

LETTER FROM MR WILSON

Welcome to Edition 22 of Newsflash for the academic year.

I hope that all our students enjoyed their half term break and have returned rested and ready for another six weeks of hard work, progress and achievement. Many staff were in over the holiday to deliver a revision and study programme for Year 11 students as they prepared for their Pre Public Exams which are being held this week. I know that the students found the programme really useful and would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to deliver these additional classes.

You may remember that there was an article in the last edition of Newsflash about the awards that the English Department had received following the excellent GCSE results that Droylsden students achieved in English Language last summer. This news was hot off the press at the time and the article was written after I had prepared my weekly letter to you. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the English Department and formally recognise and acknowledge their achievements and their two awards. The performance of Droylsden students in English was well above national against all measures in 2015, a year in which many schools saw their results decline; this was a significant achievement and one which I am sure will be repeated again in 2016.

I was delighted to receive another message from a member of the public last week who wanted to commend our students for their good behaviour on a Metrolink tram when they were going into Manchester on a school visit. The students were on a GCSE Photography trip to source ideas and inspiration for their coursework portfolios and the caller commented on how polite they were and how interested they were in each other's views and ideas. He said that they were an absolute joy and that he was really impressed. Thank you and well done to all those students concerned.

Taking students out on trips and visits is a huge responsibility for staff and, as well as all the paperwork that needs completing, there is always a lot of preparation involved. Clearly, just as in school, we expect the highest standard of behaviour from all our students when they go out on a visit; we hope that they also fully understand the responsibility on them to represent our values of politeness, hard work and honesty at all times and that they appreciate the trust that staff place in them when they take students out.

Thank you for reading Newsflash and, as usual, I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 9 school weeks left, just 45 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

We hope that you have prepared thoroughly for your Pre Public Exams and that they are going well. There are six exams left next week as detailed below.

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 29 th Feb	H&S Care, Spanish, Dance	Sport
Tues 1 st Mar	English Lit, French	

There will be an Open Day at Manchester College on Saturday 12th March between 11.00am and 2.00pm.



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 10 students complete their practical coursework assessments in Science.

Students studying Performing Arts attend a residential workshop at the Conway Centre in Anglesey. A report on the weekend will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.



Performing Arts Students visit the Manchester Opera House to watch a performance of 'Goodbye Mr Tom'.



Year 9 have been working with representatives from an organisation called 'Tough Cookies' during their Religious Studies lessons this week. They have looked at the issues around Child Sexual Exploitation and hopefully the sessions have raised awareness of the issues around this difficult and worrying topic.

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Year 11 students complete their Pre Public Exams in preparation for their formal GCSE assessments this summer.

Year 10 GCSE Art students complete some beautiful work in ceramics, drawing their inspiration from coral reefs, such as the Great Barrier Reef, and the work of artist Courtney Mattison.



HEADTEACHER'S CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students who were invited to attend this week's Headteacher celebration of achievement:

Ayushi Patel Archie Farrell Imogen Wright Sophie Mountfield

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ellis Hesketh on her offer of a place at Oxford University to study French and German, a wonderful achievement. Ellis left Droylsden Academy in 2014 and went on to study at Ashton 6th Form College. We are all very proud of Ellis and wish her every success with her A Levels this summer.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

BLISS the Academy Young Enterprise team attended the Trade Fair at the Trafford Centre last week and our budding entrepreneurs continue to post a healthy profit.

The company will be selling their range of bath products in the Academy on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, ideal presents for Mother's Day on Sunday 6th March!



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YEAR 10 PARENT TEACHER EVENING

The Academy would like to thank those parents who attended Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening in the week before half term. Altogether 131 students out of a total of 176 were represented by parents or carers on the night, a turn-out of 74%. Feedback would suggest that the evening was very useful for parents, students and staff.

Over 50 parents filled in a questionnaire during the evening and we were pleased that:

- 84% of them agreed that their child enjoys school and was happy at the Academy;
- 100% felt that their child was safe and well looked after;
- 100% felt that their child was making good progress;
- 100% felt that their child was taught well;
- 92% felt that behaviour was good;
- 92% felt that they are kept well informed by the Academy and know what is going on; and that
- 92% would feel comfortable about contacting the Academy if they had any concerns.

Whilst the Academy is pleased that 74% of parents and carers were able to attend, and appreciate the phone calls and emails from the parents who genuinely couldn't come, we are concerned and disappointed that 45 of our students were not represented at such an important evening where progress, attainment, strengths and learning areas for development were discussed with subject teachers. Evidence clearly shows that students who are actively supported in their education by parents who attend such events as Parent Teacher Evenings do much better.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and students will be celebrating World Book Day next week by creating the Droylsden Academy Top 20 Favourite Books Of All Time. All nominations must be given to Mrs Godrich by Tuesday 1st March and the big vote will take place on World Book Day itself, Thursday 3rd March. Please encourage your child to vote for their favourite book and collect their World Book Day Book Token, which can be used in many bookshops in the area until the end of March, to get money off a new book.



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This week's Maths Puzzle.....

Calculate the numerical value of A and B and then work out the answer to A divided by B



..... and the answer to last week's puzzle!

A fair dice without any bias is thrown twice and the two numbers added together.

What is the probability that the sum of the two numbers added together is equal to 6?

There are 36 possible events: 1,1 2,2 3,3 4,4 5,5 6,6 1,2 1,3 1,4 1,5 1,6 2,1 3,1 4,1 5,1 6,1, 2,3 2,4 2,5 2,6 3,2 4,2 5,2 6,2 3,4 3,5 3,6 4,3 5,3 6,3 4,5 4,6 5,4 6,4 5,6 6,5

Of these 36 possible events, 5 will give a score of 6: 1,5 5,1 2,4 4,2 3,3

So the probability of rolling two numbers that add up to 6 is 5/36

IQ TEST

$$A + B = 76$$

$$A - B = 38$$

$$A \div B = \dots?$$

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Please check your child's Planner and the on-line website Show My Homework regularly and ensure your child is completing their homework to the best of their ability and to the deadline set by the teacher. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Year 7 Raising Achievement Event, 'Securing Success for 2020', on the evening of Thursday 10th March. Further information to follow.

Year 9 Parent Teacher Evening will be on Thursday 28th April. Further information will be sent out to parents and carers later this half term.

ARTS' AND SPORTS' ROUND UP

The Expressive Arts Department are currently arranging the following theatre trips and events:

Tuesday 1st March	'Frantic Assembly' workshop
Thursday 3rd March	Reckless Sleepers (The Contact Theatre)
Wednesday 16th March	The Merry Wives (The Lowry)
Thursday 31st March	Chicago (The Palace Theatre)

The name of the next Academy production will be revealed on Wednesday 30th March!

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DROYLSDEN TOWN TEAM INVITES YOU TO

Droylsden Easter Market



Thursday 24 until Sunday 27 March 2016

10am - 7pm (Thur)/10am - 6pm (Fri and Sat)

10am - 5pm (Sunday)

LOTS GOING ON EACH DAY

IN THE TOWN CENTRE:

*Includes Licensed Bar, Family Entertainment,
Fun Fair Rides, Climbing Wall, Face Painting
and Tombola Stall.*

*Fashion Show (Friday), Easter Bonnet
Competition (Saturday) and "Droylsden's
Got Talent" Contest (Sunday)*

EASTER SUNDAY, 27 MARCH 2016
FROM 1.00PM

DROYLSDEN'S GOT TALENT CONTEST

IN THE CIVIC SQUARE

1ST PRIZE £50

2ND PRIZE £30

3RD PRIZE £20

EVENT BEING ORGANISED BY DROYLSDEN TOWN TEAM AS
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