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GATEWAYS SCHOOL'S TERMLY REVIEW

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# Developments at Gateways

Mr Phil Robinson,  
Operations Manager

We have lots of exciting developments planned at Gateways...

## NEW ART STUDIO

Our new Art Studio is underway and is due to be ready for the Summer term. Prep Art classes will take place in the new studio and High School will be able to use the facility during times when there is not a Prep art class taking place. In the longer term, the resource will become a whole school facility.

We will be having an official opening of the studio later this year.



Here's a summary of what improvements have been made recently...

LED LIGHTING INSTALLED  
IN 7 CLASSROOMS



## NEW BOY'S TOILET



CORRIDORS  
AND OFFICES  
PAINTED



W5 COMPUTER SUITE  
PAINTED AND COMPUTERS  
REFURBISHED

CCF CELLARS  
PAINTED AND  
REFURBISHED



## Science Week

### The Science Dept

British Science Week, run by the British Science Association, is a celebration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and provides a platform to stimulate and support teachers, STEM professionals, science communicators and the general public to produce and participate in STEM events and activities.

Here at Gateways lots of STEM activities took place throughout the school involving pupils from nursery to our Sixth Formers.



## PREP

The theme of Science Week this year was microbes and hygiene. In Prep, pupils conducted experiments looking at how far a sneeze can travel, how easily germs can spread and the importance of good handwashing hygiene.



## HIGH SCHOOL

External company Medical Mavericks gave an assembly and held several interactive workshops for High School pupils. As well as encouraging them to get hands on with science, the aim was to demonstrate the wide variety of careers available within the health sector.

Pupils were involved in hands-on experiments all week which ranged from making balloon hovercrafts and matchstick robots to biology exploring the genetics of taste.





# Beyond the Gates...

## TRIPS AND VISITS

### LOWER 4 LOVE LIVERPOOL

*Mrs Sara Holmes*

The Lower 4 residential is a cultural experience in one of 'Europe's cultural capitals'. The visit included a two-night stay in Liverpool with a jam-packed itinerary visiting a number of the city's sights, including the World Museum, Tate Liverpool, and the Reading Room in Liverpool city library, which looks like something from a film set!

Mixed with these cultural experiences we also visited the Christmas markets, the Beatles Experience, immersed ourselves in all things animal at Chester Zoo and enjoyed ice skating. We even managed to fit in a trip to the Nutcracker Ballet.

The weather was chilly and a little damp but the friendliness of the city's residents warmed us!

Lower 4 were a pleasure to spend time with and I hope they learnt lots about this culturally rich city.



### Ski trip to Folgarida, Italy

*Miss Hannah Sadler*

In February half term, we returned to Folgarida in Italy, for our annual ski trip. For the first time ever, we took a mixed party of boys and girls from both Prep and High School. As ever, it was a week full of laughter, friendship and fun. We were once again treated to perfect skiing conditions, delicious food and a busy and exciting social calendar.

We enjoyed six brilliant days of skiing, where everybody rapidly developed their skiing skills under the expert tuition of our friendly instructors. The trip is not only a fantastic opportunity to learn to ski, but it is also a great chance to develop life skills such as resilience, determination and independence, as well as being the perfect place to make new friends across the year groups, who you otherwise wouldn't necessarily come into contact with.

As always, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the children and their families for their continued support of the ski trip. Bring on next year!



## EVENTS

### PFA EVENTS

Our PFA Festive Fayre held in the Autumn term raised

# £2,156

for the school.

Highlights includes festive performances from the Gateways Counterpoint choir, Santa's Grotto and the ever popular tombola.

### UPCOMING PFA EVENTS

Our next PFA event is the Summer Ball which takes place on Saturday 27th June. This lavish ball is our main fundraising event of the academic year and includes a prosecco and canapé reception, delicious 3 course dinner, dancing and of course, the fundraising auction. Tickets are on sale now! Sponsorship packages for this event are available and we also welcome donations for our auction. **Please contact the PFA if you are able to help, sponsor, donate an auction prize or would like to purchase tickets.**

Email: [GPFA@gatewayssschool.co.uk](mailto:GPFA@gatewayssschool.co.uk)



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# Focus on... the Combined Cadet Force (CCF)...

Captain Col Davies and WO2 T Sockett

The Combined Cadet Force is a uniformed youth organisation that is sponsored by the Ministry of Defence. It is not a recruiting tool for the Armed Forces and cadets are not encouraged or committed to joining the Armed Forces. It is a fully inclusive organisation which gives cadets a sense of achievement and belonging. Cadets will learn a range of hard and soft skills which will assist them to become confident young adults with great leadership and teamwork qualities. The 'Cadet Experience' offers endless opportunities to find fun, friendship, action and of course adventure!

Gateways,  
in partnership with  
Horsforth School, is  
now a fully established  
contingent. The CCF is open  
to years 8-13 and offers pupils  
an exciting extra-curricular  
activity which runs from  
4-6pm on Tuesdays at  
Gateways School.

At the start of spring term, all cadets were successful in completing their recruit phase by passing the Drill Test and Air Rifle Safe Handling Test. To mark the occasion, they were formally presented with their Berets by Officer Commanding 4 Brigade Cadet Training Team, Major Crawford on a 'Passing Off' parade that governors, parents and staff were invited to.



It's not all just about the cadets learning, four staff members recently completed their week-long CCF Basic Officers course at the National Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park. An apprehensive 2Lt (aka Mrs) King wasn't sure what to expect before the course but returned with a smile beaming from ear to ear, full of stories to tell other members of staff. It was also reported that 2Lt (aka Miss) Sadler recounted her time there to Dr Johnson and was quoted saying "I've had the best experience of my life".



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Looking further ahead, the first year culminates with the annual summer camp during the last week of term at Wathgill Training Camp in Catterick. Keep a lookout for an update in the next issue of Cherryvine.

We are currently developing our CCF area of the website which can be found under the Extra-Curricular section. The website will soon contain information about forthcoming CCF trips and activities and allow you to book onto these directly.



**Combined  
Cadet Force**





# Acro lessons in PE

Mrs Laura Braithwaite


WE HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED ACRO TO OUR PE CURRICULUM IN HIGH SCHOOL. ACRO IS A STYLE OF DANCE THAT COMBINES CLASSICAL DANCE TECHNIQUES WITH PRECISION ACROBATIC ELEMENTS AND GYMNASTICS.

It's physically demanding and great for strength, flexibility and fitness and our High School pupils have really taken to it.


Pupils have to work out which muscles are being used to hold various balances and work in pairs or threes to hold balances that are partially held and completely held off the floor. They have been able to replicate shapes they have seen and also use their imagination and skills to make up their own balances (to call it a balance it must be held for 3-5 seconds!). I have seen great teamwork as well as an increase in self-belief and confidence in these lessons so far and acro is a popular addition to our PE lessons.



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## Dates for your Diary

Please note that some of our Summer term events and activities may be postponed or cancelled due to government guidelines regarding COVID-19

20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Start of Term

8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

May Bank Holiday  
(VE Day Celebrations)

14<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Sixth Form Leavers Dinner  
6.30pm - 10.30pm

22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Last Day of Half Term

31<sup>ST</sup> MAY - 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

L6 Residential to Iceland

1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

Term Restarts

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

CCF field trip, Wensleydale  
8am - 4pm

5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

L3 Careers Day

9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

L6 UCAS Information Evening  
6pm - 7.30pm

12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

L5 Careers Workshops

16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

L6 UCAS Fair 9am - 12.30

18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

U5 Prom 6pm - 10pm

19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Sports Day

22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

Sports Award Dinner 5.30 - 9pm

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Prize Giving 11am

27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

PFA Summer Ball from 7pm

28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

CCF Annual Camp - Wathgill Camp, Catterick

29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

L5 Residential to London

29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

U3 Residential to Malaga

3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

End of Summer Term

7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Start of Autumn Term