

## LETTER FROM MR WILSON

Welcome to this week's edition of Newsflash. I hope that your child has settled back into Academy life after the Easter holiday and that he or she has enjoyed the start of the summer term.

Children usually only succeed and excel if there is a positive, constructive and supportive relationship between home and school. You, as parents, have a vital role to play in your child's future. Please don't ever underestimate the part that you play in your child's success; your interest, help and encouragement, at home, are absolutely crucial if your child is to achieve his or her potential.

As well as encouraging your child to work hard, we rely on your support for other things too such as uniform, behaviour, attendance and punctuality. We were pleased that, at 96%, attendance last week was back up above the national average and, clearly, we hope that this will continue throughout the term.

With the May Day Bank Holiday approaching, I hope that you and your family have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mr P.Wilson

**Interim Principal**

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

Two weeks to go the first exam! **Year 11, see your teachers now if there is anything you are unsure about, don't leave it until the last minute.**

The Period 6 timetable is now running every night. Please check your child's personalised timetable and encourage them to attend these really important study sessions.

Day	Subjects that will run on that evening
Monday	Art, French, Computing, Photography and Business Studies
Tuesday	Maths and Art
Wednesday	Science and Sport
Thursday	English, Performing Arts, Catering, Product Design, Business Studies and Photography
Friday	Geography, History, Spanish and Art

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 10 students return from their residential Field Trip on the Yorkshire coast.

Well done to Year 10 students from the ASPIRE group who have successfully completed their NICAS Level 1 Rock Climbing Award.

Year 11 Maths students take part in Maths and English intervention days at the Village Hotel and an A/A\* Maths residential weekend in Chester.

Students from Year 9 take part in a Business and Enterprise Day at the Etihad Stadium.

Year 10 students complete their their GCSE Textiles coursework.

Year teams have their Rewards and Celebrations Assembly to acknowledge the commitment, progress and achievement of individual students over the Spring Term.



## REWARDS TRIP TO BLACKPOOL

The annual Reward Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Qualification for the trip is linked to attendance and good behaviour and all students are aware of the criteria they must meet if they wish to go. Clearly, we hope that as many students as possible will qualify for Droylsden's big day out and that we have another brilliant trip to the Pleasure Beach.

## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

The Year 7 STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is back up and running for the summer term. The Club will meet in T5 every Tuesday at 2.35pm.

Year 10 fundraising for their chosen charity, STARS, will start on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Four members of staff, Miss Sanderson, Miss Barratt, Ms Wood and Miss Davies will be starting things off by competing in the Greater Manchester 10km Fun Run on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

A representative from the F.C. United Ladies Academy will be visiting Droylsden soon. Any Year 11 girls who are interested in playing football for the team should see Miss Macey.

Please can parents check their child's Planner and Manners Card regularly and encourage their child to use them effectively.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 8 Parent Teacher Evening is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact Mr Wakefield in Student Services if you have not received a letter or if you have any problems using PTO, the on-line booking system for making appointments.

Year 8 Humanities trip to Chester on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 11 Science intervention day at the Village Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## ARTS' AND SPORTS' ROUND UP

Regan Walker from Year 10 claims the Silver Medal in the UK Sportshall Finals, a national event and competing against athletes from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. As team captain for East Cheshire Harriers, she also led the Under 15 squad to an excellent third place finish overall.

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 Volleyball teams who recently competed in the Tameside Schools Tournament. The girl's team came fourth overall and the boy's team came third, winning the bronze medal.

Year 11 Performing Arts students deliver three performances of their GCSE showcase for their peers.

**For match reports and other news from the P.E. Department please visit the weekly on-line Sports Blog on the Academy website.**