

## Gateways welcomes Jimena and Vega from Salamanca, Spain



Gateways welcomed Vega and Jimena at the start of term. They are two pupils from Salamanca, Spain, and are with us until the end of the summer term as their parents are undertaking research at Leeds University. Mrs Carver and I met Vega and Jimena online to check that their level of English was suitable. After that and speaking to their parents we all decided that Gateways would be the perfect place for the girls to come to school and experience all that we have to offer.

It is not easy to adapt to such a new environment and to have to listen to and speak a foreign language all the time (I have done this myself!), but our pupils have been fantastic at helping them settle in. Their teachers have been really impressed with their work, and they are doing really well with their homework. Jimena says that she is really enjoying food technology as she does not have the opportunity to do this in Spain. Jimena smiles all the time and seems as though she has been here forever! Vega is not only going to lessons, but has played the violin in both the junior and senior music groups. Their parents, Sonia and Marcos, are delighted with the support and care that pupils and teachers have shown towards the girls. They have both already helped to bring an authentic vibe to Spanish lessons and we look forward to seeing them benefit from and contribute to our community at Gateways more and more.

Mrs Fiona Wilson