

Gateway Connect

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Vision & Mission

Vision – To be a leading provider of flexible work related learning opportunities for young people aged 14 –16.

Mission – To provide flexible work related learning through:

- establishing a learning environment where staff and learners can be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, and achieve economic well-being
- re-engaging disaffected learners at risk of permanent exclusion and/or acute disaffection by using a caring and flexible approach to learning, behaviour and well-being
- designing and offering a personalised curriculum which is flexible enough to offer a wide variety of activities whilst structured enough to record/collect evidence of learning in all activities to count towards nationally recognised qualifications
- offering modular fulltime and part-time courses. Securing work-based learning opportunities for all students on a fulltime Alternative Education programme
- endeavouring to extend the age range catered for from 12 to 25
- supporting every student to secure a post-16 route to employment, training or further education
- providing opportunities for the wider community to access our curriculum raise aspirations, fulfil ambitions or simply to enjoy learning

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Swimming

Over the past few weeks, before the Christmas break a number of students at Gateway

Connect have enjoyed time at Belhus swimming pool. This activity has helped the students in building their confidence and self-esteem. One of the members of staff is a qualified swimming instructor, and has been able to help students perfect their strokes.

We hope to

continue this next term providing goggles and

encouragement to those students who haven't yet taken part in this activity.



GATEWAY CONNECT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Christmas Meal
- Grays Fire Station
- Gravesend
- Swimming
- Café Connect
- Parents Evening
- Upcoming Activities/Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Southend Planetarium 13th January
Colchester Zoo 10th February 2012
Parents Evening 22nd March
Half Term 2-13th April
Canoeing 20th April
Year 10 and 11 Celebrations 31st May
Leavers Day 1st June

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Review: Christmas Meal at Nana Rose

We celebrated Christmas with a festive meal at Nana Rose, Lodge Lane, Grays. Both staff and students enjoyed a carvery with all the trimmings, we had Christmas crackers and hats laid out on the tables to enjoy. The students, by the staff were bought a selection box to scoff after dinner. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the students were all on

their best behavior. We would like to wish all students and parents a

Happy New Year and are looking forward to the hectic term we have just started.



Grays Fire Station

On Friday 9th December a group of students from Gateway Connect were taken to visit Grays Fire Station. They were shown the engines, platform and

equipment. They had a lot of fun playing with the hoses. We are looking forward to the rest of the students having their opportunity to visit the fire station

over this up coming term.



Gravesend

The students were very excited to cross the Thames from Tilbury to Gravesend on the ferry. They compared the ferry to Titanic, however on this occasion we were lucky enough to have not sunk! The trip enabled the students to understand where

we live and the locality of other places and experience various forms of transport. We enjoyed visiting Gravesend fort, using the outdoor gym equipment and playing on the beach. A Mc Donalds lunch

was provided to all students due to popular demand.



Southend Planetarium



On Friday the 13th of January a selection of students were taken to Southend planetarium. The trip was organised for educational purposes along with a talk in the auditorium which had been specially reserved for just our students was also included. The talk covered the Solar system, the stars and constellations and what is currently visible in the

Upcoming Events: Colchester Zoo



On Febraury 10th 2010 Gateway connect have organised an outing to Colchester Zoo. The trip will be educational and fun, as during the day there will be several hands on sessions and talks from the Zoo keepers about the animals. There will be a letter to follow shortly with more details, but a small donation of £3 per student will be required for the cost of the trip.

Café Connect

Café Connect is very soon to be opened for breakfast every Morning. We hope all students will use the cafe ensuring everyone has something to eat before school. This helps with their concentration and their learning

Although we have had some very generous donations of kitchen equipment so far, we are still looking for any unwanted kitchen equipment that your are prepared to part with. All donations are welcome.



Café Connect is Coming soon

Construction

This January year 11 students at Gateway Connect have been offered a great new opportunity in their construction classes. They have been progressing extremely well in completing their level one construction qualifi-

cation and due to their brilliant work they have already achieved they have now been given the opportunity to progress onto level two construction. This will mean that they will achieve four

A-C GCSE's. Not only this but there will be incentives along the way for the completion of each unit. We hope parents and guardians will support their child in this great opportunity and more information will follow shortly.

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Leavers Prom's

The Gateway Academy's Prom will be held on Tuesday 10th July 2012

Ormiston Park Academy's Prom will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2012

