

GATEACRE BULLETIN

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS AT GATEACRE SCHOOL

It's been a strong start to the new academic year, and it's great to see our pupils settling in so well.

Our Year 7 students have made an incredibly strong start to secondary school, thanks in large part to the incredible support from their peers in Years 8-13. The camaraderie and encouragement among our students have truly made a difference in their transition.

Our Sixth Formers have also settled in beautifully, creating an inspiring environment in their new, thoughtfully designed area. We wish our Year 11 students the very best as they embark on this most important year of their education.

A warm welcome to our new staff members who are already building strong relationships with our students and community. It's heartening to see all of our pupils working so diligently in class, showcasing their dedication and commitment. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!



COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

Preparations are well underway for the launch of our brand new Combined Cadet Force (CCF) programme. This year, the programme will be offered to our Year 8 students as we build the foundations before looking to expand it in the future.

The CCF will build essential personal skills such as responsibility, leadership, and self-discipline.

Students in Year 8 will have the opportunity to sign up this term for a start date in January. More information will be provided to students in upcoming assemblies.

There are a variety of clubs on offer after school and during the school day. Please visit Edulink to book a space in any club that interests your son or daughter.

THIS WEEK

GATEACRE PERFORMERS

A group of 43 Year 9 and year 10 students are visiting London this week to watch the famous Matilda in the West End. They will also visit London's landmarks.

GATEACRE WELLBEING CLUB

A wellbeing club is available in room A217 each lunch time for all students who need a quiet space, a place to study or to speak to someone if they have worries or concerns.

THE GATEACRE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

This year, our enrichment programme is built on the **Gateacre Leadership Foundations**. We believe these foundations will help develop well-rounded, confident, and effective leaders of the future. The programme offers a variety of activities that will help our pupils develop lifelong hobbies and interests that will benefit themselves and others.

- **Gateacre Sports:** All sports and recreational activities, including running, rowing, rock climbing, hiking, orienteering, and gym programmes. The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) forms part of this.
- Gateacre Creative: Thoughtful and inventive activities, from coding, arts and crafts, creative writing, and reading to graphic design, filmmaking, and music composition.
- Gateacre Performers: Expressive activities including dance, theatre, drama, musical performance, choir, debating, storytelling, or public speaking.
- **Gateacre Citizens:** Civic engagement and action in the service of others, such as volunteering, fundraising for charity, sustainability initiatives, and heritage experiences.
- Gateacre Futures: Learning and practical experience about technology, R&D, innovation, business, and entrepreneurialism, as well as university, careers, and work experience. This also includes leadership lectures and visiting speakers.

THE GATEACRE ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GCSE Graphics	Creative Computing	GCSE Photography	Careers Clinic	STEM Leadership Qualification
GCSE Art	Sparx Club	GCSE Art Club	KS3 arts and crafts	Chess Club
Coding	Chess Club	Apps, Games and Coding Club	Be a Geographer	Badminton
KS4 Revision	KS4 Music Keyboard Club	Be a Geographer	History study skills/ masterclass	CREST Award
Be a Historian	Band skills	Calligraphy Club	Chess Club	Medical/Dentistry/Vet Pathways
Homework Club	Football		Boys Choir	EPQ
Fancy Further Maths?	Science Museum	Sparx Club	Pop Voices	Future Scientists
String Group		Chess Club	Dodgeball	Hospitality Masterclass
Jazz club		KS3 Music Keyboard Club	Economics Club	
Kaleidoscope		Guitar Group	Young Enterprise	
British and American Politics		Orchestra	Philosophy Club	
Public Speaking/ Debate Club		KS4 Football		
		Combined Cadet Force		
		Dungeons and Dragons		
		Psychology		
		Food Poverty Action Group		
		Computer Aided Design Club		

SIGNING UP FOR CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Signing up for our clubs is easy! All pupils can choose their clubs and activities via **Edulink** under the **'Clubs'** section.

If a club your child wants to join is not listed in the drop-down menu for some reason, please simply let their Form Tutor know. The tutor will be able to add them to the club manually.