



# Inspiring Minds

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## Droylsden Academy Presentation Evening

*On the 17th November Droylsden Academy held the Class of 2010 GCSE Presentation Evening at The Monastery in Gorton.*



Students and parent/carers were welcomed to the event with a drinks reception held in a marquee prior to taking their seats in the main event space, which was the beautifully restored Monastery.

Guests were entertained by Miss Platt and Mrs Croft performing Pie Jesu (Requiem) by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Don't Rain on my Parade (from Funny Girl) performed by Lucy Mountfort and For Good (from Wicked) performed by Danielle Foley and Lucy Mountfort both Year 10 students.

Students were individually awarded their GCSE certificates; some also received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards and certificates for other individual achievements.

The Academy also made eight special awards to the class of 2010 as follows:

- Samantha Coates – Sports Achievement Top Performing Girl
- Ryan Westwood – Sports Achievement Top Performing Boy
- Bethany Micklethwaite – Attendance Award
- Matthew Smith – Endeavour Award
- Chloe Kennedy – Outstanding Progress
- Jasmine Khanom – Academic Excellence Top Performing Girl
- Jack Naylor – Academic Excellence Top Performing Boy
- Saif Rehan – Principal's Special Award

*The Principal, Sponsors and all staff wish the class of 2010 success and happiness for the future.*

## Results Record!

*Huge congratulations go to all our current Year 11 students on their fantastic results in GCSE English and Mathematics, January 2011.*

64% of Year 11 students have achieved A\*-C in English, this is a huge improvement from last year. 45% have achieved A\* - C in

Mathematics. This means that 44% of our students have currently achieved an A\* - C in English and Maths.

Students are now working extra hard to secure their target grades in Mathematics and all GCSE and Btec courses.

Revision sessions and extra intervention groups are now taking place; please refer to the Droylsden Academy website for further information. Well done!

## Students are doing it for themselves!

This week, Years 9 and 10 have been changing their teaching – temporarily! They are indulging in the privilege of individual learning, as they are making their own lessons.

This new outlook on learning is an experiment to see what works better for the students' education; this ranged from performing different exercises in PE, different displays in science, and various sums in maths.

This is a new idea to research bigger and better ways of teaching students, it is an individual idea that is in the works, but so far, it has proved rather exceptional.

A Year 9 student said; 'This is great, we don't get told what to do, so we can work at our own pace. It was surprising how well-mannered everyone is being in lesson, as they have their freedom.'

This plan is only an experiment however, as it was temporary to gather results, but we may be seeing a whole lot more of this in the future!

### The GYM

Year 9 and 10 have had a change in their lessons; they have been told to manage their own learning.

We interviewed Abbie Royle, Year 9. She told us how interesting the lessons were, we interviewed her while she was in the gym, "Teachers don't talk as much now, last week we had fitness tests, and we taught each other fitness tasks." She told us how much she had enjoyed this week, how she had double English and found it exciting- as there were more activities, and less writing! Abbie also told our interviewers that they get to design their lessons how they wanted: "Now we get to create our lessons and use our imagination." Emily Birchall

## The Day I Met William Ash

It was true, William Ash, who played Chris Mead in 'Waterloo Road', was standing in front of me. Finally, the first time I have met a famous actor. I had earlier thought of questions I would want to ask him and with eight of us in the room we started to ask him some interesting questions.

Here are a few questions and answers:

What TV shows or films have you been in? He replied: "Doctor Who, Hush, Waterloo Road and some others."

What inspired him to act? "Well" he said, "since the age of six I liked acting but took it more seriously at the age of 16. One of my school teachers said I was so good at it. I have been lucky to have been acting for many years and I've always enjoyed it."

My opinion is that he was very nice to talk to and he answered the questions very well. After we had interviewed Mr Ash he gave us all a picture of him. He signed the pictures which read 'get to the cooler' a saying from 'Waterloo Road'. As I left the room after seeing him, I had a smile on my face.

I would just like to say a big thank you to Ms. Nicholson for giving me the chance to meet William Ash.

By Sean Leyland-Raine Year 7

# FILMCLUB

November saw the first meeting of Film Club at Cryer Street. There was a fantastic

turn out of students all of whom were incredibly enthusiastic at being part of this new extra-curricular activity.

We started by activating the membership on the website and navigating our way around it. We discovered that we can request films that we would like to see so that the teachers can order them, and we were shown how to write a review of the films that we see online.

The company, The FilmClub.org, runs a weekly competition for the review of the week from which the reviewer chosen enters a prize draw. Winners of this have received fantastic prizes such as the chance to go to an all expenses paid film premier in London and meet the cast of the film!

There is also the opportunity to get professionals from the film industry to come into the Academy and talk to the film club members, people that work in hair and make up, prosthetics, costume, directors, musical direction and actors. Furthermore, there is a grant we have access to that could improve our film club, so we will be looking to our members for inspiration on how to make some improvements to our film club – so get your thinking caps on!

The film club is a government-funded initiative which works with Lovefilm.com, we are sent 3 DVDs to watch at a time chosen from a list on the website. We are allowed 6 DVDs per month to watch, the members then review at least 2 films per term online. As an extra incentive Miss Chapman will choose an Academy reviewer who will win a film-related prize.

The Film club provides an excellent opportunity to watch films that you may never have seen, find that you have more in common with others you may never have spoken to before, have fun, and finally improve the skills that you have learned in class.

If you are interested in joining in, we meet in C38 every Thursday.



### First Film Review:

*Our first choice was Hocus-Pocus. Of course we could not watch it all but we did watch about half an hour of the film. My thoughts on film club are that it is an enjoyable place to be in and the opportunity to watch different types of films is rare. There is a friendly atmosphere and everyone is there to watch films and have fun.*

*There was a brilliant turn out and I hope that more people will come as the weeks go on and they will enjoy the unique experience that a few people at Droylsden Academy have already tried and enjoyed very much!*

*I recommend this extra curricular activity to people who in their spare time like watching movies, enjoy writing, or just want to try something new after school!*

By Alex Booth Year 7

# VIVO.

Vivo is one of the ways the school encourages the students to be more enthusiastic about behaviour, attainment and effort. By doing well in class you get points awarded known as Vivos. Each Vivo is worth approximately a penny and students save up their Vivos on the Vivo website (vivomiles.com) to cash them in for prizes. There is a wide range of things you can buy: from the little things like pens, to big prizes like console games etc... There are a lot of different ways to earn them but the biggest points get awarded from after school curricular activities, like the ALAN group. In my opinion Vivos are a great way to boost student confidence! Daniyal Irfan

## Play-in-a-day project

On the 10th and 25th of January, some Year 9 students took part in an exciting French Play-in-a-Day project, along with New Mills School and Manchester Metropolitan University.

On the 10th some students from Manchester Metropolitan came to Droylsden Academy to play a range of fun activities to help us get our French to the best it could be. We then got into groups of about 5 and looked at a box containing props that we could use to imagine what happened to a woman called Annie Grimshaw from New Mills.

We had to pretend that we were members of the RHS and we had just been contacted by Madame Solange Delbauve, who told us she had inherited a box that we were to look into. We were then told that she would attend the next RHS meeting to explore what we have managed to find out about Annie Grimshaw. However, Solange did not speak French. Our task was to make a short drama piece in French from a short period of time of Annie Grimshaw's life. In our groups we then had to perform the drama in the afternoon to Madame Solange, she really enjoyed the performances and was very pleased.

The Droylsden Academy students went over to New Mills School on the 25th January, where we played fun activities to encourage us to communicate with new people and performed our play-in-a-day. After that we came back to Droylsden Academy where the students from New Mills School performed their version of the play for us.

Overall it was an amazing experience, that I really enjoyed and I made a new friend too!  
Talisha Levy Year 9



## Enabling Enterprise

Taking the Challenge to Manchester:

On Monday the Enterprise team ventured northwards through wind and snow to lay down the gauntlet for students at two of our Manchester schools to pit their wits against the Enabling Enterprise Christmas Card Challenge.

Working in smaller teams than their London counterparts, each member had to get stuck into the design stage of the process in order to ensure maximum returns on their start up capital. As the production lines sprung into action, the teams responded really well to the feedback of our scrupulous Judging Panel to work to improve the quality of their cards.

Each group demonstrated particular strengths, whether that was beautiful artwork, shrewd budgeting or humorous designs, but in the end it was Team Thundercat who stormed to victory due to their strong teamwork and detailed presentation.

Many thanks to our teachers and students as well as the staff at Manchester Metropolitan University, for making the day so much fun.

## Castleton Trip

Recently I went on a Year 7 school trip to Castleton. Mandela house went before us and many of the students said they found it challenging so that put me in two minds whether to go or not. Then, the day before I went to Castleton, someone sent me an email saying that Castleton was amazing and they wished they could go again, so that really encouraged me.

The day of Castleton 17/11/10 was also my birthday but I still wanted to go. When I got to Castleton it was amazing. At first I was dreading climbing a mountain but the views were amazing and I really enjoyed it. The second day we had a choice of doing archery or the GPS Challenge and I chose the GPS challenge. The GPS Challenge is where we were given GPS's (which are another form of a navigation system) and, as a group of 6, we had to use them to find certain things and answer questions about them. Overall I really enjoyed the trip to Castleton: it was amazing!

Sanya Majid, Year 7

## Snowdon Climb

On September 18th 2010, the group of Year 9 and 10s taking part in the expedition to Malawi, South Africa in summer 2011, did a sponsored walk up Mount Snowdon in Wales. After a very early morning and a difficult three and a half hours of walking, the whole group accompanied by some parents, Miss. McCallum, Miss. Armstrong-Lee and ex-teacher of Droylsden High School for Girls, Mr. Mills.

We enjoyed a half hour rest at the café at the top of the mountain and then left to make the challenging walk down but before we left, the whole group had a photograph standing on the highest peak of the Mount Snowdon.

The weather on the way up was strange and unusual, it was warm enough to walk in t-shirts and yet still raining. On the way down the rain was more consistent.

The relief when we returned to the bottom of the mountain was immense and the feeling of happiness rushed through all of us as we achieved this event.

The group raised a large sum of money for their efforts and were treated to a souvenir badge by Miss. McCallum as a memento of us successfully climbing Mount Snowdon.

The group would like to thank all the parents that accompanied us, Miss Armstrong-Lee for helping and Mr. Mills but most of all Miss. McCallum for helping us all the time and for being a brilliant leader. Only 6 months to go!

Jessica Davies



## Fundraising so far...

On 19.11.10 for Children in Need, Cryer Street managed to collect £122.70 with a cake sale, guess where Pudsey is, and guess the number of sweets in a jar.

### Academy Fund Raising

All students at Droylsden Academy have been working extremely hard to raise funds for many different charities, every week since the middle of October money has been raised from cake sales, tuck shops, coffee mornings and a film night and to date the grand total of £1264.23 has been raised. Thank you to everyone for supporting the students and all the kind donations of cakes and items to sell.

Students in Year 9 Project 9 and Year 11 Citizenship as part of their GCSE coursework need to plan and run a fund raising event to raise money for a charity of their choice, over the next few weeks several more cake sales will take place.

### Where has the money gone to?

#### McMillan Nurses:

Students on the Cryer Street Site held a McMillan Nurses coffee morning and raised a fantastic £239.32 which started the fund raising ball rolling.

#### Pakistani Flood Appeal:

£542.75 has been raised for the Pakistani Flood Appeal which was set up in August this year following terrible flooding. A cheque has been sent to UNICEF UK who will ensure the money is spent on the children and young people in the devastated areas of Pakistan.

#### BBC Children in Need:

For the second year running staff and students have supported the BBC Children in Need appeal and again everyone has been extremely generous and shown their spots and a cheque for £452.61 has been sent to the appeal fund.

The remainder of the money raised has not been sent to the charities at the moment as further fund raising activities are planned over the coming weeks, the charities are:

- RSPCA
- Help the Heroes
- Alzheimer's Society



## Bikability

Year 7 and Year 8 students took the **Bikability Course** in October. The following students took part: Ben Westcott, Mark Boulton, Jordan Pearce, Matthew Johnson, Mitchell Roche, Sean Leyland-Raine, Brodie Leggett, Scott Nesbitt, Brian Blencowe, Edward Quinn, Tom Morkill, Jamie Turner, Daniel Etches, Kane Brinsley, Sufyan Ashfaq and Alex Sweetman.

"Bikeability is a Government sponsored scheme for cycle training. The pupils took part over 1 week completing levels 1 and 2 of the course gaining both skills and knowledge of road safety.



## Debate Mate Launch Party

3rd November 2010

After school we went to Manchester Creative and Media Arts Academy in Moston for the launch party of Debate Mate. We went with Miss Whitehill, Mr Higgins, Miss Hatch and Miss Brocklebank.

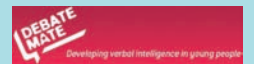
There were lots of other schools there and on the stage there were two local schools and some debaters from university. We watched them debating the topic about whether teachers should be paid based on their students' results, a topical and controversial area.

It was really good, and it gave us the idea of what debating is like. People from the audience got involved by expressing their opinions and asking questions.

We now have Debate Mate at school on Tuesday nights (with pizza!!!).

Our first competition is on the 27th January 2011 at Manchester Academy.

Nicole Fortun, Year 9



## Technologist of the Month

The Technology department is running a 'Technologist of the month' award for students who work well, produce excellent homework and are always well mannered. The teachers nominate two students from each of their groups and a winner is drawn from this group. Well done to anyone nominated, and keep trying for those who just missed out this time.

As a separate award, in Year 8 only at the moment, there will also be a Technologist of the Term. This is awarded solely for the quality of the product that has been designed and made over the whole term. Student voice is used as each group will vote for two finalists from within their group. To avoid the accusations of favouritism, a member of the SLT will judge the final.

Congratulations go to Molly Graham from Year 9 for winning the first award for her Novelty Coat Hook. Molly has her work on display in the Academy and has been awarded 100 Vivo points for her efforts.

On behalf of all the Year 8 Technology teachers, may I congratulate Year 8 on the positive start they have made to the year and on the fine quality outcomes produced so far.

Keep up the good work team!

## La Tasca Chef Visit

*Thursday 25th November the head chef and manager from La Tasca, Didsbury came into school to demonstrate an example of International Cuisine to Miss Spacey's Year 11 Catering class.*

Mr Anthony Vale arrived with the largest 'frying pan' the students had ever seen, which in fact turned out to be an authentic Paella pan. He continued to demonstrate a vegetarian paella to the students which they could then taste.



The class enjoyed seeing how traditional dishes are made and asked questions to help with their coursework project on International Cuisine.

Some of the information Mr Vale shared with the class was the type of ingredients traditionally used in Spain, rabbit received the most interest and students did ask if it was something you could buy in this country.

Miss Spacey and the catering class would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Vale for giving up his time to come in and show us some authentic Spanish Cuisine.



## Dance for Life

*Back in November, the whole of Year 9 took part in a Dance 4 Life workshop. The afternoon centred on raising awareness of HIV and AIDS and the issues faced by companies trying to find a cure.*

Ten members of the Dance 4 Life team came and taught us about HIV and AIDS and about how dance can be used to help the world fight against HIV. We also met someone who is HIV positive and learnt about how this affects her life.

We learnt a number of fun dances and practiced them in the hall. One of the dances we learnt was the Dance 4 Life routine which is done across the world during an international Dance 4 Life event. In the second half of the day we planned things that could be done to raise money for HIV charities.



## BTEC Hospitality and Catering visit to the City of Manchester Stadium

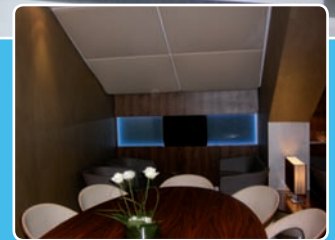
As part of the Btec course students are asked to investigate the catering industry and understand the scope, size and diverse nature of the industry. The City of Manchester stadium is as good an example on a local scale that ticks all the boxes in relation to the students' studies. Catering for over 4000 hospitality meals on a match day makes MCFC one of the largest stadia catering facilities in the country. Over the last 12 months in excess of 4 million pounds has been injected into the hospitality facilities at the stadium.



Students were shown around the facilities which included the Chairman's dining room and kitchen, satellite kitchens which facilitate the many luxurious boxes, the Legends Lounge and the Boardroom Suite. Year 10 even got to sit in the Director's heated seats which is a luxury only a few can afford!



Over the 2 year course, students will visit many establishments that offer many different products and services. Tasks will be set to identify and explain the types of operations and settings available along with future employment opportunities within the industry.



Well done to all Year 10 Catering students.

### Report from Student

*On the 6th of October 2010 I went to the City of Manchester Stadium and we went to see all the catering facilities in the chairman's suite, legends lounge, and executive boxes.*

*Also we found out how the City of Manchester Stadium keeps up with the demand of people's catering needs. Match day catering can be for anything up to 3,000 people. On match days the hospitality department employs up to 800 staff.*

*The aim of the visit is part of unit 1 which is to investigate the catering industry. The unit's aim is to gain an understanding of the types of catering facilities at both local and national level. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and we look forward to many visits to come.*

*Jonathan Wallace  
Year 10 BTEC hospitality and catering*

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## Sporting Activities and Achievements September- December 2010

*The Academy has participated within many sporting events throughout the academic year so far. Numerous students have given up much of their time to represent the Academy, not only being a good role model within the Academy, but also promoting a positive image externally, which has been noted.*

### Table Tennis

The boys competed in the KS4 doubles competition at Copley and were unlucky to miss out on 3rd position overall. In the singles event the boys also showed great enthusiasm and a competitive edge; Adam Lorne proved most successful but all boys were an asset to Droylsden Academy.

Well done Alex Ainsworth, James Howarth, Callum Raynor, Max Barraclough, Tom Bullock, Danny Pridding, Ryan Smith, Adam Lorne and Bradley Whitehead.

### Badminton

The KS3 badminton competition at Astley Sports College provided some fabulous competition for Year 9 boys and girls. Max Barraclough, Callum Devine, John Patton, Max Barraclough, Ellie Sutcliffe, Paige Phillips, Aashi Yaseen, Lana Kay and Zoe McGrath. The girls did particularly well, winning their partnership competition, progressing to the finals, and coming 3rd overall.



### ACTIV8

Jessica Cummins, Paige Kelly, Kavon Entwistle and Callum Gates have taken part in three Activ8 competition and coaching sessions. Carrying out mountain biking, football, wheelchair basketball, seated volleyball and a dance mats session. The students have improved their own performance and been very supportive to one another. Callum was particularly successful qualifying for the Activ8 academy.



### Girls Football

The U14s girls' football team enjoyed much success this school year. In the league they are currently sitting 4th with games in hand on the league leaders.

The under 13s football team also took part in a 6-a-side competition ran by Stockport County at Houldsworth Mill. The girls faced 2 tough matches against Kingsway School, and Cheadle Hulme B. The girls all played fantastically well, Lauren, Tilly and Natasha all contributed to the scoring, and Laine and Aimee pulled off some fantastic strong performances at the back, meaning the team only conceded 1 goal.

The students progressed to the semi finals where they met Cheadle Hulme A. An early onslaught of attacking opportunities saw a well taken goal from Tilly, but Cheadle quickly responded taking the match to 1-1. The rest of the game was end to end, and a quick break saw Madeline take us to 2-1, but a goal in the dying seconds meant the match was drawn at 2-2 and 5 minutes of 'Golden Goal' extra time was to be played.

Extra time saw some superb attacking football from Cheadle, but again strength in defence paid off and Jamie-Lee made a few superb saves in the net. With 1 minute to go, Lauren and Natasha made a quick break through the midfield passing to Tilly who scored a well-taken winner!!

The success meant the girls progressed to the final, which was played 23rd November at Edgerley Park stadium on in front of a crowd of 4,700 people.

The girls took part in a ten minute half time game against Wilmslow School and it what was a tightly contested game; the girls narrowly lost 2-0. The game took place as part of the half time entertainment in the Npower League Two match between Stockport and Port Vale. The students were supported by their families who made the trip to watch them take part on the night.

Even though the girls lost they came out of the game with experience and were beaten by a side that had already experienced playing in front of a big crowd as they were last year's finalists.

Well done GK Natasha Reece/Jamie-Lee Beddow, Aimee Latham, Laine Callaghan, Lauren Kirkham, Madeline Longsdon, Tilly Affleck.



## Leadership

There have been many opportunities for students to partake in leadership opportunities throughout the academic year. Many Year 10 BTEC Sport students willingly helped out to deliver a multi skills festival to all Year 3 and 4 pupils at Greenside Primary School. 3 Year 9 leaders, Paige Phillips, Aashi Yaseen and Zoe McGrath have made themselves available at every opportunity to be very helpful efficient leaders within multi skills; football and badminton.

Cora Lynn, Lucy Heslop and Rosie Mahon have also been carrying out a dance club after school at Waterloo Primary School to a group of 25 Year 5 and 6 students. The girls put a lot of time and effort into their leadership and created a 2 minute performance with the pupils that they performed at a dance festival. Well done ladies.



## Gifted and Talented

Some of our gifted and talented dancers were invited to carry out a morning of taster contemporary and street dance sessions at Denton Community College. The students worked fantastically hard, and their effort and ability was a real credit to the Academy. Well done Cora Lynn, Lucy Heslop, Ellie Sutcliffe and Ellis Pye.



## Chill Factor

BTEC Sport girls group and talented Year 9 leaders were taken on a trip to the Chill Factor as a reward for completing work, and an educational visit to research the local and national provision for snow sport.

All girls took part in a 'tubing and lugging' session, and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

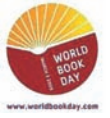


## Cross Country Championships

Droylsden Academy was the event organizer for the 2010 Cross Country Championships at East Cheshire Harriers. 18 students took part on a very cold November day. All competed to the best of their ability, and a special well done to Jordan Walsh, who on his first school competition finished in the top 20 out of 118 boys.



## LIBRARY CORNER



To coincide with 'World Book Day' the Library/LRC are launching a competition to win a £20 gift voucher of your choice and oodles of Vivo points!!

We would like you to design a Droylsden Academy bookmark which must display the Droylsden Academy logo and a design of your choice. Please be creative and incorporate where possible an element of the Academy colours. You can either take your hand drawn entry to Mrs Tennent at Cryer Street or Miss Thompson at Manor Road or if you prefer you can design your bookmark on the computer and email it to [btennent@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:btennent@droylsdenacademy.com) or [mthompson@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:mthompson@droylsdenacademy.com)

There will be five winning designs one from each year group and all will be printed for use in the library/LRC. Make a start today and use your imagination; you might have a favourite author or book to which you can look for inspiration, or maybe you could fill your bookmark with all your favourite book characters.

We look forward to judging your entries!! The closing date is Thursday 3rd March 2011: World Book Day

### World Book Day Thursday 3rd March:

A £1.00 book token is allocated to all students in order for them to spend at the participating book stores. LRC on the World Book Day will be celebrating with fabulous competitions to enter. For every competition entered and completed Vivo points will be awarded and for the winners extra fantastic prizes!

### Accelerated Reader:

Year 7 and 8 can come along to the LRC choose a book with the correct colour level on it, check that it has a "Quiz Number" inside the book, when they have read and understood the book "Take a Quiz!" Points are then credited to your account. Happy quizzing!

### Booked Up: [WWW.booktrust.org.uk](http://WWW.booktrust.org.uk)

All Year 7 students are entitled to a FREE BOOK to read and keep with "BOOKED UP." Come along to the LRC and choose a book of your choice from the titles displayed. Please confirm the choice with Miss Tennent; LRC Librarian before taking the book.



### Readathon: [WWW.readathon.org](http://WWW.readathon.org)

Students can come along to the LRC's and sign up for completing "Spring Readathon." Starting Monday 14th February 2011.

### Scholastic C2C (Cover to cover) "New Year 2011 Ages 11+ Magazine."

The magazine is out now with fantastic savings on a wide and varied selection of books, notebooks, journal's, planners and treats! Save up to 50% on selected titles and 20p in every \$1.00 goes back to our Academy in FREE books!

### CAFÉ BIBLIOTHEQUE

'Le Café Bibliothèque' was hosted in the library on Wednesday 19th January and it was a huge success! The students had the opportunity to try French delights such as brioche, pain au chocolat, petit pain, French cheeses such as camembert and port salut and various baguettes. We had French café music playing and some of the students completed a word search in which all the words were written in English and they had to find the French equivalent.

### Readathon

To coincide with World book day (Thursday 3rd March) we will be running our Readathon sponsored reading event from Monday 14th February until Monday 7th March. Any student that wishes to take part will need to register and collect a sponsor form from Mrs Tennent in the LRC at Cryer Street.



## Platt Hall Art Visit

On Thursday 9th December, Miss McCarthy and her Year 11 GCSE art class went on a visit to The Gallery of Costume at Platt Hall, Rusholme. The Gallery of Costume reopened in 2010 after a major £1.3 million renovation project.

The purpose of the visit was to give students the opportunity to collect evidence for their GCSE sketchbook and help inform their ideas.

In the Gallery, the students were able to look at and draw from a huge collection of fashion items from the 17th Century to the present day. In addition there was an exhibition of work by embroidery/textile artist Alice Kettle which proved to be very inspirational.

Another interesting garment was a dress by artist Susie MacMurray made entirely of Sainsbury's carrier bags.

The gallery curator took some time to show us around the Gallery pointing out specific items by designers such as Chanel and Vivienne Westwood. Our visit to the Gallery of Costume proved to be a great success as the students are working well on their ideas.



## What's Been Happening?

*Schools Plus and Droylsden Academy are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to the Grace and Truth Church, a parish of The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).*

The RCCG is an international church where the gospel is taught with simplicity, it is one of the fastest growing Churches in the world and will be holding services at Droylsden Academy every Sunday 11.00am – 2.00pm where everyone will receive a warm welcome.

If you require any more information please contact Dr Pastor Michael Idoye on 07949 956810 or 07534 901460.

A big hello and welcome back to an old friend of everyone here! **Katie Berry** is a former student of Droylsden School Mathematics and Computing College for Girls and is now a Fitness Instructor working in the Tameside area. **She will be starting Zumba classes in the Academy Main Hall every Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.00pm from 11th January 2011!!** For more information or to book a place contact Katie on 07809 647676 or email her at [klb-23@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:klb-23@hotmail.co.uk)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CAR BOOT SALE SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2011**  
10.00am - 1.00pm

Perfect time for you to make some space for the Christmas presents you want to keep and get rid of the ones you don't!!! The sale will take place on the car park off Ash Lane, refreshments will be available. Entrance fee £6 per car and £10 per Transit Van - we are unable to accommodate larger vehicles. Please contact Julie on 07736 429166 to reserve your place.

### FUTURE EVENTS COMING SOON

#### French classes

Opening up the school to the Community has given an opportunity to a parent of one of our students. The parent Fabienne Coupe is hoping to provide French Tuition both in a class setting and on a 1 to 1 basis for anyone who wants to learn this wonderful language. Fabienne has a very impressive CV and provides many services based on her language teacher qualifications. For more information contact Fabienne on 07799 133693.

If you or anyone you know would like to know more about Schools Plus services, make a booking or are interested in joining their team then please contact Julie Davies on:

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## Trip to France

On the 13th October, 34 of us from Years 8, 9 and 10 went on a school trip to France; the Loire Valley. We travelled down to Dover by coach, a ferry to Calais and then the coach to Loire Valley. No one could get to sleep on the coach as we were all so excited. When on the ferry you could not walk in a straight line because the boat was rocking from side to side. Finally, the coach arrived at the hotel, we settled into our allocated rooms and not long after we went for our first proper meal (which wasn't really different from a normal English tea - chicken and chips!)

The next day arrived fast; we had our breakfast and went out shopping for presents and items we might want. When we were there, there was a protest on! The aquarium was the next thing to visit. It was fun as we could stroke the fish but other than that it was much like any you might visit at home. We also visited a mushroom cave which has been there since the 18th century; the most popular mushroom that they grew and sold was called 'chestnut' but now they grow three other kinds oyster, shitakii and bluefoot.

The teachers also took us to a French supermarket called 'super u', which meant super useful. While we were at there we had to try and remember some things in French, raspberries (franboises), ham (ambos). Later, we all had a quiz on the mushroom cave, supermarket and aquarium (our team came second).



Before we left on the last day, we went to a theme park called Futuroscope where the park was mainly 4-D themed. This is much better than 3-D; 3-D it comes out at you but 4-D you move with it. I thought that the theme was really good and so was the rest of the trip. It was better than expected.

I would recommend this trip to any one as you can make new friends (no matter what year) and you can see how the teachers act outside the classroom! BUT the only things you really have to remember to say in French are hello, goodbye and thank you which are bonjour, au revoir et merci.

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