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Welcome to the latest edition of Newsflash.

As you are aware, the Academy will be closed to students this Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, as there will be an additional training day for staff to prepare for the forthcoming and significant changes to the National Curriculum. Clearly, I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause for parents and carers, but it is vital that, as a staff, we have the opportunity to plan together for September. A key focus of the training day will be looking at a new whole school approach to assessment now that, nationally, “levels” will no longer be used to measure student progress. A lot more work and preparation will follow on over the remainder of this term and over the summer holiday and we are confident that everything will be in place for the start of the new academic year.

The exams for Years 7 to 10 are now nearly finished and I am pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of our students have met and surpassed our high expectations of behaviour, attitude and application. Many exams were taken under formal conditions in the examination hall and with external invigilators; this has worked well and the experience should help prepare our students for their final GCSE examinations when they are in Year 11.

Our current Year 11 students attended their Leavers Assembly earlier this week. It was a very enjoyable morning and it was with a mixture of sadness, laughter and embarrassment that we looked back at photographs and memories of the last five years. Thank you to Mr Frost for preparing the Assembly and, once again, on behalf of everyone, good luck and best wishes to the Class of 2015.

Thank you also to the P.E. Department for organising our Sports Week as part of this week’s national schools event. Further details can be found later in Newsflash and there will be a full report on the Academy Sports Day in next week’s edition.

Please read through this edition of Newsflash; I hope you will find it interesting and informative.

Best wishes

Mr P. Wilson  
**Headteacher**

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## GCSE RESULTS

This year, GCSE results day is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Students can pick up their results from the Academy at 10.00am. If a student cannot attend in person, they can leave a self addressed envelope with Mrs Smith or an email address through which we can contact them. Due to Data Protection laws we cannot issue results over the telephone. Any arrangements for a parent to collect their child's results must be made before results day.

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Mr Mortimer who was appointed to the position of Head of Year earlier this week.

Year 10 students attend a taster afternoon at Connell Sixth Form College to find out about courses they can study in Languages, Law, Humanities and Social Sciences.



Year 10 students attend the Tameside Apprenticeship Exhibition at Stalybridge Civic Hall to find out more about training and career opportunities when they leave the Academy.



Students taking the Duke of Edinburgh Award will complete their final assessed expedition this weekend. The group will camp out in the Peak District and walk from Edale around the Ladybower reservoir, returning over Mam Tor and the surrounding moors and hills.

Congratulations to Mr Dalrymple and Mrs Fernandez-Arias, two graduate trainees in the English Department, who both achieved a grading of **outstanding** from the external "Teach First" Assessor on her recent visit.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening on Thursday; 109 of our 146 Year 7 students were represented on the night, 75% of the year group. We hope you had an enjoyable and informative evening.

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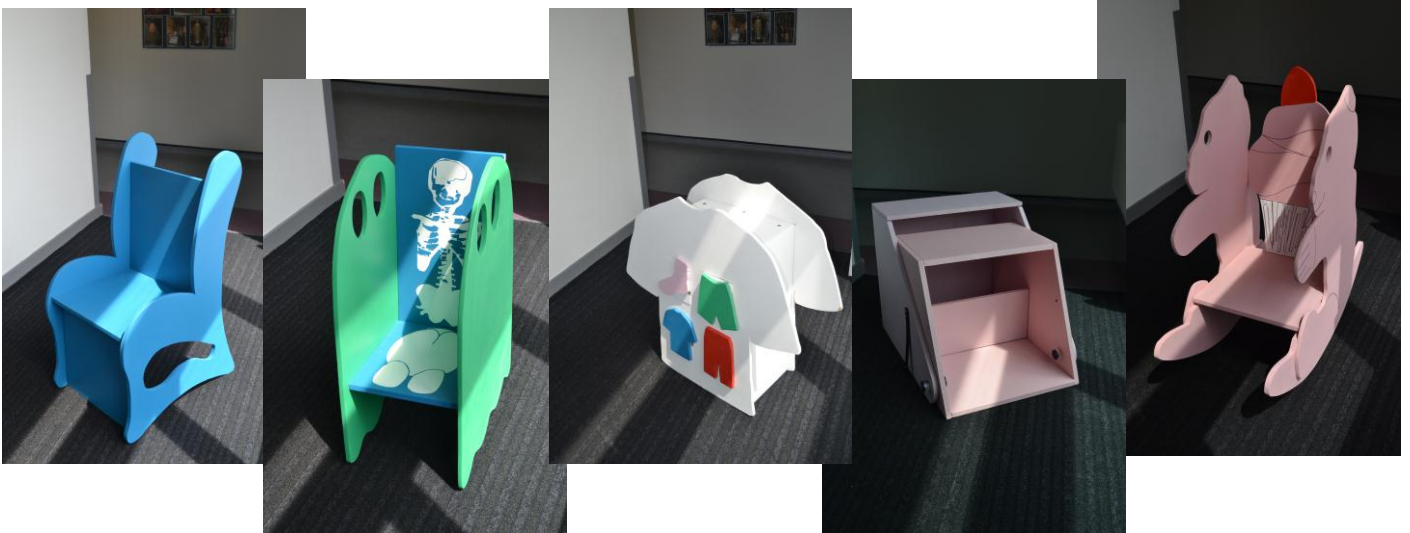
## AWARDS EVENING

The Academy will be holding its annual Awards Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July when we will recognise and celebrate the successes and achievements of our students.

If your child has been nominated for an award, you will receive a letter over the next few days. We hope that the parents and carers of all nominated students will be able to attend the evening and that they are as proud of their children as we are.

## GCSE TECHNOLOGY CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have produced some outstanding work as part of their GCSE Product Design course. The products below were designed and made by Nathan Stewart, Reece Horan, Marco Salvaggio, Thomas Hallworth, Lorian Slate, Chloe Hatton, Liam McGann, Leanne Blundell and Will Moxon.



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## SPORTS WEEK

The Academy has celebrated National School Sports Week this week with a range of different events and activities that students have been able to take part in. Students have enjoyed traditional Sports Day events such as the Sack Race, Egg and Spoon Race, Three Legged Race and the Tug of War, as well as Relay Races and the Vortex Throw. On Tuesday, there were coaching sessions on a mobile skateboarding park and on Wednesday, students had the opportunity to learn the noble art of Fencing! On Wednesday evening, there was a mini World Cup tournament that was organised and officiated by two of our Junior Sports Leaders, Aiden Brown and Chang Yang, and on Thursday, students were able to try rock climbing on a climbing wall.



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## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Completed consent forms for the Rewards Trip to Blackpool must be returned to Student Services, and the payment of £10.00 made, by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** for those children who are eligible and wish to go. Payment and consent forms cannot be accepted after this date.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Academy will close for the summer holiday at 12.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **Sandwiches will be available for students who are on free school meals but parents and carers must pre-order these in advance by phoning Student Services.** Sandwiches will not be available for those students who have not pre-ordered a meal.

There will be a BBQ at lunchtime on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** as well as the usual student meal options. Students can buy tickets on the day. Those students on free school meals can use their daily allowance to eat at the BBQ too. Hopefully the sun will shine and students and staff will have an enjoyable lunchtime.



## ARTS' AND SPORTS' ROUND UP

A group of 42 Performing Arts students will be visiting London from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. As well as seeing the sights, they will also visit the West End and watch performances of Miss Saigon, Billy Elliot and Wicked!

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

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## COMMUNITY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

**This Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a Girls Football Open Day at the Academy from 9.30am to 12.00pm.** The event is free and has been organised by Denton Girls Football Club, in conjunction with the Manchester FA. The aim of the event is to provide an opportunity for girls from across Greater Manchester to "try out" football for a day. It is open to all ages and abilities and the organisers hope that everyone who comes along will enjoy a really good morning of football. All coaches are DBS checked and, as an FA Charter Standard Club, all Denton's coaches have up to date Child Safeguarding, First Aid and FA Coaching badges.

Details of other regular activities can be found in the table here.

Day	Event		Time	Contact details
Monday	<b>Tameside Netball</b>		18.00 – 22.00	Jane <a href="mailto:cjchiz@blueyonder.co.uk">cjchiz@blueyonder.co.uk</a>
	<b>Zumba with Nat &amp; Caz</b>		19.00 – 20.00	Natalie 07581171033 <a href="mailto:Natalie.day@hotmail.com">Natalie.day@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday	<b>Tameside Netball</b>		18.00 – 20.00	Jane <a href="mailto:cjchiz@blueyonder.co.uk">cjchiz@blueyonder.co.uk</a>
	<b>Brendon Bee's Under 17 Football</b>		18.45 – 19.45	Contact details to follow
Wednesday	<b>TV Talent, Drama and Street Dance</b>	Drama (Ages 3 – 11)	17.45 – 19.00	07886825843 info@tvtalentedrama.co.uk www.tvtalentedrama.co.uk
		Dance (Ages 3 – 12)	19.00 – 19.45	
		Drama (Ages 12 – 18)	19.45 – 21.00	
	<b>Medlock Rangers</b> Football for Children (Aged 6 – 13), Ladies (Open age) and Men (Open age)		17.45 – 20.45	Jed Chant 07855766459 <a href="mailto:jedchant@ccpowerltd.co.uk">jedchant@ccpowerltd.co.uk</a>
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	<b>Zumba with Katie</b>		20.00 – 21.00	Katie 07912640786 <a href="http://katieoper.zumba.com">katieoper.zumba.com</a>
Saturday	<b>Little Sports Coaching</b> A football school for boys & girls from 18 months to 12 years old		09.00 – 13.00	0800 032 1806 info@littlesportscoaching.co.uk

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