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The GLC Parent Newsletter



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At the GLC, we are very proud of what we continue to achieve together. We have the most wonderful young people-it really is a privilege to work with them, a fantastic staff team, committed governors and directors and extremely supportive parents and carers. It is this partnership that enables us to bring our motto All Different, All Equal, Together Improving Upon Our Best to life at each of our academies and across the GLC.

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have celebrated our highest results ever across the GLC as all our schools achieved results above the national average; in phonics, in the MTC, at the end of Key Stage 2 and in GCSES.

These results are testament to the commitment and excellent teaching from our staff, our focus to put our core values at the heart of everything we do and the amazing range of experiences and opportunities. Our amazing team and community also helps us to achieve our mission to develop active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

It is lovely to see the journey our children make from being 9 months in some cases all the way through to Year 11 and beyond. We love hearing about their success with apprenticeships, going on to the best Universities and onto exciting roles, sometimes, back at The GLC family.

We are also very grateful for all the support you give to your children, to our schools and across The GLC.

Have a good half term.



GLC All Different: All Equal Together: Improving Upon Our Best

EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS!

Maths and English Results are Above the National Average

In Every GLC Academy



Primary Holiday Provision

This summer's successful GLC Primary Holiday Provision brought together children from across the Trust to TPA, creating a vibrant and inclusive environment filled with fun and learning. Pupils took part in a wide range of activities including team-building challenges, music sessions, sports, and creative Lego workshops. A highlight was the creation of identity boxes, where children celebrated their individuality while developing compassion and understanding for others. The week was a fantastic opportunity for building friendships and confidence across schools—roll on this year's provision!



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Secondary Holiday Provision

We have been working tirelessly to ensure our students maximise learning through the offer of a Summer Holiday School where our aim was to provide ambitious, challenging curriculum activities in order to rapidly improve attainment and support our children's



wellbeing. This intensive learning programme focused on English and Maths whilst having a practical approach to learning in a fun and safe environment. Children were also offered the option to attend a variety of fun, enrichment sessions that included a Food workshop, 32 Challenges led by The Problem-Solving Company, Drumming, Dance, Drama, inflatables, a range of sports sessions and more!

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National Read-Aloud Challenge 2025 - FINALIST!

We have some incredibly exciting news to share! GLC Gateway Primary Free School and Herringham Primary Academy has been named finalists for the East of England region in the National Read-Aloud Challenge with **Fonetti**

This is a huge achievement and a wonderful recognition for all the children who participated this summer. The overall winner for the East of England will be announced on 15th October.

If we win, the journey continues! The winning school will be invited to the National Awards Ceremony at Amazon HQ in London on 15th January 2026—an unforgettable celebration of reading success!

The GLC More Able Maths Masterclass

GLC Parents/ Carers and children came together for the first GLC More able Maths Masterclass of the academic year. During this session, Mrs Mcloughlin and the more able leads presented an exciting and informative masterclass entitled - To Infinity and beyond. In this session pupils and parents learnt about infinity and bounded infinity.



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Houses of Parliament

The GLC school council leads enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Houses of Parliament, where they explored the historic building, learned about the UK's democratic processes, and took part in a workshop on how laws are made. They also had the opportunity to sit in the public gallery and observe a live debate in the House of Commons, giving them a real insight into the workings of government. They will then be sharing their learning as part of UK Parliament week in November.



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The GLC Student Awards

This half term marked a wonderful celebration of achievement at the GLC Student Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all the students who received an award – your hard work and dedication truly shone through. A special well done to The Gateway Academy’s Head and Deputy Head Students, who did a fantastic job presenting the ceremony with confidence and professionalism. The Primary Head Pupils were equally impressive, supporting the Heads of School in handing out the awards with pride and enthusiasm. We were also honoured to welcome our guest speakers, former students Megan Bramhill and Malcolm Ololade, whose inspiring words left a lasting impact on everyone in attendance.



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GCSE RESULTS AT THE GATEWAY ACADEMY 2024 - 2025



The Gateway Academy is celebrating another year of exceptional success, with students achieving some of the highest results in the academy's history. Performance across many subjects including Maths and English has significantly exceeded the national average, underlining the Academy's continued commitment to academic excellence. The Academy's Attainment 8 score – which measures how well students perform across eight key subjects – was above the national average, reflecting the strong progress made by students in both academic and creative areas. This means that Gateway students, on average, achieved higher grades across a broader range of subjects than many of their peers nationally.

Headteacher Grainne McLaughlin congratulated the Year 11 cohort on their achievements and praised their dedication:

"I congratulate our 2025 Year 11 students for the outstanding progress and success they have achieved during their time with us. I am proud of our students; their determination and ambition make them an inspiration to our academy and wider community."



Ms. McLaughlin also paid tribute to the wider academy community:

"Such success would not have been possible without the commitment of our exceptional staff, the support of parents and carers, and the encouragement of our community. Together, we have created an academy where young people excel academically, creatively and on the sports field."



Viki Reid, CEO of the Gateway Learning Community (GLC), also commended the students:

"What a wonderful day for our Year 11 students and their families. I am extremely proud of the excellent GCSE results they have achieved. This success is a reflection of the hard work and resilience they've shown both in their academic studies and across their wider achievements. It is also a reflection of our brilliant teachers, our inspirational leaders, and all their parents and carers who have supported them to consistently improve upon their best. We are confident that they will go on to achieve incredible things personally and become active and thriving citizens."

The Gateway Academy's strong results highlight the academy's growing reputation for academic achievement and student success, both locally and nationally.

Basketball Camp

A fun time was had at our recent Basketball Camp in the beautiful town of A Rua, Ourense, Spain 🇪🇸🏀🇬🇧

During the 9 day camp our players were exposed to a higher level of basketball, working really hard with 2 practices and games everyday, instructed by former and current pro players and coaches from Spain. We hiked up a 'small' mountain, went swimming every day and took part in early sunrise yoga & meditation sessions, overlooking the amazing backdrop that surrounds the campus.

There were some excellent individual & team performances from our UK players winning and representing well in the 1v1, 2v2, 3v3 and 5v5 competition's, playing with and also against the Spanish. However some of the biggest victories happened off the court, such as the personal battles that were overcome in making it to the top of the mountain when quitting and giving up seemed the easiest path.

The true highlights of the camp, making memories and forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

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The Gateway Academy Open Day

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the GA Open Evening, we hope you found the evening informative and enjoyed the activities that were there for you to enjoy.

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Mensa Success at Gateway

6 students are eligible to join Mensa as a result of their scores in last term's tests. Membership is offered to anyone achieving a score in the top two percent of the population. On the Cattell B test used at the school session, the required score was 148; the average IQ score is 100.

We now have 16 students as Mensa members at Gateway, a remarkable achievement. Further tests are planned each term this year.

Photographed:
Year 10: Elwen, Max, Sarah
Year 9: Rosie
Year 8: Joanna and Fikayo

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First Parade for the GA Cadet Force

This week marked a proud moment for The Gateway Academy as its newly formed Cadet Force held its very first parade. Dressed smartly in their freshly issued uniforms, the cadets stood tall and proud.



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“We are Gateway”

Watch the stunning video put together with students, reciting the ‘We are Gateway’ poem.



Head Students

Congratulations to the Gateway Academy's new Head Students:

Head Boy: Emmanuel
Head Girl: Gavreilla
Deputy Head Boy: AJ
Deputy Head Girl: Kara

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Year 11 Photography

Students have made a fantastic start on their third and final unit for their GCSE coursework. This portrait project is very different to the last environment unit, students are taking photographs of each other using dramatic lighting along with expression and viewpoints. The quality of the work coming through is a very hot high standard and students are paving the way to exceptional results.

CONTRAST IN MY WORK



If I were to reshoot I would probably like to be in a darker area to really get that enhancement of the light and dark contrast. I would also like to change how I shot, like how I set up the shells and how I set the light.



I've used light in my work to show the differences between light and dark, most being a cascade of a shadow besides a figure of light.

Contrast in Photography

As you can see in my picture I'm showing dark contrast. For my shoot I used a pinecone and a bright white light to really define my contrast and capture the true beauty of the technique. Through my image I captured the look of contrast technique while showing the art of underwater objects.

MY WORK

Contrast in Photography is the difference between light and dark areas or between colours, shapes, and textures. Contrast is used in Photography because it highlights the light and dark areas. Contrast also serves depth and dimension and draws the viewer's attention.



During my shoot I ensured I found the darkest area possible and a bright light allowing me to not only capture a defined photo but also to present how eye-catching the technique is. Contrast is a commonly used technique itself.





Cooking Success

Well done to the Year 9 students for their fantastic effort in making delicious quiches! Your creativity and attention to detail in both flavour and presentation really shone through. It's clear that you put in a lot of thought and care into your work — from selecting tasty ingredient combinations to ensuring each quiche was cooked to perfection. A great example of practical skills, teamwork, and culinary talent coming together. Keep up the great work!



Year 10 students cooked up a storm in the kitchen, creating delicious homemade chicken and tarragon pies. From preparing the filling to mastering the pastry, they showcased impressive culinary skills and recipe following. A hearty effort all round!





Hairspray Sneak Preview...

Rehearsals are in full swing for the upcoming Gateway Academy musical production of *Hairspray*, and the cast and crew are working incredibly hard to bring the show to life. The energy, talent, and dedication from everyone involved is truly inspiring as they prepare for what promises to be a fantastic performance. Here are some sneak preview photos giving you a behind-the-scenes look at all the hard work going on — we can't wait for you to see the final show!

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GA's First CCF Cadet Field Trip

We are delighted to report on the first highly successful CCF cadet field trip to Thriftwood that took place over the weekend. Students from Years 8, 9, and 10 attended, demonstrating outstanding dedication and teamwork throughout the intensive weekend. The weekend began with essential training, focusing on setting up camp and mastering survival skills. Cadets learned the vital skill of cooking rations in the field and received foundational lessons in basic fieldcraft on how to soldier. It was an early start on Saturday for a refresher on field cooking before a packed day of military skills training, covering the following lessons:

1. Effective military bag packing techniques.
2. Understanding how things are seen (sight and cover).
3. Practical drills on moving in different environments (with and without a weapon).
4. Techniques for camouflage and concealment.
5. Judging distance and using hand signals for silent communication.
6. The practical challenge of making your own shelter (basher).

The day concluded with well-deserved games of football, tug of war and roasting marshmallows around a campfire on Saturday night. Sunday shifted focus to adventure and teamwork with a range of challenging activities, including rock climbing, precision training with air rifle shooting, and the thrilling descent of the zip line.

All students conducted themselves exemplarily throughout the entire weekend and were a credit to the academy. Their positive attitude and commitment to learning were commendable. Looking ahead, the cadets will build on this experience by learning how to safely handle the British rifle (SA80) and will prepare for exciting future trips to live ranges to practice shooting.

Photographs on the next page...

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Celebrating Their Best Ever Phonics Results

The Gateway Primary Free School celebrated their best ever phonics results. Congratulations to the Year 1 pupils.

Pupil Leadership & House Captains Elections

This week, Gateway Primary Free School held its annual Pupil Leadership and House Captains elections, giving our Key Stage 2 pupils the opportunity to step into leadership roles and have their voices heard. Candidates presented thoughtful speeches and demonstrated

impressive confidence, vision, and enthusiasm for representing their peers. Staff and students alike were inspired by the maturity and dedication shown throughout the process. Congratulations to all the newly elected Pupil Leaders and House Captains—we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make across the school community this year!





Peer to Peer Mentoring

This week, students from The Gateway Academy continued their impactful peer-to-peer mentoring sessions with Year 6 pupils from Gateway Primary Free School. These sessions provide invaluable support to the younger pupils, while the mentors consistently embody the GLC core values through their leadership.



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⚽ Thurrock Girls' Football Tournament ⚽

Eight girls proudly represented GPFS at a girls' football tournament in Thurrock. The team faced off against four other local schools, playing a total of five matches. They demonstrated impressive resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament securing a well-earned victory. The team finished 4th in the group.



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Life in the Burrow

We are thrilled to share that our learners in The Burrow have settled exceptionally well into their new environment. They have embraced the new routines, expectations, and learning opportunities with enthusiasm and curiosity. It is heartening to see them adjusting so positively, which sets a wonderful foundation for their growth and development this year.

A key focus in The Burrow this year is supporting speech, language, and communication needs. To support our learners effectively, we are implementing strategies at both targeted and universal levels, utilising a variety of alternative and augmented communication aids. In every lesson, activity, and play session, we incorporate communication boards to model language and foster engagement. We are delighted to report that the learners are making good progress, and it is wonderful to hear their voices developing as they become more confident in their expressive communication skills.



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Year 4 Trip to Grangewater

The children had a fantastic time on our recent trip to Grangewaters, enjoying a range of exciting outdoor activities in a beautiful natural setting. It was wonderful to see them stepping out of their comfort zones, supporting one another, and building strong friendships along the way. The trip truly highlighted the importance of teamwork, resilience, and cooperation, and we couldn't be prouder of how well they represented our school.



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Barleyland Fun!

Gateway Primary Free School recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Barleylands Farm. During their visit, they took part in a fun and interactive pizza-making workshop where they learned how to prepare their own delicious creations. The children also had the opportunity to feed a variety of farm animals, getting up close with goats, sheep, and more. One of the highlights of the day was a scenic tractor ride around the farm, giving everyone a chance to see the countryside and learn more about life on the farm. It was a memorable and educational day out for all involved!



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Class Treaty – Growing Together

As part of our first day back, each class created a **Class Treaty**—a shared set of rules and values that we will follow throughout the year. To make it special, each child **drew around their hand** as a personal 'signature' of commitment.

These handprints will be displayed on our very own **class tree**, symbolising that we're all growing and working together as a team.



Food Tasting in Year 1

The children had a fantastic time on Monday, exploring different ingredients as part of our DT pizza topic. The children were very brave, tasting a range of delicious toppings and talking about the flavours.

We had some happy faces (and some very interesting reactions!).



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Identity Boxes

An identity box is a creative box filled with a collection of objects, photos and images that define you or your social identities. Identities might include race, religion, gender, ethnicity, social status, family groups.

This half term, the children decorated their boxes and put in the things that were important to them. The children presented their boxes to the class and explained what they had in their boxes and why.



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Year 5/6 Boys' Football Event

Under bright blue skies and glorious sunshine, our Year 5/6 football team gave it their all at the SSP football tournament. After a tough start, the team grew in confidence and strength with every game, showing real determination and teamwork.

There were some fantastic goals, brilliant saves, and moments of real skill as the team battled through a competitive group. Their hard work paid off with a well-earned 2nd place finish in a very tough group – a great achievement!

Well done to all involved!



Year 4 at Grangewaters

The pupils showed a lot of resilience during their trip at Grangewaters. They worked hard rowing whilst taking part in the water sports. On the climbing walls, each time the pupils climbed they were asked to go higher than before. Many rose to this challenge. Well done!





Family Workshop - Making Couscous

We had a fantastic time at the recent Year 2 family workshop, where children and families came together to explore healthy eating and hands-on food preparation. It was wonderful to see the children confidently cutting, grating, peeling, and mixing a variety of fresh ingredients to create their own delicious couscous dishes.



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Year 1 Trip to Barleylands

We had a fantastic time on our trip to Barleylands! The children were brilliant ambassadors for the school and learned so much about where our food comes from.

The morning was all about becoming master pizza makers. We discovered exactly how wheat becomes flour, before getting hands-on. The children loved kneading their own dough and topping their pizzas. Just look at those masterpieces—they looked (and smelled!) absolutely delicious. 😊

After a much-needed lunch, we went on a very bumpy but exciting tractor ride around the fields! We finished the day walking around the farm, meeting, greeting, and feeding lots of different animals. The goats and sheep were definitely hungry!



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Year 3 WOW Start

What a fantastic start to the school year Year 3 have had! The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. As part of our geography work, they explored maps and enjoyed an immersive *Now Press Play* experience, which brought their studies to life. Linking to our European topic, pupils researched and sampled delicious foods from across Europe – a highlight for many!

In DT pupils have used their laptops to research bread and then taste tested many of the varieties before making their own bread.

In science, we have been learning about healthy nutrition and food groups, helping pupils understand the importance of a balanced diet. The children enjoyed hands-on activities that encouraged them to think about making healthy choices.

An exciting development this term is that every Year 3 pupil has been issued with a brand new laptop. This will support learning both in school and at home, giving pupils the tools to thrive in our digital world.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Food Tasting and Team Work in Year 2

In Design and Technology, the pupils are learning all about couscous, they began by conducting research into a variety of different couscous flavours - some they loved and some they were not so keen on! In PSHE, the pupils have been learning about how they belong to a class and to make the class more successful they can work as a team to help and support each other. It has been a great start to new year!



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Samba Drumming

All three Year 4 classes have begun their Samba drumming sessions with the brilliant Thurrock Music Services team. The children are already learning to follow beats and rhythms while experiencing the joy of making music together. These exciting lessons will continue weekly throughout the term!



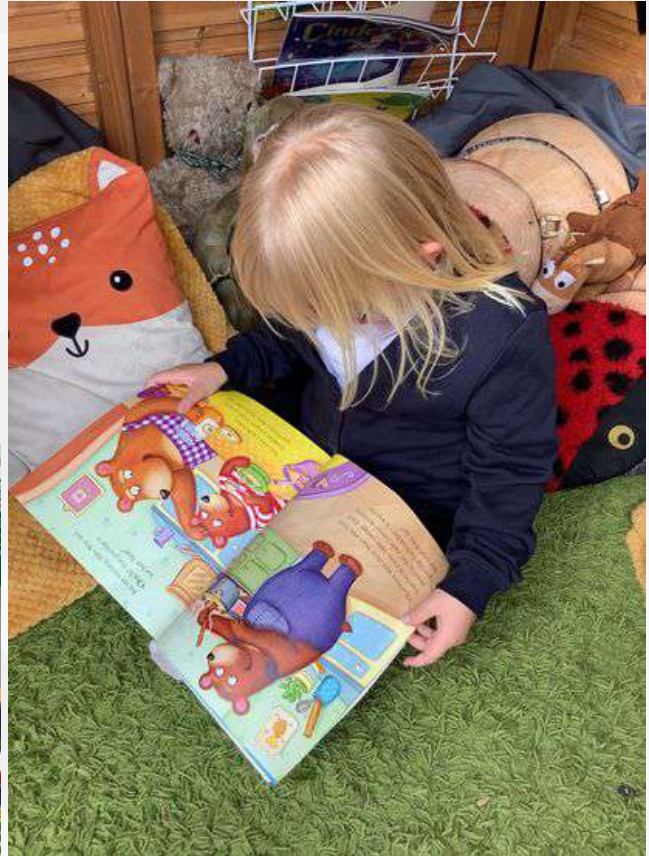
Year 6 Family Learning Session

Year 6 had their family learning session linked to science. Children (and some parents and carers) learnt about the four main components of blood and then tried to create their own using water, food dye, cheerios, marshmallows and small pieces of cotton wool. Thank You to those parents and carers who were able to attend this session.



Reception

The children have made a positive start to reception! They are familiarising themselves with the indoor and outdoor environments, establishing routines and expectations, and building positive relationships with their peers. Well done, reception - we have made a sharp start to the Autumn term.



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Year 1's Exciting Trip to Barleylands!

Year 1 had a fantastic day out at Barleylands, packed with fun and learning! The children loved feeding the friendly farm animals and learning all about how they're cared for. A highlight of the day was the bumpy tractor ride around the farm, which brought lots of smiles and laughter. To top it all off, the children got hands-on in the kitchen and made their very own delicious pizzas – a perfect end to a brilliant day!



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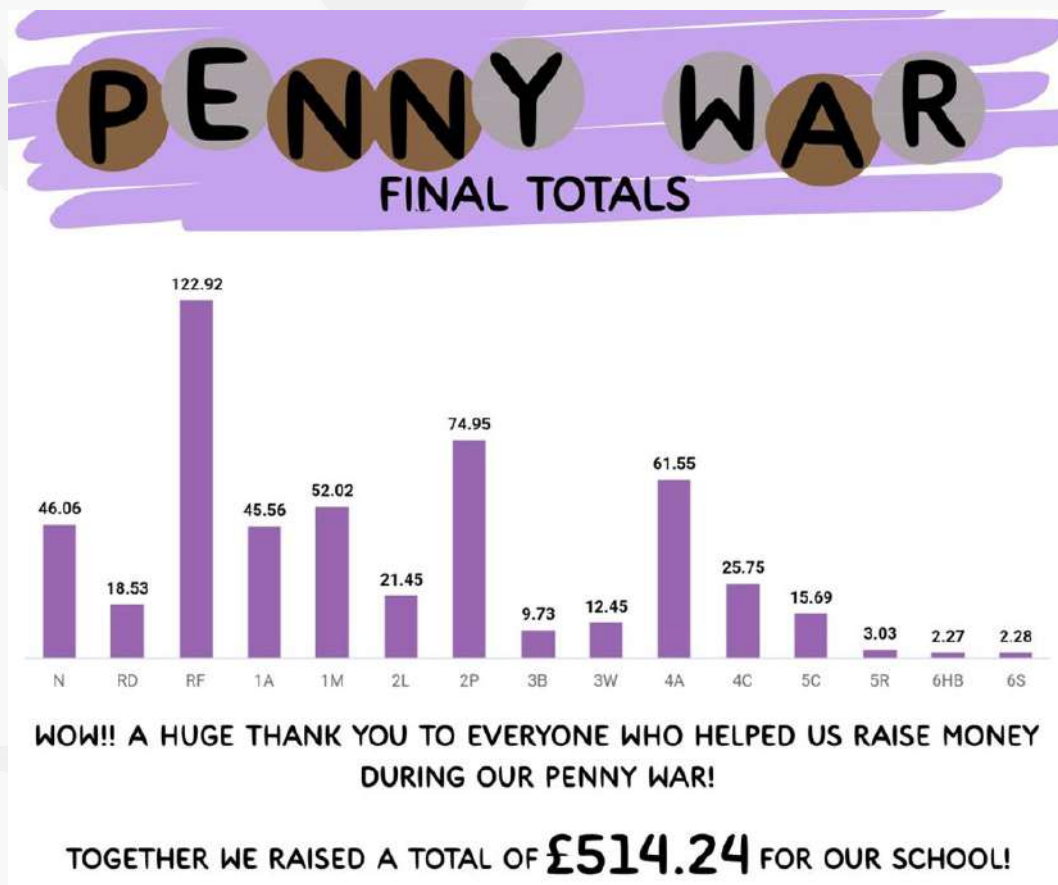
Penny Wars Success!

July marked the end of our annual Penny Wars fundraiser, and we're thrilled to share that we raised an impressive **£514.24** in just a few short weeks—all from spare change generously donated by our amazing parents and students!

As part of the friendly competition, the class that raised the most money gets to choose how their total is spent on an end-of-year treat. This year, the winning class was **RF**, who collected a fantastic **£122.92!**

As you can imagine, our youngest fundraisers had plenty of creative (and wild!) ideas. After much excitement and discussion, they decided on a **superhero party**, some **new classroom resources**, and—most touchingly—a **donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital**, made in the name of **Class RF, Tilbury Pioneer Academy**, in honour of one of their classmates who recently spent time there.

A huge well done to Class RF and thank you to everyone who contributed. What a wonderful example of fun, kindness, and community spirit!



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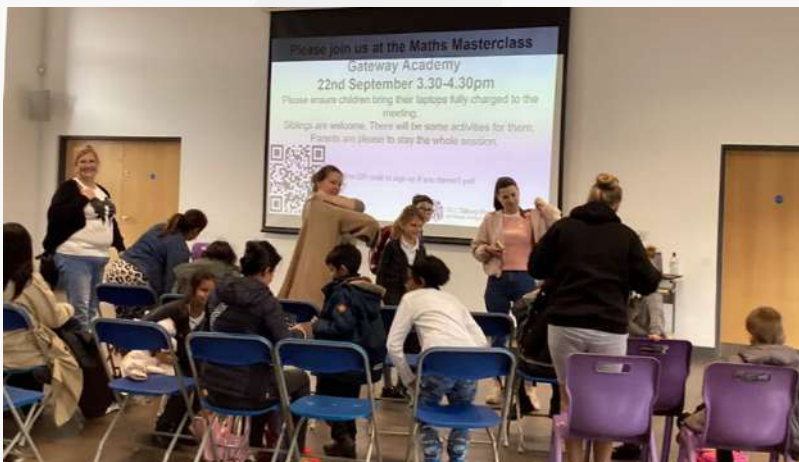
Receptions Family Tree

As part of our first topic, "All About Me," Reception is creating a beautiful **Family Tree display** to help children explore and celebrate the people who are special to them. We've invited parents to share family photos, giving each child the opportunity to talk about who is in their family before the photos are displayed. This not only supports their sense of identity and belonging but also helps to build connections between home and school. We're looking forward to seeing the children proudly share their family stories with the class!



Family Maths Masterclass

The More Able lead met with Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents to talk about maths and the opportunities they will be given in the upcoming year. Sessions to really advance their thinking and widen their knowledge and love of maths. The parents and pupils were keen to get involved, we look forward to seeing the pupil's love of Maths progress.





Year 5 Trip to Go Ape

Year 5 had a brilliant time at Go Ape! It was a fantastic day of teamwork and resilience, as students tackled the high ropes and encouraged one another every step of the way.

The children all showed great resilience and responsibility, making it a truly memorable day out.



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Inspiring Trip to the Houses of Parliament

School council leads from Tilbury Pioneer Academy enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Houses of Parliament, where they explored the historic building, learned about the UK's democratic system, and took part in a workshop on how laws are made. The highlight of the day was the guided tour, which allowed the children to walk through the House of Commons and the House of Lords, bringing to life everything they had learned in school.

One pupil said, *"It was amazing to see where real decisions are made. It made me feel like our voices as young people really do matter!"*

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Hairspray Auditions

The GLC primary pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to audition to take part in The Gateway Academy's upcoming *Hairspray* musical production. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, talent, and confidence from all those who took part. All children have now been informed of the outcome, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who stepped up to audition. Here's a sneak preview of Tilbury Pioneer Academy's auditions – well done to all involved!



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Year 4 Adventure at Grangewater

Our Year 4 children had an exciting trip to Grangewater, where they took part in kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboarding. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, teamwork, and adventure. The children showed incredible resilience as they embraced new challenges on the water—and had a lot of fun while doing it! We're so proud of their enthusiasm and determination.



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The GLC Primary Competencies

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Black History Month – October 2025

This October, we recognise and celebrate Black History Month—an important opportunity to reflect on the achievements, contributions, and rich cultural heritage of Black individuals throughout history and today. It's also a time to engage with stories that may have been historically overlooked, and to encourage meaningful conversations about equality, representation, and inclusion. Across the school, staff are encouraged to explore resources, highlight influential Black figures in their subjects, and support activities that empower all students to feel seen, valued, and inspired.





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Our second Primary Spelling Bee took place on Tuesday 10th April. Huge congratulations to the winners. [View at Tilbury Pioneer Academy](#)

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Year 6, Herringham Primary Academy
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World Book Day story
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The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, & they all shared the joy of reading and listening to our three all different, all equal Primary groups each had school to home and back post in two activities throughout the day in mixed year groups. The Gateway Academy students had...

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The GLC is involved in the Royal Ballet and Opera's of Trailblazer cultural programme, providing a ceramics workshop for newly arrived students from Herringham Academy. Our time spent in its complex their final piece for their GCSE art project. The ceramics were created in...

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Back Stamps Workshop - Bringing the Best at School!
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The children had a wonderful time taking part in a back stamp workshop, where they got to experience the excitement of being a real hand! From playing games and games and drawing on the back of their hand...

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Nursery LAM Family Learning Session at Forest School
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Our nursery families had an amazing time at Forest School, enjoying the great outdoors with lots of learning activities! From building fires, making muddy mannequins in our mud kitchen, and building our own...

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Year 4 Backstage Tour at the Royal Ballet Opera, High House Production
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Last week, the Year 4 children had an amazing opportunity to take a backstage tour at the Royal Ballet and Opera's High House Production. They learned so much about the backstage, discovering the intricacies of...

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Year 6 Rotary Rides in Action!
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Our Year 6 students showed off their creativity and technical skills by building rotary rides using circular material. From measuring and cutting wood to carefully gluing polystyrene, they worked with precision and teamwork to bring their designs to life. The result? A series of innovative, fully functioning...

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Pupils Champions
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We are creating a team of Pupil Champions who are able to provide support in each other to improve the environment, develop leadership and provide encouragement as well as learning together.

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Food Fest
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The Year 1 team presented the full range of healthy and delicious food for the day complete with healthy, tasty, fun and fun and lots of treats. The children took part in food tasting, using the ingredients featured in their recipes, as well as a Year 1 jam handkerchief. Our art project...

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Year 4 Trip to the Frances Fox Gallery
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The year 4 children took a trip to the Frances Fox gallery to see an exhibition of the artist's work. The children were given a tour of the gallery and saw the work of the artist. They were given a tour of the gallery and saw the work of the artist. They were given a tour of the gallery and saw the work of the artist.

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Our aim is to attract great people who want to help us to achieve our motto, mission and values. We are committed to creating working practices which enable all members of our team to thrive in a supportive environment.

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Staff Wellbeing

The GLC values people and is committed to creating working practices which prioritise their wellbeing and workload, enabling them to thrive in a supportive environment. We understand that our staff are our most valuable asset and therefore, creating an environment that makes people want to join and makes them want to stay in our organisation, is our priority and underpins our People Strategy.

Click the icons below for more information:

The GLC Wellbeing Policy

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Staff

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A Note on Attendance and Your Child's Future

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that our trust's attendance figures are currently **at or above the national average**. This fantastic result is a testament to the effort you make every day to ensure your child is in school and ready to learn.

High attendance is not just a school target; it is a critical factor in your child's success. **Every day matters.** The evidence is clear:

Primary National Average at 26.09.25	95.8%
Lansdowne Primary Academy	96.9%
Tilbury Pioneer Academy	96.2%
The Gateway Primary Free School	95.9%
Herringham Primary Academy	95.8%
Secondary National Average at 26.09.25	93.3%
The Gateway Academy	94.5%

- **Attainment:** Moving up just one 5% attendance band (equivalent to attending school an extra two weeks a year) was associated with an **increased chance of achieving the expected outcome by at least 30% at KS2.**
- **Future Earnings:** The impact of attendance extends far beyond exam results. For each additional day of absence, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750 in future lifetime earnings.** Furthermore, persistently absent secondary pupils could earn **£10,000 less** by age 28 compared to their peers with near-perfect attendance.

By supporting excellent attendance, you are not only helping your child succeed in the classroom today, but you are also making a critical investment in their long-term economic well-being and life chances.

We are committed to maintaining this strong attendance record and will continue to work with you to ensure every child is in school, learning, and thriving.

Thank you for your commitment and support in securing this vital achievement.
The GLC Attendance Team



Music Mark Recognition

The GLC have been awarded a Music Mark recognition award for Dedication and Improvement in music education! The logo will be proudly placed on our websites.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

The GLC LPA Thrive Hive


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Check it out!

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The GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy Thrive Hive

Investing in Our Families: Support the Lansdowne Primary Academy Thrive Hive



Watch on YouTube

understanding phonics and fostering

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The GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy Thrive Hive

Our Vision

To foster a welcoming space where all parents and carers are empowered to lead fulfilling lives (no matter their path), thrive personally, and collaborate with The GLC to ensure their children as active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

Our Vision will be achieved by:

1. Actively listening to our parents and carers, understanding their experiences, their strengths, and the obstacles they face. We're designing it with them, ensuring it truly meets their needs and empowers them to overcome any hurdles in their path.
2. Providing a welcoming sanctuary, a warm and accessible space that extends its embrace beyond the school day.
3. Providing a community living room - a place where parents and carers can connect with others, share experiences, and simply enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.
4. Committing to work with a diverse range of organisations, making vital support readily available - from health and housing advice to opportunities for adult education, debt management guidance, and the expertise of Citizens Advice.
5. Making the Thrive Hive a central point for connection, guiding
9. Providing targeted support programmes, to equip families with the understanding to foster good school attendance, establish positive routines and habits, and promote healthy lifestyles through engaging workshops on topics like cooking and well-being.
10. Running evidence-informed parenting programmes, like the Triple P parenting programme, making a real difference to family life.
11. Offering targeted support to equip parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and understanding to actively support their children's learning and development.
12. Providing specific training focused on building early language skills, expanding vocabulary, understanding phonics, and fostering a love of reading - essential building blocks for future success.
13. Providing access to desktop computers and a printer, empowering parents to navigate online forms and applications for vital services.

The GLC Thrive Hive

Lansdowne Primary Academy



Our Vision

To foster a welcoming space where all parents and carers are empowered to lead fulfilling lives [no matter their path], thrive personally, and collaborate with The GLC to nurture their children as active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

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<https://www.theglc-lansdowne.org.uk/page/?title=The+LPA+Thrive+Hive&pid=57>



Contact us via email to discuss partnership opportunities, offer support, or learn more about our Community Thrive Hive:

LPA-thrivehive@theglc.org.uk



Important Safety Alert: "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a safeguarding issue with some popular children's books, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series by Andy Cope.

The Problem: An old web link printed in the back of some copies now leads to inappropriate adult content.

Action for You: If your child has one of these books, please check the back for any web addresses and make sure they do not visit the link.

Good News: The stories themselves are completely fine to read. The concern is only the outdated link.

Libraries and schools are removing the books. We recommend talking to your child about checking with an adult before visiting a website found in a book.



THE GATEWAY ACADEMY

TARGET YEAR GROUP: WHOLE SCHOOL

Raising aspirations through cultural capital and academic excellence

CONTEXT

The Gateway Academy serves a diverse student population in an area of high deprivation, where students' aspirations had historically been relatively low. Many students face multiple barriers, including access to intellectual pursuits and cultural experiences. Despite these challenges, the school is determined to ensure that all students are provided with opportunities to thrive. The school has made a significant commitment to nurturing more able students, not only by recognising their academic ability but also by providing cultural enrichment, personal development opportunities and tangible academic support.

Internal tracking revealed that the prior attainment of our higher prior attaining students was significantly below the national average. The Academy recognised the urgency of closing this gap – not just to meet standards, but to ensure students could confidently compete nationally 'with the best students'.

INTENT: WHY THIS PROVISION WAS NECESSARY

The provision aimed to:

- Raise the profile of more able students and provide long-term support;
- Ensure that more able students develop academically, socially, and emotionally;
- Broaden students' aspirations through cultural capital enrichment and academic challenge;
- Embed high expectations across the curriculum;
- Foster equitable access to elite academic and cultural pathways, despite economic disadvantage.

IMPLEMENTATION: HOW THE PROVISION WAS DELIVERED

A culture of raising expectations that included strategy for 'teaching to the top' has been established; a Grammar Band has also been in place for students identified as more able in each half of the timetable. The expectation was that all teachers, supported by the Academy's Steplab coaching programme, would verbalise strategies and pathways that support students to achieve top grades, commensurate with their prior attainment or potential. The target for Grade 7+ at GCSE was raised from 14% in Year 11 to 20% for the current Year 9. Progress has been tracked through ongoing formative and summative assessments, including three key data points over the course of the year. The following four specific strands of provision and support have been developed and implemented.

STRAND 1: MORE ABLE TUTOR GROUPS IN YEARS 7-9

Students were selected using KS2 data for discrete more able tutor groups. The top 30 students were identified and enhanced pastoral and academic support was provided to give tailored support for these students. Whilst initially met with some concerns regarding perceptions of exclusivity, the tutor groups were quickly embraced by the wider school community and helped to create a culture of academic ambition, sparking positive competition and engagement. Many parents also expressed aspirations for their own children to join, leading to wider conversations across the community about achievement, motivation and support. Information evenings have been held for parents so that they are fully on board with the school's commitment to their child, and how they as parents can support the school.

STRAND 2: ACADEMIC TUTORING - KEY STAGE 4

More able tutor groups were not implemented at Key Stage 4. Students in Year 10 with a predicted Attainment 8 score below 70 were identified and targeted for additional academic support. Subject-specific tutoring - based on performance in English, maths, and science - was timetabled daily and students have also received additional support during three hours of expert additional teaching per week (additional learning periods, or ALPs).

The monitoring of academic tutoring has been embedded in agendas for the Academy's calendared Raising Standards Meetings (RSMs), ensuring that the impact of student engagement is monitored and tracked robustly across the year. The rollout of this covers Years 7 to 11.

A targeted mentoring programme was also provided, offering weekly one-to-one support and fortnightly small-group mentoring sessions for Year 11 students - these groups included a higher proportion of boys and students in need of revision and/or motivational strategies. Parental engagement was strong, and membership of the group was fluid, based on need and student progress. There has also been an undergraduate alumnus/Year 11 student programme in which the mentoring pair met regularly to discuss progress and ways to ensure academic success.

STRAND 3: MASTERCLASSES

A series of inspirational masterclasses were delivered throughout the year, including sessions led by former students now studying at prestigious institutions such as Brampton Manor. 23 masterclasses have been delivered over the past two years; 16 more are planned for the forthcoming year, designed to foster curiosity and promote deeper engagement. There are a very wide range of topics which go beyond curriculum content to focus on enriching student experience; examples include:

- "History, or His story" - Is there a gender imbalance in the representation of History? An exploration of how the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I influenced Shakespeare's writing
- Why don't we all speak the same language?
- Are Arts and Culture important?
- Playing the odds - how dynamic pricing works
- Exploring art through history and the relevance artistic objects had in ancient civilisations
- What makes a god a god? - an observation from the ancient world
- Lost for words: why languages disappear (and why it matters).

Inspiring exemplar work and photos have been showcased to spotlight the masterclasses across the Academy, creating real buzz and momentum. Students say these sessions have ignited their imagination and sparked fresh ambitions. So far, we've seen over 500 student engagements - with over 93% giving positive feedback, showing the powerful impact these opportunities are having.



“It’s the access to educational goals and life opportunities that makes the difference.”

Students benefit from a range of transformative programmes that have developed between the Academy and its highly valued external partners. Examples include the Trailblazer Awards in conjunction with Royal Ballet & Opera and, for students studying Drama, over 30 gained the prestigious Lamda qualification. In a newly established partnership, the Thames Freeport Exceptional Scholarship Programme will provide funding to support students during their post 16 education enabling them to purchase appropriate clothing and cover costs for visits to university that will help to build their confidence and generate a sense of belonging. 26 students have been eligible this year; application criteria included being the first in their family to attend university. Two students will also be funded for tuition, living expenses and accommodation through the entirety of their university course.

We have also been aiming to maximise, where appropriate, the number of qualifications at KS4 that students are achieving. Triple Science has been a core driver in exposing students to the rigours of aiming for grades 7-9 with over 50 students being entered; in addition, 63 students have been entered for Further Maths. Students in Year 10 with an accreditable home language have the opportunity to study for a qualification in that language.

IMPACT AND NEXT STEPS

Inspired by traditions of recognising excellence, Gateway introduced a termly Academic and Progress Awards Assembly. Each subject recognised students with academic awards for attainment, progress awards for improvement, and core values badges for responsibility, compassion, resilience and aspiration. This has created a culture of recognition and pride. As one school leader recently put it, students walk or travel to school with blazers showing their achievements to the public, creating a culture of pride and increased self-esteem.

There has been a significant and tangible culture shift: staff are willing to share expertise and students are becoming increasingly more and more aspirational. Using the Fairer Schools Index, The Gateway Academy improved by over 200 places, showing measurable external validation. There has been sustained student engagement in enrichment and mentoring has supported improvements in attendance, confidence and academic progress. Many students have also initiated activities themselves such as a chess tournament, fully run by the students. A significant moment emerged when a student with an EHCP for cognition and learning participated and excelled. Staff described it as “unearthing a chess gem,” highlighting the importance of creating inclusive, low-risk and high-support environments.

Parental engagement has also increased, notably as a result of the mentoring and scholarship applications. Year 10 applications for the Thames Freeport Scholarships will be underway at the start of the academic year, demonstrating sustainability of this partnership over future years. Over 90 students have sat the Mensa test in formal conditions at the Academy. Nine students have achieved the required standard to join Mensa with IQ scores within the top 2%. 28 students were within 6 points of being eligible. There will also be philosophy and ethics sessions delivered on rotation to the more able tutor groups over the next academic year.

With over 60 higher prior attaining students joining the Academy in 2025/26, we will be creating two additional more able tutor groups in Year 7, making a total of four across Key Stage 3. To further support the tutors of these tutor groups in terms of reading and literacy, we have created a package of bespoke support materials on the basis that not all are English specialists. With input from The Gateway Learning Community’s English Lead, tutors will have a much-improved steer on guiding students through their texts, as well as being able to stimulate debate and critical thinking skills. Additionally, attendance at our Masterclasses will become compulsory with students in Year 10 having lobbied for a change in day so they can continue to tutor maths to younger students.

We believe that with bold vision, smart structures and a culture that champions excellence, every school can inspire its most able students to aim higher and achieve more – no matter their background. Our next steps will turbocharge this ambition: refining each strand of our development work, expanding enrichment with vibrant, student-led initiatives and sharpening our tracking of post 16 scholarship prospects. Together, these actions will drive a culture of high expectations and unlock the full potential of students capable of achieving top grades at school and beyond.

David Zeffie
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
THE GATEWAY ACADEMY

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ADAPTING THESE IDEAS

- Building aspiration through cultural capital: Gateway Academy embedded enrichment through masterclasses, scholarships, and arts partnerships. What existing events, local institutions, or alumni networks could you tap into to provide similar academic or cultural 'stretch' for your pupils?
- Their 'teach to the top' culture raised expectations school-wide. Are your most able learners routinely encountering challenge in every lesson? What small pedagogical shifts could be explored through CPD or coaching that might help staff incorporate more stretch?
- Gateway's masterclasses went beyond syllabi to provoke deeper thinking. Could you run 'curiosity sessions' or mini-lectures that explore ideas from literature, history, maths, or science that aren't on the test - but spark academic imagination? You may want to consider using our PiXL Stretch talks to support this at KS3/4.
- Gateway actively tracked post 16 scholarship and academic prospects to ensure they were opening the right doors to the right students at the right time. How closely do you monitor your high prior attainers? Could you map out a long-term support pathway to help them access academic and cultural opportunities in school or across the wider community, progress to apprenticeships, or universities?

THE GATEWAY ACADEMY



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NUMBER ON ROLL



YEAR GROUPS
Year 7-11



BOYS
49%

PP
44%

SEND
18%

HPA
16%



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Check it out!

The *Thurrock Physical Activity Booklet (October 2025)* highlights a wide range of free or low-cost activities across Thurrock to support health and wellbeing. It includes sessions for all ages, such as children's holiday clubs, inclusive fitness classes, outdoor walks, team sports, and dance. The booklet also promotes support services like the Thurrock Healthy Lifestyle Service and encourages community involvement through volunteering and local events.

https://www.activeessex.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/FLC-Thurrock-Physical-Activity-Booklet-October-2025-final_compressed.pdf





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS

kids eat for £1 during the october half term

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

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Month festivities happening on Sunday,
October 26th!**

**Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate and
honor the rich history and culture—it's going
to be an unforgettable experience!**



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T100 EXPLORE TALK CREATE

Join our free regular walks programme of Meandering Mondays and Weekend Trails from October to November 2025.



October

Meandering Monday, Purfleet

Monday 13 October, 10am – 12pm

Join us in Purfleet for a walk starting and ending at the Kinetika Studio, exploring the vibrant T100 Natural Dye Garden and rounding off with tea and cake.

Weekend Trail, East Tilbury

Saturday 11 October, 10am – 1pm

A 5-mile, 3-hour walk along the East Tilbury Sea Wall, starting at the train station and linking with the BATA Heritage Centre's open day.

November

Meandering Monday, S. Ockendon

Monday 11 November, 10am – 12pm

Discover South Ockendon with a gentle walk from the Garden Centre to the Mollands Lane Sensory Garden, finishing up with tea and cake.

Weekend Trail, Little Belhus

Sunday 16 November, 10am – 1pm

A 4.6-mile, 3-hour walk in Little Belhus, from Ockendon Station or The Green, where we'll explore insights on historical pilgrimage routes through Thurrock and end with a visit to the beautiful St Nicholas Church.

Come along to our **Meandering Mondays** (every second Monday of the month – no booking required) or our **Weekend Trails** (longer walks taking place on Saturdays or Sundays each month – booking required).



T100

EXPLORE TALK CREATE

T100 is a free cultural programme that invites you to connect with Thurrock and its surroundings in new and unexpected ways. By exploring local places, sharing stories, and getting creative, we bring people together and celebrate the voices that make our communities unique.

Year-round events

In addition to hosting a month-long outdoor community festival each summer, our year-round offerings include guided walks and creative experiences (see reverse). We're also committed to supporting the next generation of leaders in Thurrock through our T100 Young Ambassadors programme.



How we began

What started as a 10-day walking celebration of Thurrock – 10 miles, 10 walks, 10 days – has evolved into a vibrant year-round programme of exploration, conversation and creativity. Over the past decade, we've embarked on this journey alongside a growing team of local volunteers, with each year organically shaping the theme for the next.

Volunteer with us

Interested in getting more involved in what we do? We offer a range of volunteer opportunities across our activities:

- Walk Team Member
- Garden Volunteer
- Young Ambassador Buddy
- Events & Project Team

Reach out to the T100 team at hello@t100festival.co.uk.

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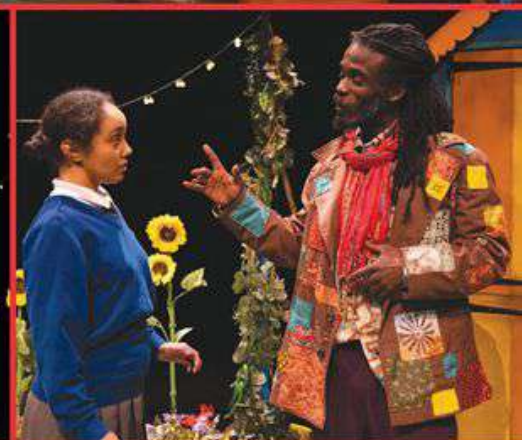
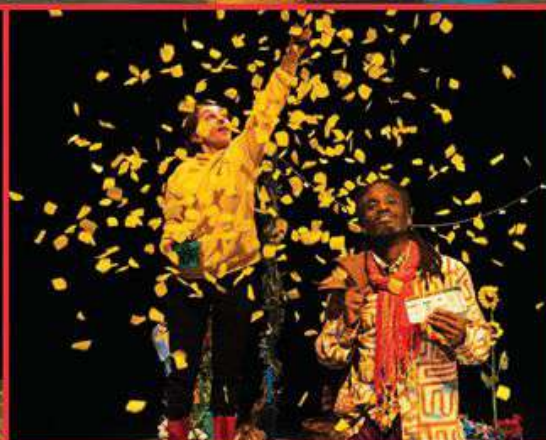
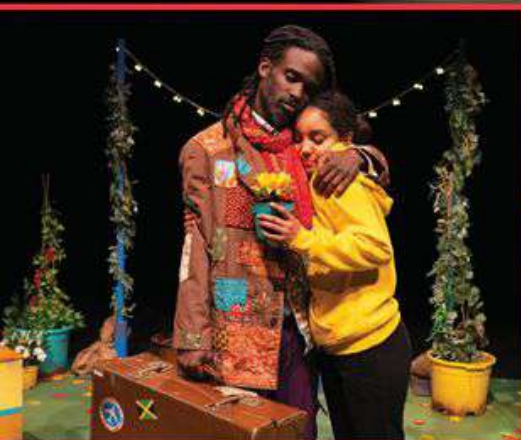
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