

LETTER FROM MR WILSON

Welcome to Edition 5 of Newsflash for this academic year.

Headteacher's Celebration of Achievement

If you are a regular Newsflash reader you will know that, each week, there is a feature called 'Headteacher's Celebration of Achievement' which includes a list of students that I have met with that week. These students have been chosen by their respective Year Leaders and Year Managers for making good progress, making a positive contribution to the Academy or for demonstrating a real commitment to our values of politeness, hard work and honesty. As well as congratulating and thanking the students, we have an open discussion about Academy life and I ask for any ideas and suggestions they may have on what we can do to improve further. The students are always very honest and we do encourage openness where they will tell us what they really think and not just what they think we may want to hear.

Sometimes, as Headteacher, you inevitably have to deal with some difficult situations when students have made the wrong choices. My weekly celebration meetings, however, always remind that the overwhelming majority of our students love school, get things right day in and day out and make a wonderful contribution to Academy life. Similarly, the meetings always remind me why I became a teacher and how privileged I am to lead Droylsden Academy. The meetings are one of the highlights of the week and I always look forward to them.

Social Media

Thank you for your comments about the irresponsible use of Social Media as discussed in last week's Newsflash. I am pleased that many of you have discussed the article with your child and intend to monitor their use of social media more closely in the future. As stated last week, many children are often upset and ashamed when later confronted with what they have written. Please contact your child's Year Manager, or indeed the Police, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing and safety. The use of social media by anyone to bully or intimidate others is totally unacceptable and we will always work with families to support students and identify bullies where appropriate.

Thank you for reading Newsflash and, as always, I hope you have a pleasant and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

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Year 11, you are now 5 weeks into your final year and there are only 26 school weeks left, just 130 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Your pre public examinations start on Monday 14th November. If you want to achieve and exceed your target grades next summer, then you will prepare thoroughly for your pre public exams. You should read through your notes regularly and familiarise yourself with all the topics you have covered on your GCSE courses so far. Every time you read through your work, a little bit more sticks with you and it will make things easier for your pre public examinations and for your exams in the summer. If there are things that you don't understand, then you can get help and advice from your teachers now and not wait until it is too late. **By preparing thoroughly now, you are taking control of your exam preparation and doing everything you can to ensure GCSE achievement and success.**

The pre public examination timetable will be published before the half term break.

Remember, your compulsory 'Lesson 6' study sessions now run every night from 2.35pm to 3.35pm as detailed below. All Year 11 students have a personalised timetable telling them which lessons to go to each night. Please look at your child's Lesson 6 timetable and ensure that he/she attends these really important study sessions. **Attending Lesson 6 will improve your child's GCSE grades and the opportunities open to them when they leave the Academy.**

Day	Subjects that will run on that evening
Monday	Expressive Arts and Spanish
Tuesday	11X Science, 11Y Maths and French
Wednesday	English, Photography, Computing, Product Design and Catering
Thursday	11Y Science and 11X Maths
Friday	PE, Health and Social Care, Geography, History and Art.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 13th October. All parents and carers will have received details about the arrangements for this important evening and should now be making appointments using 'Parent Teacher Online' (PTO). If you need help in making your appointments, please contact Student Services.

Year 11 Science Controlled Assessment catch-up days will take place on Monday 17th and Friday 21st October.

Year 11 French Speaking Exams will take place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October.

Good luck to the GCSE Drama students who will be completing the first of their two all day practical exams on Tuesday 11th October next week. We hope that your hard work and commitment pay off and that you give a great performance next week.

Year 11 Catering students visit the 'Red Hot World Buffet' to sample a range of international cuisine.

The Academy holds a standardisation and moderation week to consider the progress of students in Year 10.

Students studying the Performing Arts visit the Lowry Theatre to watch a performance of 'Be My Baby'. Brooke Vincent who plays the lead role, and who also plays Sophie Webster in Coronation Street, meets our students for a Question and Answer session after the show.



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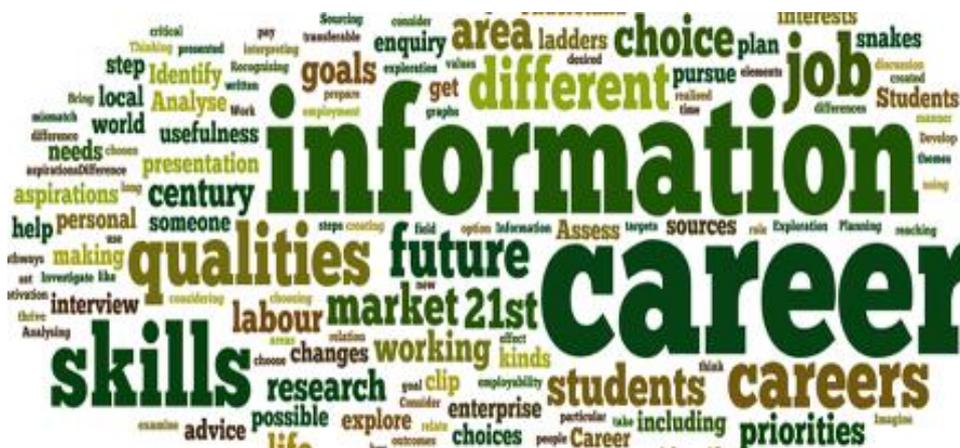
As your child progresses through school, it is crucial that they begin to think about life after Droylsden Academy. The employment market is changing rapidly and there is an ever increasing demand for more highly skilled and educated individuals to enter the workforce. Research clearly shows that earning potential increases significantly for those people who achieve good degrees or high level vocational training. On **Tuesday 8th November** we are holding our annual 'Careers & Aspirations Evening' for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. This is an opportunity for them and you to speak to a wide range of local employers, colleges, universities and training providers, all offering an insight into the world of work and education. The event allows young people to begin planning their post 16 provision.

Your attendance at this evening will have a huge impact on your child's future and the choices they will make. There will be stalls for you to browse and some of our guests will include:

- Manchester College
- Clarendon Sixth Form College
- The University of Manchester
- Barclays
- EHAWKE - Engineering
- Tameside Council
- Hays Recruitment



The Academy will be open between 4.00pm and 7.00pm, please drop in at a time that is convenient for you. This is an extra special evening with colleges, universities and major employers all represented at one event. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 8th November.



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HEADTEACHER'S CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

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

Masara Fennier	Jordan Osman	Emmanuel Akubo	Milly Wagstaff
Aiden Maycox	Rhianne Kenny	Ross Evans	Cordelia Bredbury
	Elizabeth Le	Naomi Lord	

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Wherever possible, we would like parents and carers to pay for all Academy trips and visits using 'Parentpay'. If you are unsure how to use 'Parentpay', or you have lost your log-in details, please contact Mr Wakefield in Student Services.



All parents will have received a copy of their child's Personal Details which we currently hold on our records. Please check, amend and return the sheet as soon as possible. **It is really important that parents and carers return this information so that we can update our records and ensure that the details we have about your child are accurate.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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The Academy closes for the half term holiday on Friday 21st October. Full details of term dates for this academic year can be found on the Academy website.

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GET INVOLVED

Auditions for performers and technicians will take place for our upcoming performance of 'Status Update' will take place on Tuesday 18th October. Further information is available from Miss Spacey



The National Theatre Connections Festival is an internationally recognised festival involving 500 youth companies from across the UK performing 10 brand new plays written by professional playwrights.

Droylsden Academy will be performing 'Status Update', written by Forced Entertainment's director Tim Etchells' at the Home Theatre, Manchester.

We know facts. We know secrets. We have opinions, we have intuition and we have the stage. Status Update is an unflinching and funny catalogue of the things teenagers learn, believe and have sussed out about the world. From the ridiculous to the highly charged, all these truths and half-truths are laid bare before us, without the safety net of character or fiction.

Auditions for performers and technicians—Tuesday 18th October

Room: P48

Time: 2:45—4pm

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