

WELCOME

A message from the Head of School

Mrs G McLaughlin

I want to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers, students and staff for a brilliant term. Sometimes it is nice just to reflect on what a great community we have that are coming together to make The Gateway Academy a terrific place to work in every day.

To work with our students every day is an absolute pleasure and I am really looking forward to the Spring Term.

I have been in awe of how many students are now taking the lead in events across our Academy including Cultural Day, Black History Month, Peer Mentoring, Ecowarriors and many, many more.

This was always my aspiration for The Gateway Academy that students would lead the way and push us to 'continue to improve upon our best'; ultimately it is our students that determine the Academy we are. I am incredibly proud of them all.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful break and a heartfelt thanks for your support.

Kind regards,

Grainne McLaughlin
HEAD OF SCHOOL



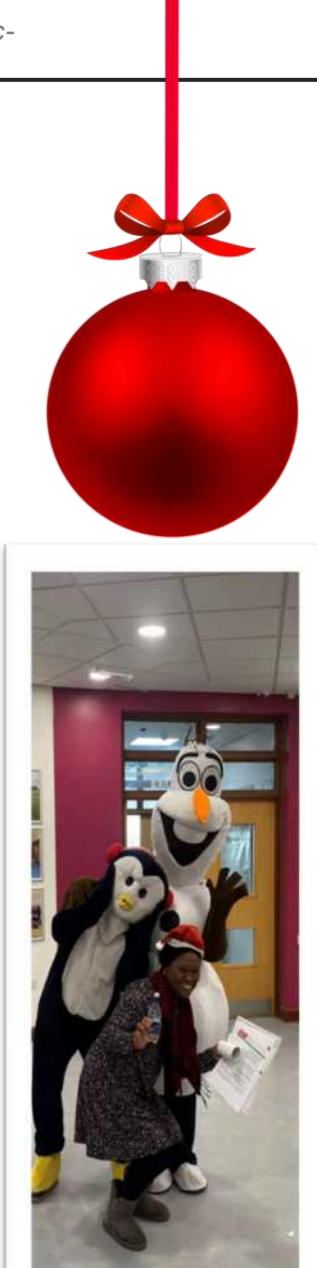
CULTURE DAY

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CHRISTMAS FUN

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BUILD A SNOWMAN COMPETITION



More fun in the snow on Page 2

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

This term the Gateway Academy Arts Team has offered a wide variety of creative opportunities to students across the GLC. Following on from last year's success, Kinetica Bloco are now offering drumming and steel pan workshops on Tuesday evenings open to all GLC students. Earlier this month Trailblazer theatre company Complete Commedia visited Year 9 students and extra-curricular clubs and peripatetic lessons have been running weekly in Dance, Music and Art. Our talented Year 11 dance students have been developing excellent leadership skills teaching a Monday afternoon dance club to students from the Gateway Primary Free School and Lansdowne Primary Academy. In drama, Year 9 students enjoyed performing to Year 5 and 6 students from Pioneer, Lansdowne, Herringham and The Free School. Our Head of Arts, Jenny Hill has this week begun the first of the tailored clay workshops offered in the Trailblazer catalogue to visiting schools and Graffiti and sculpture workshops are planned for the new year for Gateway Art students in years 9-11.

Whilst all this has been happening, behind the scenes, teachers and a very dedicated team of Gateway students from all year groups have been organising costumes, designing lighting, programmes and posters, learning lines and practising duets all for our incredible production, 'We Will Rock You!', the first Gateway Academy production in over 3 years. A performance of this size requires hours of organisation and rehearsing from all those involved (over 100 students, teachers and staff) and we are extremely proud and thankful to all those involved. A massive thank you to all those who have attended this week and we hope you all enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed making it! Extra special thanks go to the Finance team, Site Team, Sonia Humphries and the reprographics Team, Claire Brooks, Louise Smith, Billy Lee, Billy Lovelock, Chris Way and Alfie Debono.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

DATE	Time	Event
2nd January		Academy Closed
3rd January		Academy Closed
4th January	8.15AM	All years start the new term
12th January	16.00PM	Year 7 Parents Evening

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

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)

siobhan.o'dwyer@theglc.org.uk



MORE NEWS

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

Following the unexpected deluge of snow, students overwhelmed us with images of the fun they were having. We thought we would share some of them with you.

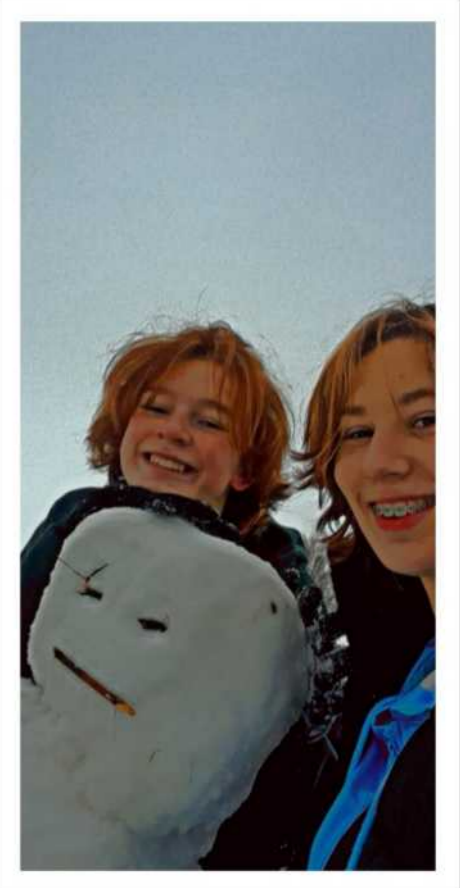
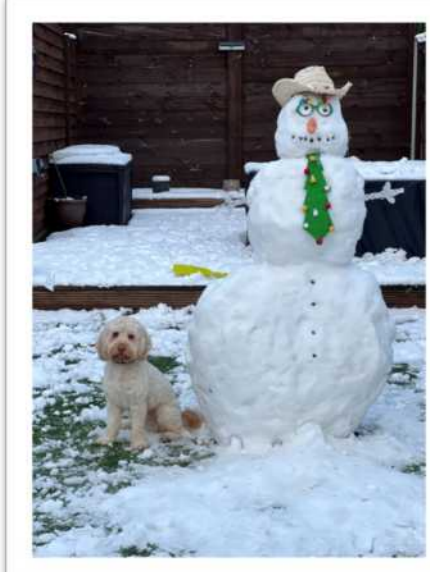


WELL DONE CHARLIE

Well done to Charlie P in year 10 for completing his FA referee course. At the weekend he completed his first Level T (former 9) Trainee and now is looking forward Level Y (former 8) Youth 14/15 age referee for the FA. As a sports captain for the school and passing his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award last year, he is also looking forward in doing his Silver award in the coming months. **Go Charlie!!!** Very Proud! Aspiration Badge on its way!



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SNOWMAN WINNERS

We had over 200 entries from staff and students for the Snowman competition

- 1st Place -Alexandra M
- 2nd Place – Norvydas R
- 3rd Place – Alexandra S-B





MORE NEWS....

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY!!!!

We brought it back with a bang! Our Christmas whole school assembly on Friday.. The students experienced a Crazy end of term festive assembly, full of prize draws, Christmas challenges, performances by our students and a Christmas sing along. Year 8 were crowned the Challenge winners for the Christmas Assembly!!!



BREAKFAST CLUB (7.30—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.

WORK FOR 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

For more details on these vacancies, please visit

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

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Students in Year 9 had the pleasure of a visit from the Commedia Theatre Company providing an enjoyable Drama workshop.



YEAR GROUP NEWS....

YEAR 7

Mr M Scott

It has been the total pleasure of Myself and Miss Uren to support you all during you're first term with us at The Gateway Academy. The overall attitude form you all and your drive to get into school has shown no bounds. You are a credit to us, you're families and yourselves. Take a moment to think about what you have learnt this term, the new friendships you have made and the hurdles you may have overcome. You have worked tirelessly to get yourselves into School and even during the snowy days and icy conditions you made it in to School to tackle you're learning head on. I applaud you for this.

You have all worked so hard. Many of you are now proud badge owners and have excelled in embodying what it means to be a member of The Gateway Academy. We have a huge number of winners for Resilience, Responsibility, compassion and Aspiration,



It was lovely to see so many of you getting you're rewards in assembly today and very well deserved they were too. A special mention has to go to Abaan Mohammed. Abaan was our winner of Student of the term for year 7 due to his drive to succeed and the outstanding attendance he has achieved.

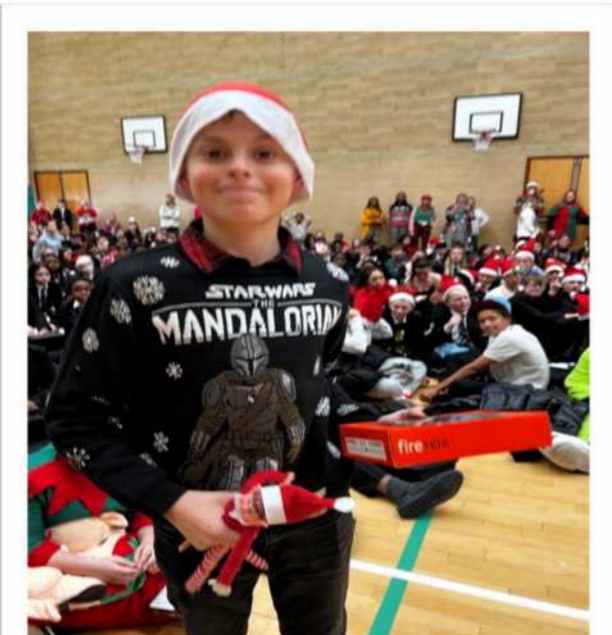
While we were robbed in the end of term celebration assembly, I hope it has given you an idea of what is to come at Easter. We will go again, and we will win.



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

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

See you all in January, Mr Scott & Mrs Uren



YEAR 8

Miss B Mead

Year 8's, what a fantastic first term!!!! It has been wonderful to see all of the amazing things you have achieved over the last 13 weeks.

This week we held a big Year 8 celebration assembly, where over 60 students won prizes for their continuous effort, hard work, achievements and consistently showing the schools core values. It was brilliant to be able to celebrate these students and highlight the hard work they continuously are putting in. We also had 34 year 8 students invited to attend the Christmas rewards trip to Thameside Theatre's pantomime- Beauty and the Beast. Students had a fantastic time at this event and we look forward to being able to take more for you to our future rewards trips. Last week we held our annual Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day, so many students joined in and wore their festive jumpers and celebrated all together as a year group with Christmas dinner and Karaoke.

In the last week of term we had our whole school production of We Will Rock You, watching our students on stage together and seeing how confidently the year 8's performed was just brilliant. A massive shout out to Augustine who stepped in last minute and took over a main role in the production with such ease and confidence with singing, dancing, acting and learning all of his lines in just 1 week.

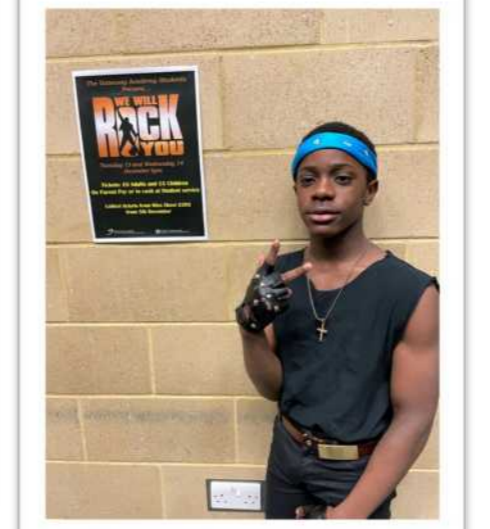
Finally, for the first time in over 3 years we were able to celebrate in a Christmas whole school assembly this week. Students were invited into the sports hall to celebrate in true Gateway fashion! With performances, challenges and lots of prizes won! Year 8 came first place in the wrapping competition, tied 2nd place in the chocolate eating competition and after a very close finish 2nd place overall, I know during the next big assembly we will be going for 1st place!

Keep up the great work year 8. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year. I will see you all in 2023!!!
Miss Mead



TRAILBLAZER

Jenny Hill worked with Harris Academy Ocken-don with 25 students and staff for ceramic training through Trailblazer. The day was extremely successful and outcomes for the Harris students were very strong. Harris Academy returned to us with more students after attending last year, and this is one of 5 participating schools in Thurrock that have signed up for our course.



YEAR GROUP NEWS CONTD...

YEAR 9

Ms A Shannon

We made it to the end of the term Year 9!!!
A huge well done to all of you for your efforts with your assessments over the past couple of weeks, reports and results will be shared with you all after the Christmas break.

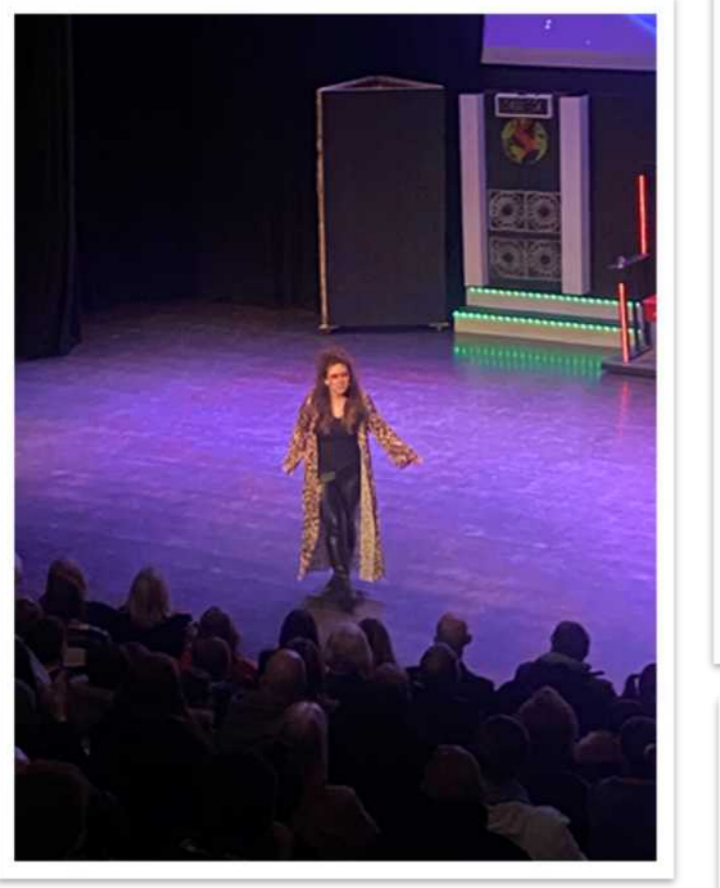
I had the pleasure of watching the school production of 'We will Rock you' this week and was extremely proud of all of the year 9's that took part, the dancers, the actors and all of the support that went on back-stage with lighting, make up, hair and selling and promoting the show.

Special shout outs to the following students whose performances were amazing...

- Patricia Avrim
- Eli Cook
- Marjorie Nyani
- Victoria Abbot
- Maddison Cook
- Rosie Dukaj

And all of the amazing dancers!!!!
All that is left for us to say is a massive Merry Christmas. We wish you all the best over the festive period and hope that you receive some lovely gifts and make some amazing memories with your families and friends.

Merry Christmas Year 9
All our love
Mrs Shannon, Miss Chalmers and Ms Dixon x



YEAR 10

Mr N Concannon

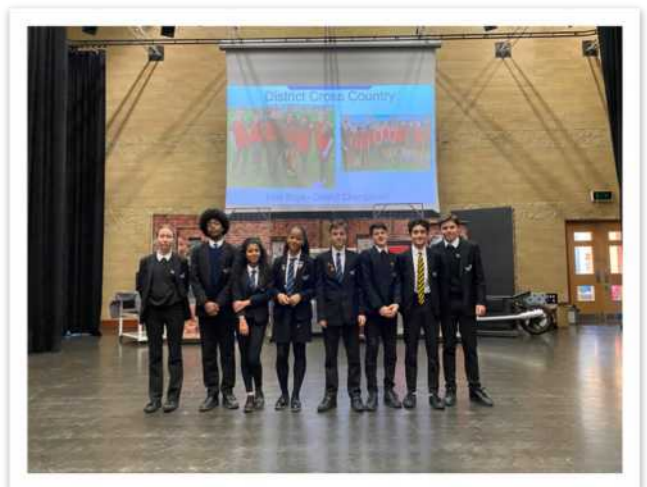
First of all, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.
Congratulations to Adrian Golisz on being named the year 10 student of the term. Adrian is a truly outstanding student that gives 100% each day and is a shining example of a student that promotes the school values.

Congratulations to Finley Chilvers for winning the Last Man Standing Competition. Jamal Chaloupka Kuku & Reece Cox were both runners up. 10C were winners of the 5 a side football competition. In a great show of charity, they donated their JD sports vouchers to the Gateway Academy school giving tree.

Dylan Sanham won the player of the tournament. Dylan is an exceptional footballer and an excellent all round student. A shout out also should go to Vitys Cesnys who donated £10 to the Gateway Academy Giving Tree. Finley Chilvers, Frankie Flanders, Reja Radvilaviciute & Bailey Burgess Gaxha all won footballs. Next half term the year 10 students will take part in a basketball competition. This will be a fundraiser for a local charity.

The year 10 reward tip to Rollacity will be rescheduled for January 2023. A massive well done to everyone involved in the We Will Rock You production. Dione Edwards and Gabriel Harding put in outstanding performances. They both have very bright futures in performing arts.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in the new year
Mr Concannon & Mrs Davis



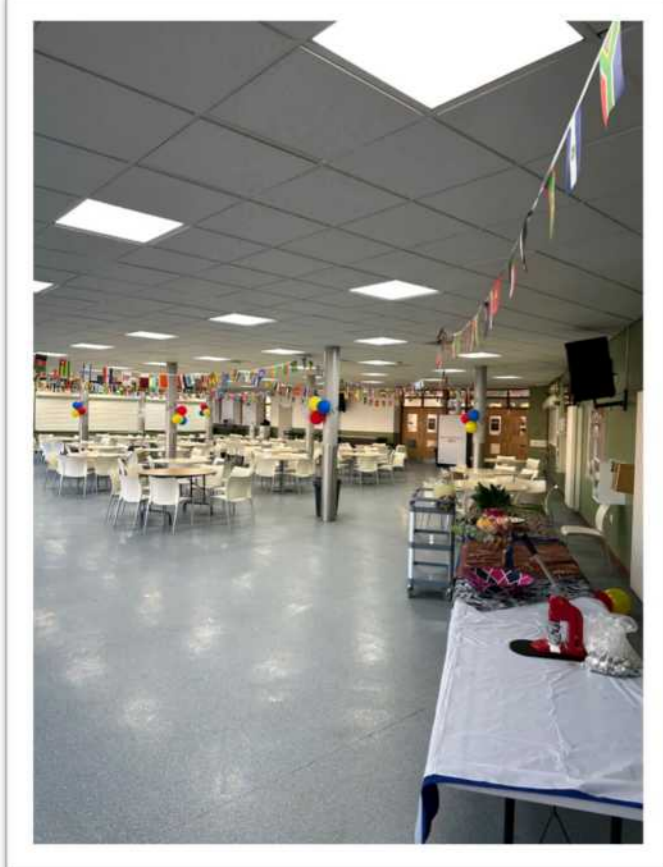
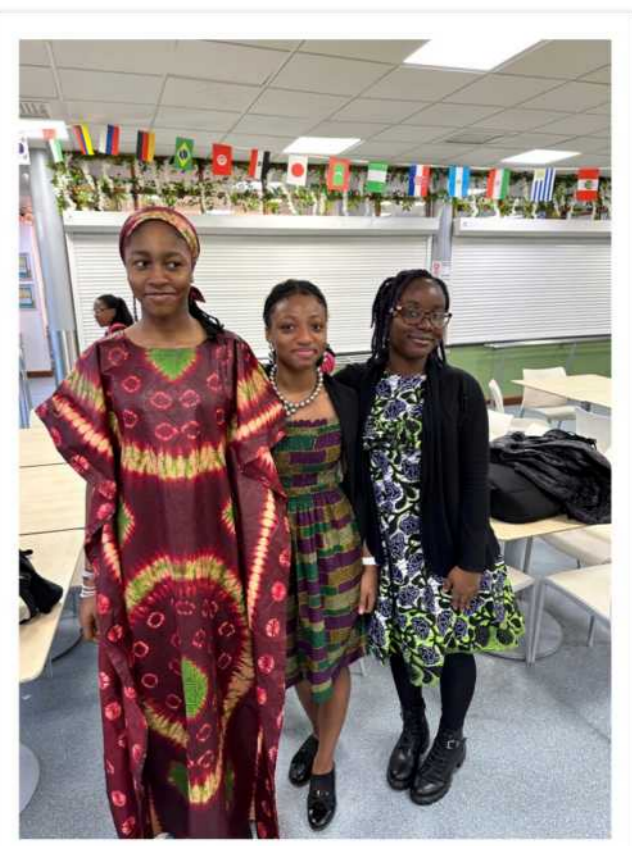
FIFA World Cup 2022: Winners of the weekly football award;
The following students are won prizes in the Last Man Standing competition;
Finley Chilvers
Bailey Burgess Gaxha
Frankie Flanders
Reja Radvilaviciute

Finley Chilvers
Jamal Chaloupka Kuku
Reece Cox



EVEN MORE NEWS....

CULTURE DAY



"What an amazing day" Students from the Academy's Leadership team organised a Culture Day. Supported by staff, the day celebrated the range of students' and staff's different cultures across the Academy.

There were traditional foods from countries in Africa, Romania and Ireland served as well as many other cuisines. Students wore traditional dress to School and they looked absolutely amazing.

PSHE and PAD lessons focused on Culture Day and traditional music played in the Canteen.

It was such a pleasure to talk with students across the Academy about their traditions and family cultures. Students are already planning a second Culture Day for this Academic year; thank you to everyone involved.



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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.

Additional learning to ensure you achieve your potential

WEEK 1 - 14.50 - 15.50PM		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
MONDAY	TUESDAY				
Year 11 English - X Band Science - Y Band Brilliant Tutoring	Option B	Brilliant Tutoring		Science - X band Maths - Y band	
WEEK 2 - 14.50 - 15.50PM		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
MONDAY	TUESDAY				
Year 11 Maths - X Band English - Y Band Brilliant Tutoring	Option A	Brilliant Tutoring		Option C Targeted students	
Option A PE Geography Health and Social Care Performing Arts 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

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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.

ONE COMMUNITY NEWS....



DECEMBER 2022 Newsletter



THE GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to One Community Development Trust Winners of the Transforming Lives Award

Thanks to players of the National Lottery, One Community has been Awarded £400K by the National Lottery Community Fund towards "Building the New Different" which during the Localities Convention Yewande Kannike CEO of One Community shared the vision and also collected an Award for our in our community.



Money4YOU

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

During Dragons Den 10th Anniversary celebration and special Awards Ceremony on Thursday 20th October 2022. One Community Development Trust was recognised for The Outstanding Achievement Award on the Avocado Plus Accelerator Programme

- ### PROJECTS to look out for in 2023
- Headstart to Employment - Opportunities for young people aged 16-25 to go into paid employment, further training, or seeking to go onto some form of apprenticeship.
 - Volunteer Investment Programme (VIP) - Evidence based skills development programme for people who support the work of One Community through volunteering.
 - Work Club and coffee mornings - Drop-in and booked one-to-one sessions for support with getting work into paid employment.
 - Harlow Save Credit Union - Ethical Saving scheme and low interest loans for residents to replace the Essex Savers Credit Union.
 - The Tilbury Opportunities Project (TOPPs) offers a FREE service to support residents to deal with barriers to accessing learning and paid work. To date we have successfully gained outcomes for 61 local residents.
 - TLC Project - This project is tackling isolation and loneliness and it includes one-to-one peer support to help to assist residents to get connected through small group activity or community events.
 - Little Things that Mean A lot - Addressing issues that residents find hard to get help with in order to be able to sustain themselves and their families. To date we have supported in excess of 200 residents in housing, fuel and energy, council tax reduction and benefit support
 - One Community is a Hate Incident Reporting Centre (HIRC) The One Community shop has been a HIRC since October 2017. It also has trained volunteers and staff to collect the information to feed into Thurrock intelligence about Hate Crime in Tilbury.

SUMMER BOAT CRUISE

Our Queen's Platinum Jubilee boat cruise with 220 local residents from Tilbury Town to Greenwich Pier was a massive success on 6th August 2022. This brought families from our diverse community together. It was a memorable day of fun, and entertainment on one of the Flagship Uber Boats by Thames Clipper sightseeing enroute to London with our very own Mike Ostler from Tilbury Riverside Project



BERLIN AND CHICAGO MARATHONS

Whether it's for good work or the little things that count — can certainly go a long way toward bringing more funds to continue to support the work we do here for the Community. Yewande completed the 26.2 Miles in the Berlin Marathon on 25 September and Chicago Marathon on 9 October 2022 to fundraise for One Community. Please continue to sponsor her. For more information, please visit our website www.onecommunity.org.uk



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PAGEANT - THANK YOU DANCE

Community groups from Tilbury, Grays, Purfleet and Milton Keynes made up 245 performers from frontline and emergency services - NHS, care workers, and community volunteers to say "Thank You" for their services during the pandemic on the Pall Mall to Buckingham Palace on 5th June. The Tower Queen of the People and the Planet was our very own local champion - Yewande Kannike. The "Thank You" Dance came back to Tilbury on 25th June with the same all-star performance for local residents to enjoy.

WARM WELCOME

- Is your gas/electricity bills skyrocketing and you would like to contact your energy supplier?
- Are you missing out on any benefits?
- Do you need more financial support on housing cost?
- Are you aged 65+ You may qualify for additional support such as pension credit etc.



WARM WELCOME at One Community Shop

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 am onwards at 134 Dock Road Tilbury RM18 7BJ

- Is your gas/electricity bills skyrocketing and you would like to contact your energy supplier?
- Are you missing out on any benefits?
- Do you need more financial support on housing cost?
- Are you aged 65+ You may qualify for additional support
- Or would you like to connect your devices etc...

GATEWAYS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

GA's Christmas Giving Tree and Food Hampers

We were able to donate 10 Christmas food and sweet hampers to some of our most vulnerable families. These were greatly received by all.

Gateway staff go above and beyond! Due to the generosity of our amazing staff, we have been able to donate in excess of 60 Christmas gifts to students.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Team work makes the dream work! Kerry Newton.

