

## INTRODUCTION FROM MR WILSON

Welcome to this week's edition of Newsflash.

Year 10 students may have noticed that, last week, their year group featured, for the first time, in the GCSE Countdown section of Newsflash. Indeed, if they look over the page of this edition, then they will see that they now have just 35 weeks in school until their first exam. Whilst 35 weeks may seem like a long time, it will go like a flash and before they know it, they too will be sitting in the Sports Hall taking their final and formal GCSE examinations. Year 10 will be taking their Pre-Public Examinations in week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June and, clearly, it is important that they prepare thoroughly, finish the year strongly and lay solid foundations for September.

I am delighted to report that our new intake for next September is full and that, for the first time since the Academy opened, we have a 'waiting list' for Year 7. This clearly reflects the progress we are making, improved achievement and attainment and our growing reputation. I am really pleased that we are gaining the trust, respect and support of our community and I hope that the Academy will become the school of choice for all local families.

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

Best wishes

Mr. P Wilson  
**Headteacher**

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 10, there are only 35 school weeks left, just 180 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

Year 11, you are entering the final two weeks of your GCSE examinations. The timetable for your remaining subjects is detailed over the page. We really hope that everything has gone well so far and that you are well prepared for your remaining examinations.

**Remember, attendance at any 'Booster' sessions next week is absolutely imperative and will almost certainly make a difference to the grades that you achieve.**

## Timetable for the remaining GCSE examinations

Date	Session	Examination
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Biology (Higher Tier)
	Afternoon	Arabic: Listening Arabic: Reading
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	History: War on Britain
	Afternoon	
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Morning	Chemistry (Higher Tier)
	Afternoon	Dance
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Morning	
	Afternoon	Arabic: Writing
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Morning	Physics (Higher Tier)
	Afternoon	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Product Design
	Afternoon	

### IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

The Assembly theme for the week focuses on the Academy values of Politeness, Honesty and Hard Work or **PH<sup>2</sup>**.

Interviews are held to appoint next year's Academy Prefects. Further information can be found in this edition of Newsflash.



The Academy holds a Standardisation and Moderation week to consider the work and progress of students in Year 9.

Students taking the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award complete their expeditions in the White Peak District. Further information can be found in this edition of Newsflash.

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## HEADTEACHER'S CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

For this week's Celebration of Achievement, Mr Wilson met with a group of Year 8 students who are all making outstanding progress. Although these students are still three years away from their GCSE examinations, they are already producing work of a Level 4 standard, the equivalent of a higher GCSE grade, in one or more of the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, a tremendous achievement. We are all looking forward to their GCSE results in 2020!

Millie Arora   Minahil Arshad   Kacey Devenport   Sara Hamdani  
Stephen Parkes   Megan Walker   Ha Young Cho   Ellie Cullen   Nikita Joshi  
Kacey McGowan   Sadie Samways   Marija Valinciute   Lumbani Zimba

Each of the students brought a piece of work to show Mr. Wilson and then explained why they had chosen that particular piece and why they were proud of it. Some of their comments have been included with the photographs below.



Maria brought a piece of English homework about a 'dystopian world'. She said "I am proud of my English homework because I really had to use my imagination to think of a dystopian world. I tried to use a range of figurative language and vocabulary and also used my knowledge of speech, paragraphing and punctuation. Mr Dalrymple, my teacher, was really proud of my work too. He told me what I had done really well and also made some comments about the next steps I could make."

Minahil brought some Art work which she was really proud of. Minahil said "I am really proud of the work although Art is not my best subject! My teacher and I were both really pleased with the piece and now I have been asked to think about taking Art as a GCSE option."



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Millie was proud of her English work as she had achieved a mark of 36/40 which showed that she is making really good progress. Millie added that one day she would like to be a published author.



Nikita chose to bring a piece of Maths work to show Mr Wilson. Nikita commented that she has really improved in Maths and is enjoying the subject. She also commented that she always takes great care with her presentation and is proud of the standard of her book work.

Ellie chose to bring a piece of Geography work. Ellie, too, commented on how hard she works hard at her presentation and thought that the piece of work she had shown Mr Wilson was the best she had done.

#### INTERVIEWS FOR NEXT YEAR'S PREFECTS AND THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Last week, over 30 Year 10 students were interviewed by Mrs Isherwood and Mr Frost for the role of Academy Prefect. Further interviews took place this week for the Student Leadership Team with over 20 potential future leaders putting themselves forward for this important role.

Mr Wilson, Mrs Arnold, Mr Frost and Mrs Isherwood were genuinely bowled over by the calibre of applicant and the quality of their interviews and presentations. The consensus was that both the Prefects and the Student Leadership Team will make a huge contribution to our continuing development when they take up their posts next year.

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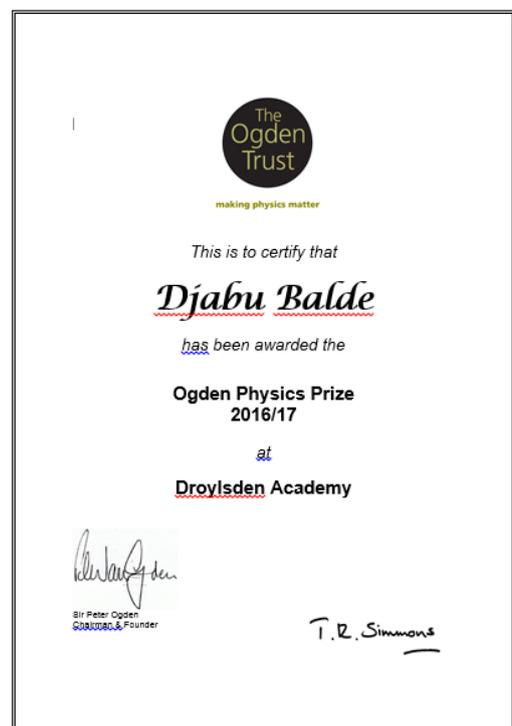
Each year we talk about how incredibly difficult it will be to improve on the quality of the Prefects who have just left but, once again, we are confident that, this year, the bar has been raised even higher!

At the time of writing, the positions within the Student Leadership Team are still to be finalised and further information will appear in a future edition of Newsflash. The photograph here shows one of the applicants, James Hesketh, sharing his vision with the interview team.



### A BRIGHT FUTURE!

Congratulations to Djabu Balde who has been nominated for and awarded the Ogden Physics Prize, an award granted to the country's talented young Physicists. Djabu won a £25 book voucher and, more importantly, is now eligible to apply for funding from the Ogden Trust if she goes on to study Physics at College or University. This achievement is even more amazing when you consider that Djabu only moved to the UK from Portugal two years ago and had very little spoken or written English when she arrived. We are really proud of you Djabu and will watch your future career with interest!



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## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to all those students who completed the expedition for their Bronze and Silver Awards in the 'White Peak District' last weekend.

Students completing the Silver Award set out on Friday and completed a 36km walk through the White Peaks, camping out on both Friday and Saturday night. The group set out from Monyash and completed their walk at Baslow by walking through the stunning grounds of Chatsworth House. Students completing the Bronze Award set out on Saturday and completed a 26 km walk from Monyash to Birchover, camping out on the Saturday night. Well done to everyone for completing this important part of your Duke of Edinburgh Award!



### Silver Award

Sam Aro, Rosie Brighton, Alban Malaj and Malachai Radcliffe

### Bronze Award

Ellie Marie Chesters, Millie Cunliffe, Kelly Dalton, Katie Daniels, Joe Davies, Abigail Docker, Sophie Driver, Sam Farrell, Callum Gibson, Lillie Hampson, Paige Hayes, Lily-May Heeney, Anisha Joshi, Mia Linney, Chantel Massey, Harry McGuinness, Abbie McKenzie, Talia Mistry, Ebony Morton, Cassia Myers, Daniel Shaw, Sheona Thomas and Nathan Wilson



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## GOOD LUCK GREENSIDE!

Last Tuesday, pupils from Greenside Primary School came to the Academy for an after school session to practice for their upcoming Tameside School Games 'Quad Kids Competition'. Our Sports Leaders Mia Walker, Taylor Megram, Autumn Holmes and Charlotte Evens lead an excellent session teaching the pupils techniques for the long jump, vortex throw, 75 metre sprint and 600 metre run. Good luck to Greenside in their upcoming competition!

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lumbani Zimba from Year 8 and Patricia Nyka and Anisha Joshi from Year 10 who have all been nominated for this week's award.



Lumbani has been nominated by the Mathematics Department. Lumbani is becoming an excellent Mathematician and always enjoys tackling difficult and challenging problems. Lumbani is a fantastic role model to his peers; he models the Academy values and is extremely confident in standing and sharing his ideas with the class. Mr Tiley is confident that Lumbani has a bright future in Mathematics!

Patricia has been nominated by the English Department as she has made amazing progress this year due to her diligence, resilience and determination to succeed. Patricia has had a year to be proud of and, if this is repeated in Year 11, will do extremely well in her GCSE examination next June.

Anisha has been nominated by the Science Department as she always works exceptionally hard and shows perseverance. Anisha works well independently and will always have a go at new topics and new skills. Well done Anisha, you are a great role model to other members of the group.

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## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

The Academy will close for the Summer Holiday on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July for students and on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for staff.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Academy will celebrate 'National Sports Week' from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations will take place between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The Year 10 Geography Residential Field Trip to Llandudno will take place over the week of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Achievement Evening for students in Years 7 to 10 will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.