



All aboard the HMS Gatehouse!

Welcome to the Gatehouse Times, your guide to what's happening in the Gatehouse at Waltham Toll Bar Academy. Let's see what's been going on since we opened in January...



Alfred's Adventures

Meet Alfred, one of our AV1 robots. Students in the Gatehouse use Alfred to virtually access classroom lessons.

Recently Alfred has learned how to structure sentences like a scholar in English lessons with Mr Naylor. He's also visited Toll Bar's Maths teachers to explore the many wonderful things that can be done with numbers.

Teacher Mr. Sidebottom said: "I think having a robot in a lesson is a great experience. They make a real difference for the students, and after a while you pretty much forget they're in the room."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Break - 27th March
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What does 'Peace' mean to you?

An exciting project saw Gatehouse students sharpen their artistic skills and learn about empathy for others in their community. Working in collaboration with street newspaper The Big Issue, students created images to highlight the importance of peace in our increasingly busy world. In doing so, they reflected both on their own self-care and on the challenges faced by some more vulnerable members of society. The results were hugely impressive, and will feature in our next issue.



Academic Spotlight

Learning together, growing stronger

Students from the Gatehouse explored the cultural heritage of Grimsby and Cleethorpes in a series of lessons in February. We studied the ancient tale of Grim, a fisherman who rescued Danish prince Havelok just off the Lincolnshire coast. Following this, Team Gatehouse designed, built and painted their very own Viking Longboat.

Following the creation of HMS Gatehouse, students wrote about the things they love about living in this area. Examples included Grimsby's skate parks, takeaways and, of course, the beach.

World Book Day

Team Gatehouse celebrated World Book Day in style! Students visited the main school Library to see the beautiful displays Miss Foxon had created and to take part in a series of WBD-themed quizzes, competitions. Books were borrowed too, with the fiction of Anthony Horowitz and the true-life story of football legend Lionel Messi proving equally popular. All students discovered new and exciting additions to their TBR-pile, and enjoyed that special love-of-literature feeling that comes on World Book Day.