

GATEHOUSE TIMES

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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 this month...

It's a Big Issue

You may recall a story in last month's *Gatehouse Times* about our students taking part in a competition. The challenge was to design a cover for *The Big Issue* magazine, under the heading 'What Does Peace Mean To You?'

While our entries didn't make the cover, Team Gatehouse are very proud to announce that they were prominently featured on *The Big Issue* website. We think that's an accomplishment to be proud of!



Personal Best: The Spring Term saw the return of Athletics to the PE curriculum. Long-distance running may not be everyone's cup of tea, but a Gatehouse student donned his trainers and pulled a personal best out of the bag: 1500 metres in 8 mins 4 seconds! Having not been running for quite a few months, this was an impressive display of strength and resilience. A huge well done from all of us at the Gatehouse!

The Viking Grim

Waltham Toll Bar was the stage for an immersive experience from the team at Havelok's Kingdom. Focusing on the tale of Grim - who is part of local legend and the reason our town is called Grimsby - Havelok's Kingdom gave Gatehouse students the chance to embrace the sights and sounds of Viking-era Lincolnshire. The session took place on the main Waltham Toll Bar site, where Gatehouse students enjoyed the production with others in their year group.

Budding Apprentices Are Hired!

This term saw students take part in an *Apprentice*-style challenge based on the long-running BBC TV show. Students had to come up with three products to sell to well-known British supermarkets. They were given a selection of products but also had the option of designing their own.

Students developed their communication skills during the process, exploring creativity, budgeting and even the delivery of a sales pitch to our very own Lord Sugar, Mr. Wade.



Gatehouse Sensory Garden Springs Into Action

With Spring in the air and warm weather on the way, Gatehouse students have begun the first stage of work in our sensory garden.

Pennells Garden Centre of Grimsby very generously donated £100 worth of plants and seeds for our students to use. This enabled them to plan, nurture and maintain our raised beds and borders. Students have also used vegetables and herbs grown in the garden during cookery sessions in the Gatehouse kitchen. One student gifted some wild flower seed, which will hopefully attract an abundance of wildlife to our garden.

It's a work in progress now, but soon it will be a beautiful, relaxing environment for all to enjoy.

