

GATEHOUSE TIMES

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Welcome back to the Gatehouse Times, your update on what's happening in the Gatehouse at Waltham Toll Bar Academy. Let's see what's been going on this month...

An Excellent (Work) Experience

This month the Gatehouse team were delighted to welcome a Work Experience student who joined us for a full week's placement. Their week included time supporting younger students in the Gatehouse, as well as sharing their technical expertise to improve the look of the newsletter you're reading right now.

"I think my Work Experience at the Gatehouse helped me to overcome my nerves and become hopeful for the future." the student told the Gatehouse Times. "I was quite anxious on the first day, but because of how kind the staff are I became comfortable very quickly. It was a very interesting and rewarding experience."

We look forward to welcoming another Work Experience placement next year.

Mental Health Awareness

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place in May, and the Gatehouse was proud to get involved. Students in the Gatehouse shared their thoughts on what they do when they need a Mental Health boost, creating a collage of tips to help out those who might need it.

Suggestions included socialising, listening to music and getting a good night's sleep. Why not try one of them today?



Learning from History: The Gatehouse is here to get students back into mainstream education. With this in mind, one of our Year 9s spent May studying the rise of Adolf Hitler in preparation for taking History as an option in Year 10. A huge amount of content was covered, and the student was able to present their newly-discovered knowledge in a detailed, informative powerpoint. Well done!

Oh, What A Night!

Forget the Met Gala, the Gatehouse's official Opening Event was the only place to be seen this month.

Principal Mr Dickinson and Vice Principal Miss Law mingled with VIP guests such as the Mayor of Grimsby as the Gatehouse welcomed visitors eager to see our superb facilities.

There were some stirring speeches, and chances for all those in attendance to see some of the wonderful work produced by our Gatehouse students.

The Opening Event was a huge success. Thank you to all those who came!



Big Thanks To Our Toll Bar Teachers

We'd like to say thank you to our wonderful Waltham Toll Bar teachers for all their support. Since the Gatehouse opened in January, the staff on the main site have gone above and beyond to help our students get started.

Whether it's welcoming Gatehouse students into their lessons, working with Alfred our AV1 robot or popping across to see us to build relationships, Waltham Toll Bar teachers have shown why they're the best in the business.