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George Eliot Academy Parent Bulletin

September 2025



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Principal's Welcome

Dear George Eliot Academy families,

This academic year is off to a wonderful start and I would like to thank all pupils for the enthusiasm and commitment they have shown this new academic year. I am already very impressed with the way pupils have returned to their studies with such focus and tenacity. It has been clear that our pupils have returned with an attitude for success.

A particular highlight has been our new Year 7 cohort who have settled in quickly. We are immensely proud of how well they are embodying our STAR values in lessons and how they are positively representing our school

Success is not only through academics but through confidence, cooperation, and creativity that pupils develop across enrichments, leadership positions, and competitions. These have started at school in earnest. I encourage every pupil to find something new to get involved in this year, to open new pathways and build character, culture, and belonging.

Equally, excellent attendance and punctuality are the foundations of success. I am grateful for the support of families to ensure this remains a priority, being present and on time to school every day gives each pupil the best possible chance to succeed.



This summer we celebrated our best ever examination results with most subjects performing well above national averages, highlighting the hard work from our pupils, the dedication from our staff, and the support from families. We are incredibly proud of last year's pupils and we eagerly look forward to what our new Year 11 pupils will achieve in the upcoming months. November's Year 11 mock examinations will be an opportunity for pupils to test their knowledge, refine their skills and set new and ambitious goals for their final grades.

Finally, if you wish to speak at any time to a senior leader, we have opened our calendars for SLT coffee mornings, where you can book a time to join us in school and discuss your child, your queries or just to catch up with the school, simply see SchoolCloud to book.

Mrs H Zakary
Principal
George Eliot Academy



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Macmillan Cake Sale

What a wonderful day we shared at George Eliot Academy's Macmillan cake sale on Friday 26th September!

Pupils and families baked and donated the most incredible cakes, and our community came together to enjoy a coffee, a chat, and a sweet treat with pupils and staff.

We are so grateful to everyone who donated, who baked, who bought, and who joined us in support. Thank you for your kindness, your generosity, and your laughter—you helped make this event a true celebration of community spirit!



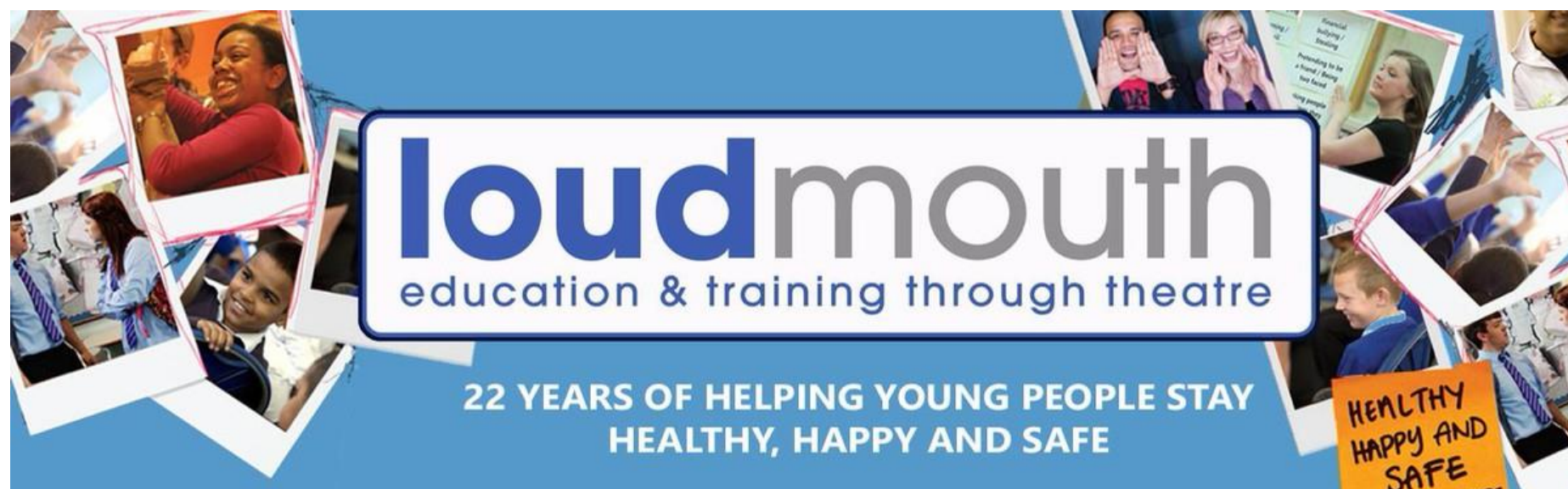
Loudmouth

On Friday 19th September, our Year 7 pupils were visited by *Loudmouth Theatre Company*. The morning began with an engaging performance in Period 1, followed by a breakout session where pupils had the chance to reflect on and discuss what they had learned.

Many pupils shared thoughtful takeaways from the experience, including:

- “To look out for people being unkind and knowing who I should report it to.”
- “That when someone says ‘No, leave me alone’ you should listen, respect them, and do it.”

The sessions were a valuable opportunity for our pupils to explore important themes, linked to our STAR Values, together in a safe and supportive environment.





The Best of GEA Socials!



The Hive



The Hive is open!

Run by pupils, for pupils, The Hive is a one stop shop for gifts, seasonal items, stationary and vital equipment for lessons.

It is open each day to support pupils in taking responsibility to be lesson ready, as well as supporting the vital fundraising work of our PTA through pupil led entrepreneurship.



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Golden Tickets are back!

Golden Tickets are back and bigger than ever!

Pupils have been proudly sharing their work and entering this term's prize draw for either a **new bike, TV or sports voucher**.

We have been non-stop today at our pride table and the box is filling up nicely.

What are you proud of today? Remember, you have to be **in it to win it!**



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George Eliot Academy are hiring!

We are excited to announce that adverts are now out for pupils to apply for volunteer helper roles within school. These opportunities are a great way to get involved, make friends, and enjoy new experiences while developing character, responsibility, and ambition. Look out for more adverts shared throughout the year.



GEORGE ELIOT ARE HIRING

STAR PUPIL JOBS - OPEN POSITION:

PATISSERIE CHEF

Bake and decorate biscuits with seasonal designs throughout the term to share in The Hive.

APPLY NOW

To apply, speak to:

**Miss Mann
Mrs Stanton**

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GEORGE ELIOT ARE HIRING

STAR PUPIL JOBS - OPEN POSITION:

GARDENERS

Join our small pupil gardening team to help brighten our school grounds! Plant bulbs with staff this autumn so our gardens bloom beautifully by February.

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Enrichment Activities

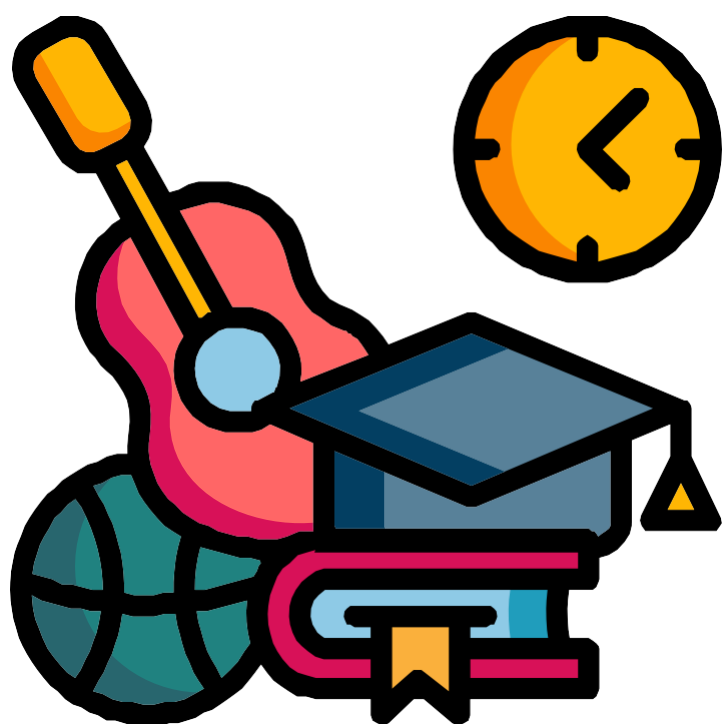
Whether they're stepping onto the stage, representing the school on the field, contributing to a club, or pursuing a new passion, through enrichment activities pupils are given new opportunities to support their overall academic journey by building on old skills and learning new ones.

Enrichment activities embody our STAR values and are an excellent way for pupils to go beyond the classroom with their learning. Through clubs, extracurriculars, and competitions, pupils learn to challenge themselves, develop communication skills, and open new pathways.

George Eliot Academy encourage all pupils to choose from a variety of enrichment clubs and try new things.

For more information about George Eliot Academy enrichment activities please have a look at the enrichment and extracurricular segment of the official school website:

[Click here for the George Eliot Academy enrichment and extracurricular information](#)



Enrichment timetable

	Break 1 - 10:40-11:10	Break 2 - 12.55-13.25	After School - 15:10-16:10
Monday	• Y7-8 Basketball: Sports Hall (LPO)	• Y7-9 Horrible Histories Club: M019 (SOK) • Y10-11 Generation Link Club: M101 (BHA) • Spanish Film Club: L111 (MAG) • Music Orchestra: S012 (KHE/AHA) • Geogflix: M103 (DCO) • STEM Reading Club S106 (SGI)	• Y7-9 Boys Football: School Field (CEV/LPO) • Y8-11 Trampolining: Sports Hall (JMO) • Drama Club: Drama Studio (SGD) • Book Club: L004 (RHI) • STEM Club: S104 (EMA)
Tuesday	• Y9-11 Basketball: Sports Hall (CEV) • Y7-9 Warhammer Club: L001 (GLE) • Creative Writing: L003 (BHO)	• Musical Rehearsal Space: S012 (KHE)	
Wednesday	• Rowing Club: Fitness Studio (CEV) • LEGO Engineering: S206 (MKE) • Latin Club: L002 (MAU)	• Y7-9 RE Film Club: M101 (SSM) • Musical Rehearsal Space: S012 (KHE) • GEA Green Gurus: M104 (HBK)	• Girls Football: School Field (BCH) • Netball: School Field (CEV) • Rugby: School Field (LPO)
Thursday	• Y10 Indoor Football: Sports Hall (LPO) • Y8-9 Programming Club: L001 (GLE) • LGBTQIA+ Club: L009 (ESK) • Draw & Talk: S010 (SBR)	• Mathematical Art: L106 (JJO) • Musical Performance Room: S012 (KHE)	• Y7 Trampolining: Sports Hall (CEV) • Y7-9 History Detectives: M019 (SOK) • Rock School: S012 (KHE)
Friday	• Y11 Indoor Football: Sports Hall (JMO)	• Ukulele Club: S012 (KHE)	• Vibrant Voices Choir: S012 (KHE) • Art Club: S010 (SBR)



Daily Independent Social Enrichment

Before School - 08:00-08:20	Break 1 - 10:40-11:10	Break 2 - 12.55 - 13.25
• Breakfast Club (School Hall)	• Friendship Room – L007 • Silent Computer Room – L001 • Study Room	• Friendship Room – L007 • Silent Computer Room – L001 • Study Room • Board Game Room – L009

Revision and Intervention Timetable

	Break 2 - 13:00-13:30	After School - 15:10-16:10
Monday	• Sparx Club: L115	• GCSE Music Intervention
Tuesday	• Sparx Club: L115 • Y11 History Intervention: M018	• Spanish Nebula
Wednesday	• Sparx Club: L115	• Y11 Intervention • Y10 Art/Food/Photography
Thursday	• Sparx Club: L115 • Y10 GCSE PE	• Spanish Nebula
Friday	• Sparx Club: L115 • Y11 GCSE PE	



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Upcoming book signing

*Upcoming events at
Waterstones Nuneaton*

To stay in the loop about our events,
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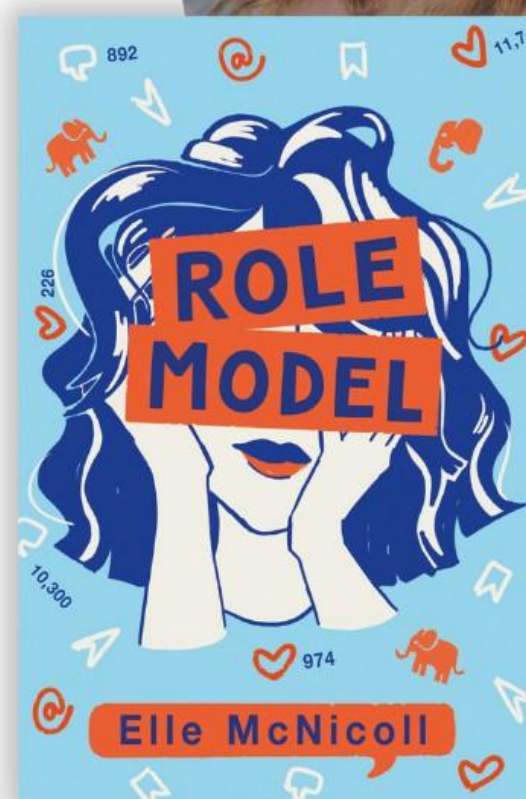


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BOOK SIGNING

SUNDAY
28 SEPTEMBER
12.30PM

Join us for a signing with award winning author Elle McNicoll to celebrate the publication of her brand new novel, *Role Model*, a heartfelt and timely novel for readers 8+. Please register your interest in advance to avoid disappointment.



Visit [waterstones.com/events](https://www.waterstones.com/events) for details

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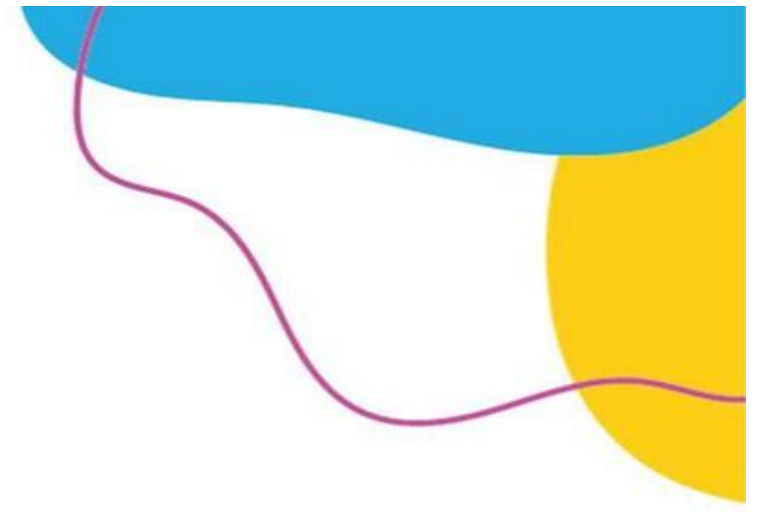
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Safeguarding: MHST Tips for Wellness



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Strength

Each of us has a unique set of strengths and abilities that help us face life's challenges. Focusing on your strengths doesn't mean ignoring your weaknesses —it means using what you're naturally good at to help you grow, build confidence, and work through tough times. In doing so, you move closer to living a more fulfilling and resilient life.

Our Tips for strength:

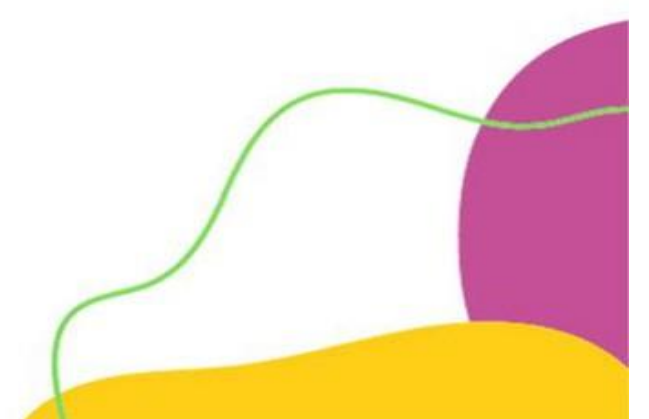
1. Appreciate your strength –when you experience a difficult time, it's easy to forget how strong you are! Try and remember other times in your life when you've got through something challenging. Remember how strong you were to get through those circumstances and know you have the strength to get through other difficulties too.
2. Remind yourself “all we can do is try our best” and “you are good enough”.
3. Being kind to others can help build our own strength as well as others! As a class, have a go at playing 'kindness bingo' by following the QR code:
4. Take Time to Rest and Recharge -your mind needs breaks just like your body. Take a few quiet minutes to breathe, read, draw, or go outside. That helps your brain feel strong and calm.
5. Ask for Help When You Need It -being strong doesn't mean doing everything alone. It's smart and brave to ask for help —that's how we grow and learn!



In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

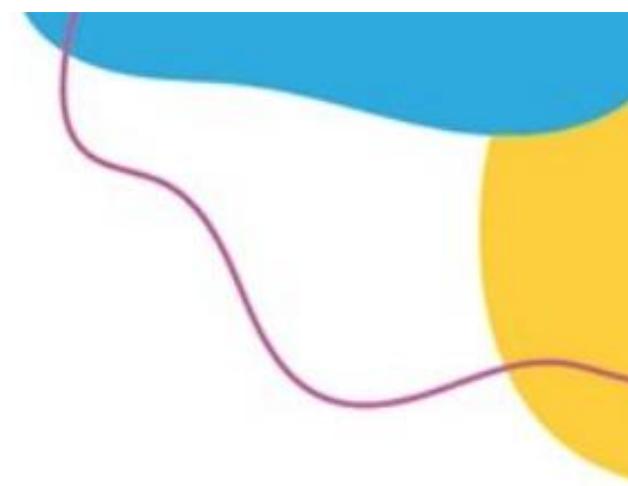
MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.





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Persistence

Persistence is all about keeping going, even when times are challenging. It is normal to want to give up when you are going through something difficult, but if you can stick with it and overcome the obstacles, you will be closer to achieving your goals.

Having a **growth mindset** will help us persist, which means you believe you can learn, grow and develop your skills by putting in the hard work and practise. This can be tricky, so make sure you reach out to friends and trusted adults to support you.

Our tips for persistence:

1. **Break the goal down into smaller steps.** You can set yourself smaller goals that are more achievable, to help you reach your ultimate goal. Make sure the smaller goals are linked to your ultimate goal; this may help to encourage you to keep going, as you will be able to measure your progress.
2. **Try something new** – this could be a new hobby, sport, craft activity, or puzzle. Having a go at something new can help to develop your persistence, whilst also having fun. You might find it challenging at first, but you will receive a greater sense of reward and achievement by sticking with it!
3. **Positive self-talk** – instead of saying "I can't", add "yet" onto the end of the sentence. This tells your brain that it might be difficult, but you will get there in the end.
4. **Talk to yourself like a friend** – we are often kinder to our friends than we are to ourselves, when we go through challenging times. Practise talking to yourself like you would talk to a friend! What advice would you give if a friend told you they were rubbish at something? What would you say if they felt they wanted to give up?
5. **Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us. Think about sounds and smells around you, what can you see, and how does this make you feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

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Safeguarding: E-Scooter Reminder

Its currently illegal to ride a privately owned E-scooter in any public place

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers. However the current law is clear, you can buy one but it is **illegal** to use a **PRIVATELY OWNED e-scooter** in **ANY public space** including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why Are E-Scooters a Concern?

E-scooters might seem like a fun and easy way to get around, but as well as being illegal to use in public place, they come with serious risks. Emergency teams at UK hospitals are seeing an increasing number of serious collisions involving children and e-scooters, some suffering life-changing injuries.

What You Need to Know

It is against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in public.

Not only are e-scooters illegal, but they can also be dangerous, especially for young or inexperienced riders.

Using them illegally can result in fines, points on a driving licence, and even seizure of the scooter.

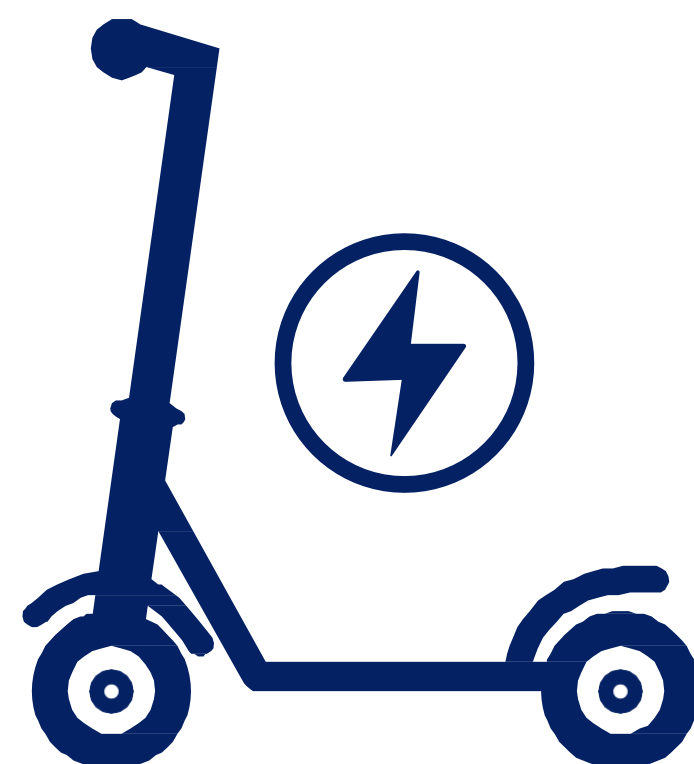
How You Can Help

We are asking all parents and carers to:

Avoid buying e-scooters for themselves, children or teens.

Talk to your child about the risks and legal consequences.

Share this message with friends and family.



Upcoming events:

Parental engagement session:

We would like to invite you to our session on positive sleep habits delivered by our school nurse team:

Date: 9th October 5:30-6:30pm in The Mill

To secure your space please email Miss Smith at Sophie.Smith@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk

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