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GATEWAYS SCHOOL'S TERMLY REVIEW

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# A message from our Head, *Dr Tracy Johnson*

WELL, THE LAST 16 MONTHS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN A CHALLENGE FOR US ALL. OUR COURAGE HAS BEEN TESTED TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND WE HAVE HAD TO CHANGE MANY THINGS ABOUT HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES, FAR BEYOND ANYTHING WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

Governors, staff, pupils and parents have pulled together like never before during this time and we are now beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel – fingers crossed it's not the lights of an oncoming vaccine resistant strain of Coronavirus heading our way! Joking aside, it is my fervent hope, with ever increasing numbers of vaccinations having now been dispensed and a booster program being planned for the Autumn, that the academic year 2021 – 2022 will look and feel much more normal to us all than either of its 2 predecessors have done.

While we have been very lucky to have had very few cases of COVID-19 within the school community, sadly many of our much-loved events within the school calendar have not been able to take place and, those that have taken place, have had to do so under very different arrangements.

The end of year Prize Giving was a prime example of this as the prize winners this year collected their awards from our Chair of Governors, Stuart Watson, in the Performing Arts Centre cheered on in person only by the other prize winners with the rest of school tuning in remotely via Zoom. The usual pomp and circumstance of the elaborately decorated marquee inside our Sports Hall with a large audience clapping and cheering on proceedings will hopefully make a triumphant return next year. Unfortunately, as restrictions were not relaxed as hoped on 21st June, we were unable to have our parents' picnic in the afternoon, however our pupils enjoyed their outdoor picnic lunches followed by ice cream with their friends and teachers.

Well done to Beningbrough who were the Sports Day House winners and the House Cup winners

this year! The cup was awarded at the end of the Prize Giving ceremony to the Beningbrough House Captains, Lucy and Almira.

I look forward to celebrating GCSE and A Level results with our Upper 5 and Upper 6 pupils in August when restrictions will hopefully be a thing of the past!

And, just think, from September, bubbles might once again be something we simply enjoy in a bath or in a nice glass!



# Gateways Alumni - Henrietta Hill QC

Henrietta Hill attended Gateways from 1977 - 1991, successfully achieving A Levels in History, Latin and Classical Studies.

Henrietta studied law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge for 3 years, then took a year out, working for a legal aid solicitors firm in Leeds and travelling in South East Asia. She undertook post-graduate studies in human rights and criminal justice at Harvard University before being called to the Bar in 1997. Henrietta still practises as a barrister, specialising in equality/discrimination, human rights, police law and inquests/public inquiries.

What did you enjoy most about going to Gateways?

The beautiful surroundings, the small group lessons with very engaged teachers but most importantly the lifelong friendships I made.



What were your favourite subjects?

History and Classical Studies: I enjoyed the political history from the Civil War era and some of the timeless satirical and romantic stories from Roman times in particular.

Did you take part in any extracurricular activities?

I took part in the school Young Enterprise scheme and we set up a company selling printed notepaper. I set up a scheme for recycling drinks cans in the school and also ran the school newspaper.

Do you have any tips for pupils thinking of joining Gateways?

Join the school and make the most of all the opportunities the school offers!

Do you have a fun memory you could share with us about your time or one of the teachers at Gateways?

I remember....

- being in Reception and very much enjoying the folding beds that the teachers brought out in the afternoon, so we could all have a little nap;
- having our names taped to the back of our chairs in Transition, so we could learn how to spell them, and feeling that it was quite unfair that I (Henrietta) had a much longer name to learn than a girl in my class called Zoe; and
- the excitement of the new room that was developed for our Sixth Form (ironically in the same room - Room R - where the Reception beds had been) - we felt very grown up that we had our own kettle!

How would you sum up Gateways in 3 words?

Fun, friendship and fresh air.

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# Beyond the Gates

## AND EVENTS...

### TRIPS AND VISITS

Due to Covid restrictions many of our summer term events sadly had to be cancelled or postponed, however many of our trips still went ahead. Geography fieldwork trips in High School included visits to the Holderness Coast and Hornsea. During the last week of term, High School pupils had some very active trips which included Flamingo Land, Ripley Castle and the Ninja Warrior course near Sheffield.

The High School community walk around the Harewood estate took place in July, raising money for local charity 'Simon on the Streets'.



As we were sadly not able to have parents in school to view our Prep performances, we filmed our Pre-Reception, Reception and Upper 2/Lower 3 performances so parents could still view these at a later date via a video link. We still managed to hold our annual Sports day and Prize Giving events in school minus an audience.



Prep pupils managed to have 'year group' visits to a variety of places including Bewerley Park outdoor activity centre, Robin Hoods Bay, Born of the Forest, Big Sheep Little Cow and Flamingo Land amongst others!



Fingers crossed we will be able to resume trips and events a bit more 'normally' from September...





## DOFE

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a well-established extra-curricular activity at Gateways School. This year has provided a number of additional challenges to those taking part. We are very proud of our participants who have shown commitment and determination in keeping their 'skills', 'physical' and 'volunteering' elements of the award going during what has been a very difficult year.

Initially, due to Covid, overnight expeditions were forbidden so those taking part in the Bronze award had to start their DofE experience with local walks before returning home for the night. Thankfully, restrictions eased sufficiently for the Upper 4 Bronze Final Expedition to return to the Yorkshire Dales with an overnight camp in Redmire. The Gold teams were also able to visit the Dales on their practice expedition. Gold and Silver candidates will head for the hills once again in September to complete their awards.



## NURSERY WORLD AWARD FINALIST

We made it to the finals of the Nursery World Awards once again in the 'Best Early Years in School' category for the second year running! In addition to this one of our Reception teachers, Miss Beth Hayter, also made it to the final for the 'Newcomer of the Year'.

## UPDATE FROM THE PFA

*Kathryn Dyer, Chair of the PFA*

It's been a very quiet year for the PFA given the challenges of fund raising during a global pandemic. That said, we have still managed two Bag2school collections, weekly ice cream sales during the last half term of the school year and most importantly the PFA committee joined the mass testing team to allow all children return to school.

We have lots of plans for the 2021 – 2022 school year (if the guidelines allow) including a Christmas Fayre, Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and a Summer Ball along with the usual (pre-pandemic) raffles, non-uniform days and competitions. We are really hoping we are able to hold these fabulous fundraising events next year.

**Watch his space for future events and please follow us on social media**



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## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

A very easy win for us would be to recruit more of our parents to join Amazon Smile and select Gateways PFA as their chosen charity; Amazon pay us 0.5% of all purchases made with no additional cost to the purchaser. It's so simple to convert existing Amazon Accounts to Smile accounts so Gateways can benefit from our purchases – please see the PFA Facebook page for information.

# Focus on... Art

Mrs Susan Garner

Encouraging an interest in art starts early at Gateways with Early Years pupils using a wide range of creative materials to explore and express themselves. Art skills are developed further in Prep school, with specific art and DT lessons timetabled from Year 1.



The Gateways art department prides itself on offering a dynamic and creative curriculum. In High School by utilising all the talents of the staff, we are able to explore a wide range of subjects at GCSE and A Level; Art Craft and Design, Photography, and Textiles. This breadth and variety of art endorsements helps to ensure that all pupils can access a creative curriculum and latent ability is not left undiscovered. The introduction of DT by Mrs Hazelden has also opened up so many exciting links with art, with 3D design recently being added as an additional endorsement for A Level.

Our students have gone on to study art at some excellent institutions, including the University of the Arts in London, Chelsea College of Art, Edinburgh and Leeds Art University.

Extra-curricular sessions are fundamental to our success and we offer a very popular Life Drawing club for Sixth Form pupils and parents. Lower 5 and Upper 5 pupils also enjoy attending sessions to develop their art portfolios and practice. Recently, and as a direct effect of lockdown learning, we introduced a digital art club. Digital art is becoming increasingly popular, in particular the versatility of the iPad and the app 'Procreate'. This is such a creative and dynamic app which enables pupils to create complex illustrations and takes away the fear of failure as pupils feel confident to experiment and take risks.



Gateways prides itself on 'making students think and act like artists' so instead of opting for very prescriptive projects at KS4/5 we allow our pupils a little autonomy to explore themes of their choosing. This ensures that work is both individual and meaningful to each pupil, giving them a much greater creative freedom and experience in the process. Work is showcased via the annual art exhibition which takes place in the summer term.



Prior to Covid, we offered art focused trips, notably the annual London galleries visit. This coincides with the graduate degree shows from the top London colleges and offers a great platform of ideas for students to develop their personal investigations in the autumn term. Our last cross curricular visit was to the magnificent city of Rome in October 2019, where we took in the beauty and splendor of Ancient Rome from the architecture, notably the Vatican City and St Peter's Basilica, to the phenomenal painting and sculptures across this ancient city. We are very much hoping that these art visits will resume in the next academic year.



Finally, we need to mention how fortunate we are with our talented and committed pupils and staff. Our work has been described by external moderators as 'a visual extravaganza' 'dynamic and varied in outcome and ideas.'



## NEW - GIFTED AND TALENTED SPORT PROGRAMME

OUR PE DEPARTMENT ARE INTRODUCING A SPORTING GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME WITHIN HIGH SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2021. THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE OUR PUPILS WITH THE TIME NEEDED TO IMPROVE THEIR FITNESS AND GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM AS AN ATHLETE.

The pupils will follow a planned programme and it is hoped that this will help complement their existing ability. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn how to plan their time effectively, understand how to be a role model and acquire knowledge of how to deal with different mental states alongside many other learning opportunities.

This is a programme in addition to the sports scholarship we offer. We will expect our scholars to be part of the programme but it will give more pupils the chance to be recognised at school for their ability in sport.

We have identified pupils in school who represent the school teams and teams/clubs outside of school. These pupils will be invited to a screening day in September where they can prove their fitness ability, games knowledge and tactical play as well as producing a portfolio of evidence to support their sporting ability. From this screening day we will then select our first group of Gifted and Talented pupils.

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## REMINDER

Please note these dates are subject to change. Gateways parents should refer to the calendar on Firefly for event dates and times. All sports fixtures will also be added onto the Firefly calendar.

## Dates for your Diary

- 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Meet The Teacher  
(Pre-Reception to Lower 3) from 3.15pm
- 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Dance & Music Showcase  
(Lower 1 to Upper 2)  
Reception Information Evening  
(for current Reception parents)  
3:30pm – 4.30pm  
Upper 3 Information Evening 6pm
- 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
Open Day 9.00am – 4pm.  
Pre-booked appointments only
- 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
EYFS Conker Day  
(Gatehouse, Pre-Reception, Reception)
- 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
Careers Fair  
(Lower 5/Upper 5, Lower 6/Upper 6)
- 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
Break up for half term
- 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER  
Start of term
- 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Fireworks Extravaganza! From 6pm
- w/c 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Prep Parents' Evenings (virtual)
- 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Remembrance Assembly 8.45am
- 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Upper High School Production (Chicago)
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
Pantomime Trip (Transition to Lower 3)
- 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Early Years Concert  
(Pre-Reception & Reception)
- 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
KS1 Production Transition & Lower 1
- 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Prep Christmas Lunch
- 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Prep Christmas Parties  
High School Christmas Lunch
- 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Prep Carol Service (Upper 1 to Lower 3)  
High School Outings
- 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
High School Carol Service  
Awards Assembly  
End of Term