending a lot of time on the app, which can be distracting from schoolwork and other activities.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS:** TikTok allows users to follow other users, and it is possible to interact with strangers. This can be dangerous, especially if you are a young person.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING:** Family Pairing allows parents to link their account to their child's account, which allows them to monitor their child's activity on the app.
- MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE:** Encourage your child to make their account private, so that only people they know can see their videos.
- LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING:** Set a limit on how much money your child can spend on the app.
- DISCUSS THE DANGERS:** Talk to your child about the risks of the app, and encourage them to be safe.
- READ THE SIGNS:** If you are concerned that your child might be spending too much time on the app, look for signs such as changes in their mood or behavior.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Pridge is an experienced and technology journalist with a wealth of knowledge about the app. She is the author of the book 'TikTok: The App that's Taking the World by Storm'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
8th December		Winter Wonderland Trip
9th December		Christmas Jumper/ Christmas Dinner Day
13th/14th December	18.00PM	We will Rock you show
16th December	12.00PM	End of term

[Click Here](#) for the full parental Calendar

WE WILL ROCK YOU

The Gateway Academy presents

'WE WILL ROCK YOU'

Tuesday 13 December 6 pm
Wednesday 14 December 6 pm

Adults £8 Children £5

For tickets: Call 01375 489000
Available on ParentPay

MORE NEWS

YEAR 11Mrs L Bruce

We’ve had a wonderful couple of weeks at the Academy with year 11. Firstly the year 11 Girls’ Fright Night was a huge success and the girls had an absolute ball. The boys will have an evening just for them after Christmas. We had Palmers College in for an assembly to inform students about what they offer there as part of their next steps; she was really informative and I know some students have been to an open evening there already. If you do have any questions regarding college applications and open evenings please do get in touch with us. We’re all working so hard to ensure every year 11 is getting the support they need as we move closer to the exam period in the new year however if there is anything more we can do please do get in touch and we will do what we can.

YEAR 9Ms A Shannon

Great stuff going on this half term Year 9! We have seen our assessments start to take place and most of you sink your teeth into them. The Royal Navy came into the Academy and worked with our Hospitality and Catering students. We have had the pleasure of giving out some students a Winter Wonderland trip letter for their excellent effort in school as well as being able to celebrate the success of some of our students being given their Roll of Honour badges. I’m sure you will agree we have had a lot happening this term!



YEAR 7Mr M Scott

Year 7 have been leading the way all term with a huge effort on attaining rewards through positive contribution in and out of their classes.

Rewards

Year 7 have a total of 60,583 reward points awarded for work in their lessons and their contribution in the wider community. As we approach Christmas the excitement builds as student who are in receipt of a rewards token can win prizes in the assembly prize draw.

It has been a close race but the top 3 Year 7 tutor groups are:

- 1st - 7C – 9373
- 2nd - 7F – 8689
- 3rd - 7D – 8027

Well done to everyone.

Attendance

Year 7 have been doing a fantastic job with their attendance and sit second only to year 8 in the attendance tables. There is work to be done but an overwhelmingly positive term puts us in a fantastic position get even better and come for of the charts in the new year.

The top 3 year 7 tutor groups are:

- 1st – 7B
- 2nd – 7D
- 3rd – 7E

Keep up the fantastic attendance guys!

FRIGHT NIGHT!!



Each week the year 9s have an assembly and during these assemblies we like to celebrate the successes of different students, give out rewards and focus on all of the positive things that have been going on in our year group. I had the pleasure of giving out 12 different roll of honour badges last week. These ranged from responsibility badges to aspirations badges to resilience badges. Students receive these badges for being exceptional in their lessons, going above and beyond within the community, giving back to other students and being a pleasure to have around the Academy.

We have had over 30 students receive our roll of honours badges so far this year and our aim is for as many year 9 students as possible to have a blazer full of different badges for all of the excellent work and achievements they are receiving. Keep up the good work year 9 and let’s see more badges being given out in our next assembly.

The year 9 Netball team took part in the District tournament last week and were playing really well until the weather put a stop to play. The girls were fantastic given the conditions they had to play in and managed to play 2 out of the 4 games with one win one and one loss. The girls have been working hard in training each week and hopefully when they get to finish off the tournament we will see some more matches won and possibly being put through to the next round. Good luck girls and well done.

Finally.....

Festive Film Night – 5pm-7pm, Friday 9th December

All students welcome, free of charge and a free hot chocolate on admission. Hot dogs available to buy for £1.

Come along and get festive with us. Wear your Christmas PJs or your Christmas slippers, anything festive goes!

Students have the chance to select which film they want to watch and they can vote via the link that has been sent to all year 9 parents.

Well done to the Hospitality and Catering students who worked with the Royal Navy when they came into our Academy last week. We saw some of you create some amazing dishes, working under the time constraints and with the basic ingredients the Navy has to work with when they are out at sea. You made us all proud and really rose to the challenge. I think some of the students had a bit of a shock to the system when they were being directed in a very stern way and treated slightly differently to how they are probably used to at the Academy! However, I’m sure you agree this was a fantastic opportunity for our students and a real insight into what being a chef in the Navy would look like. Well done to all the students who were a part of this.



Our Year 7 assembly will see more winners of the Academy value badges. Watch this space.



Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco was a massive hit and had the year 7s donning their most fearsome outfits to scare the life out of the staff. We look forward to the next events at the GLC for Year 7s.

Panto Trip

We have been lucky enough to get almost 40 spaces to the local Panto. Oh yes we did! Those students who are consistently coming top in overall contribution to the school and learning have been carefully selected.



It has been a fantastic first term at the Gateway Academy for our wonderful year 7s; each and every one of you should be proud of what you have achieved and excited about the challenges that the new year holds.



MORE NEWS....

CAREERS

The careers team have been celebrating the successful re-launch of Unifrog in the Academy and what better way to do it, than with an Unifrog Christmas tree!

Students in all year groups have been engaged and regularly accessing the career resources on Unifrog this term. Years 7 and 8 have been focused on their personal skills, ways to develop them and how to apply them in a professional working environment. Year 10 have been busy using Unifrog to prepare themselves for work experience commencing in the Summer term. Also, Year 11 have been finding the college and sixth form resources very useful when searching A-levels, T-level and vocational courses.

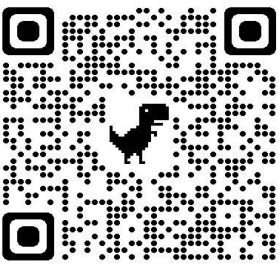
For further information or support using Unifrog at home please contact kate.palmer@theglc.org.uk

Right:
Upcoming College/ Sixth Form Open Days

USP College	Palmer's Campus	Tuesday 28th February 2023 5.30pm – 7.00pm
	Seevic Campus	Tuesday 21 st February 2023 5.30pm – 7.00pm
South Essex College	Thurrock Campus	Thursday 19 th January 2022 5pm-8pm
	Southend Campus	Tuesday 14 th March 2023 5pm – 8pm
	Stephenson Road	Tuesday 31 st January 2023 5pm – 8pm
	Centre for Digital Technologies	Wednesday 8 th February 2023 5pm – 8pm
	Luckyn Lane	Wednesday 1st March 2023 5pm – 8pm
Brampton Manor		Thursday 5th January 2023 online event
Newham Sixth Form		Saturday 5 th February 2023 10am – 1pm
West Thames College	Isleworth	Wednesday 1 st February 2023 5-7pm
	Feltham	Tuesday 7 th February 2023 5-7pm
Chelmsford College		Monday 6 th February 2023 6pm – 8pm
St.Clere's Sixth Form		Wednesday 18 th January 5pm - 8pm

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
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

With the FIFA World Cup 2022 in full swing in Qatar, we have been running a number of competitions across year 10. Firstly, seven teams have entered our 5 a side football competition. The semi final and final will take place next Wednesday. It has been fantastic to see so many good examples of teamwork and skill on show; a special mention to Jack C & Frankie F who have been superb. We are also giving away footballs weekly throughout the World Cup. Our first two winners were Finley C and Bailey B-G. Finley is a magnificent student with a superb attitude to learning. Bailey has been very committed to the school football team this term and has shown great consistency throughout the Academy. Lastly, we have seven students remaining in our last man standing competition with the round of 16 fixtures fast approaching. All competition winners will receive JD sports vouchers; a special thank you to Mr Moruzzi for facilitating this reward. Well done to our most recent winners of student of the week; Brogan R and Jack L. Brogan has shown excellent progress in maths this half term. Jack has proven to be very articulate in lessons this term.

Mr N Concannon

A special thank you to Carlos MT who had a magnificent saxophone performance in our most recent year 10 assembly. Carlos is a very talented student with a great future ahead of him. On Monday 12th December we will be taking 75 students on our end of term reward trip to Rollacity in Rochford; students are encouraged to get their letters from Mr Concannon early next week before all spaces are filled. Well done to the year 10s that competed very well in the Thurrock District Athletics competition this week at Blackshots. A special shout out to Ronnie S and Hayden P who had excellent performances.



JAPANESE SUBJECT WORKSHOPS

Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

Y11 & Y12

- **Y11 & Y12 Introduction to the Japanese Script:** Mon 16th January (17:00 - 18:30)
- **Y11 & Y12 Introduction to Japanese Sentences:** Mon 30th January (17:00 - 18:30)
- **Y12 Studying Japanese at Cambridge (Y11 welcome):** Mon 6th February (17:00 - 18:30)

A free webinar series to provide insight into studying Japanese at university.



Expert teaching with Cambridge academic Prof Laura Moretti.

Beginner level: no experience required.

To apply, simply complete this form by **23:59 on TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER!**

For more information, please contact: slo@emma.cam.ac.uk

EVEN MORE NEWS....

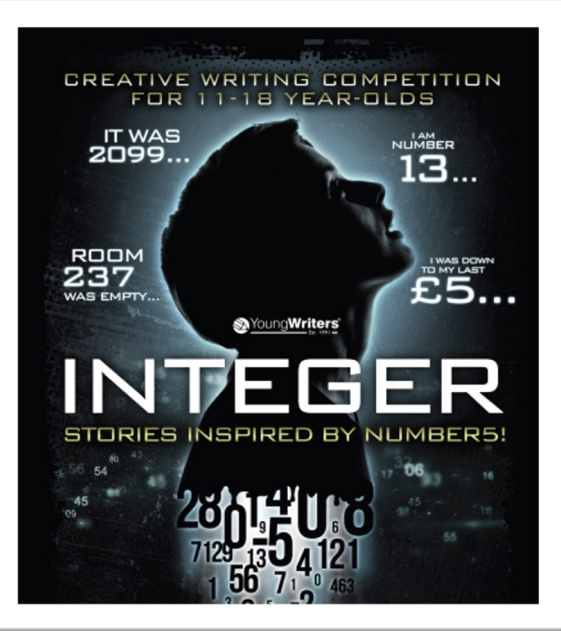
READING CORNER

Calling all story tellers and writers.....

Have you ever wanted to be a published author? Do you have a head full on interesting and engaging stories?

We would like to offer you the opportunity to enter a national competition to write an exciting new mini saga that centres around numbers.

Test yourself with this logical number puzzle :



Fill your answer in on the google form by scanning the QR code.



What to read next....

Captivating Reads

Benjamin Zephaniah

Terror Kid

Rico knows trouble. He knows the look of it and the sound of it. He also knows to stay away from it as best he can. Because if there's one thing his Romany background has taught him, it's that he will always be a suspect.

When he is approached by Speech, a mysterious man who shares Rico's hacktivist interests, Rico is given the perfect opportunity to speak out. After all, what harm can a peaceful cyber protest do...?



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

District Cross Country results:

Junior Girls team finished 2nd overall after some great individual results, most notably Macie B finishing 2nd in the race as a Year 8 student competing against Year 8 and 9 students.

The Inter Boys team were crowned District Champions after 6 boys finished between 10th and 20th. A great team performance from all involved.

Lastly, our individual performance of the day was from Dom B who was crowned District Champion after leading the race from start to finish.



YEAR 8 NEWS

Over the last few weeks we have seen some fantastic work across year 8 inside the classroom, around the Academy and representing our school. We have just completed our first assessment week in year 8; it was fantastic to see so many students showing resilience, trying to achieve their goals and pushing themselves to improve upon their best. Lots of students were busy revising in the library during breaks and lunches as well as arriving to school early in the mornings to do some revision before school started.

We have had multiple whole year group assemblies with a different focus each week, one in particular from Writtle University where students had the opportunity to learn what university life would be like and to ask some questions. Students were also introduced to the Academy's Head Boy in assembly to help inspire them throughout their time at school.

In art, students have been working on re-creating facial features using clay; this week's focus was on learning how to make an ear. In technology, students have been using different tools and techniques to create a mould for their very own chocolate bars. In dance, students have been working incredibly hard on performing a 'Dance Through the Decades' performance which sums up 100 years of popular dance styles from the 1920s through to the 2020s. Students have shown excellent energy, enthusiasm and confidence when performing this dance piece. We also had 8 wonderful year 8 students representing our Academy at this year's district cross country event, with Macie B achieving 2nd place across the district in the year 8 and year 9 race. Well done Macie!

In the last 3 weeks, 19 students have been nominated for school values badges across the 4 categories: responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration. These will all be awarded in our end of term assembly, alongside lots of end of term rewards and prizes over the last two weeks of this half term.

Miss B Mead



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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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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
Subjects in each of the options	Option A PE Geography Health and Social Care Performing Arts Dance Design Technology Spanish	Option B Business Photography Creative Media Art Spanish History Computer Science Geography	Option C Business Geography Psychology Music French Hospitality and Catering Dance Computer Science Design Technology History	Pomodoro Sessions Monday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Tuesday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Wednesday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM Thursday - 17.00 - 18.00 PM	Taking place weekly in the SET room

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FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Free Breakfast for All
Every Morning in the canteen
7:30-8:10am

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.

ONE COMMUNITY NEWS....

Volunteer on our VIP

We offer a variety of volunteering roles. If you have some time to spare, we will find you a role to suit your time and needs. However we have specific availability in:

Office Clerical Assistant: To provide support such as typing, creating, updating databases, answering phones, dealing with the general public who make enquiries, filing etc.

Peer Mentor: typically works one-on-one with a member of the public signposted from our partners organisations. Their major task is to motivate the person to stay focused on their job search, team projects, interview preparation & practice and CV writing as well as provide encouragement and support to build self-esteem.



Activities at the One Community Shop
Open Daily
9.30am to 17.30pm

Monday 10.00-15.00
Work Club/Drop-in coffee morning / Volunteering /RISE/ TOPPs Projects

Tuesday 10:00–15:00
Moneywise/Credit Union/Little Things That Mean A Lot/TLC Project

Wednesday 10:00–15:00
Skills & Accredited Training courses – e.g. ESOL/First Aid/ Health & Safety

Thursday 10:00–15:00
Jobs and Career Support— appointment only

Friday 10:00–15:00
Meetings and appointments only

Saturday/Sunday / Evenings/24 hour access
shop space by booking in advance

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Together We can make things happen for local communities



Releasing Local Potential

Other Services

We are a Hate Incident Reporting Centre

We support:

- Bookkeeping and Payroll services
- Business start-up support
- * CV Writing and supporting statement/Interview Preparation/Job Search and Application forms
- * Email/Internet access
- Letter writing
- Faxing/ scanning/ Photocopying/ Laminating/Printing
- Producing Templates (i.e. invoices, timesheets etc.)
- Support with understanding letters from Statutory Services
- Shop space available for training and small group activities
- Residency and Nationality/EU Settlement
- Ran out of credit, need to call a mobile number ?
- Tax Returns and many more

Please note * items above are Free on Mondays during workclub

Our Vision

A healthy, sustainable and prosperous community for all

- Our Mission**
To inspire and support local people to work actively together to make their local community a place they are proud to live and work during their lifetime
- Our Core Objectives**
- ♦ To develop the capacity and skills of local people
 - ♦ To work in partnership with others to promote community wellbeing
 - ♦ To manage or source affordable & accessible community facilities
 - ♦ To create a sustainable, community anchor organisation
- Our Values**
- Partnership** - We work together with our community
- Empower** - We help build confidence to be able to support one another
- Respect** - We show value by listening to one another without judgement
- Integrity** - We do what we say we will do
- Openness** - We encourage sincerity and honesty when dealing with one another
- Dignity** - We are honourable towards each other

We are winners of the prestigious Queen's Award for voluntary services, and we are recognised locally for making impact in Tilbury.