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WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the first edition of Newsflash for this academic year. I hope that everyone has had a pleasant and relaxing summer and that all our students have returned well prepared for the new term.

For parents and carers of students who have joined us this September, Newsflash is a weekly bulletin that you will receive every Friday which will give you news, updates, reminders and messages from the Academy. Newsflash was introduced four years ago and feedback from parents and carers would suggest that they find it interesting and informative; we hope that you will find this the case too. A copy of Newsflash will be emailed out to you every Friday afternoon with future editions including reports and photographs of trips, activities and events that have taken place during that particular week.

Thank you for reading this edition of Newsflash. I hope that your child will have a happy, successful and rewarding year.

Best wishes

Mr. P Wilson
Headteacher

GCSE EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

The following press release was written by Mr Wilson following the publication of this summer's GCSE results. Congratulations to all our students who worked hard and met or exceeded their target grades.

Droylsden Academy Headteacher Mr Wilson says he is delighted that the hard work of students and staff has paid off as the school celebrates record GCSE results this year. Mr Wilson added, "On behalf of the staff, Mr Duncan our Executive Headteacher and the Governors, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2019 on their successes. There have been some outstanding individual achievements and some incredible subject performances. Overall, students have made very pleasing progress from their Year 6 starting points. The results are especially pleasing for the Academy community as we celebrate our 10 year anniversary this year".

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Across the Academy, a record 70% of students secured the national benchmark of the BASICS (at least Grade 4 or above in English and Maths). Nearly half of all students achieved strong passes (Grade 5 and above in both English and Maths) with a number of students achieving the very top GCSE Grades of 8 and 9 in both these subjects; this puts those students amongst the very top performers in the country.



Mr Wilson went on to say, “The Class of 2019 were a fantastic cohort and we couldn’t be prouder of hem. Throughout the lead up to their GCSEs, students were keen to stay late after school, some well in to the evenings and their attendance and engagement at weekend and holiday revision classes was exceptional. There was a palpable sense of teamwork with students and staff working together and fully believing in what can be achieved through effort, commitment and determination”.

As students arrived at school on results day to collect their envelopes, Mr Wilson smiled and said “It is so good to see our students again. Teachers will be celebrating with students and parents today as the results are opened”.

During the morning, a group of students who had been awarded the very top grades across a range of subjects took part in a question and answer session with a group of Year 7 students attending the Summer School. Mr Wilson said, “Having the opportunity to speak to highly successful students will allow our younger learners to understand that hard work really does pay off and it will hopefully inspire them to achieve great results when it is their turn to sit their GCSEs”.



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The school's results show a continuing trend of very strong performance in English with students performing well in both Literature and Language; 80% of students achieved at least a good pass and 1 in 4 students achieved the top GCSE Grades of 7, 8 or 9. The hard work that has taken place in Mathematics has resulted in record Maths results with students making very pleasing progress overall and more students than ever achieving at least a strong pass in their Maths GCSE.

In Science, students have made pleasing progress in Combined Science with 2 out of 3 students securing a good pass or better. In the separate Science disciplines of Physics, Biology and Chemistry students performed well and there were some outstanding individual results.

Exceptional academic performance by individual students include Jack Gee, Jonathan Lee, Sophie Owen, Sam Farrell, Maham Khan, Anastecia Asamoah, Nathan Wilson, Ethan Shaw, Amelia Hutton and Erin Hume. Each of these students achieved a string of the top grades across a range of subjects.

The school is also incredibly proud of a number of students including Abimbola Akinwande, Jeffrey Lokulutu, Harris Mahmood, Autumn Holmes, Jake Mason, Alyssa Duffy and Daniel Shepherd who have made remarkable progress from their year 7 starting points.

Mr Wilson said, "This year's record GCSE results, the pleasing progress that so many of our students have made and some incredible individual successes are a result of the joint efforts of our students, staff, Governors and the support of parents and families. We are delighted for our students and they should be very proud of their achievements."

Mr Wilson added, "We have seen our boys and girls perform well across a wide range of subjects, especially in English Language and English Literature, Maths and Statistics, Science (including the separate Sciences), History, Geography, French, Spanish, Art, Photography, Drama, Food and Nutrition, PE and ICT. In particular we are very pleased with the strong academic performance of a large number of boys who have made significant progress from their year 7 starting points. For many years boys' performance has lagged behind the girls but this year that gap has closed dramatically and we are delighted. Another highlight this year has been the continued improving performance of students from less financially advantaged families. In addition, many students who arrived at Droylsden Academy having not reached the expected grades at primary school have done well by making better progress than expected. We are also extremely pleased with the excellent progress that so many of our more able students have made".

Mr Wilson finished by saying, "We remain relentless in our drive to ensure Droylsden Academy continues on its improvement journey and our school day has been extended next year to ensure even more learning time for our students. We are excited and pleased that the school is becoming a

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place of learning that the community can be proud of. Once again this year we have seen a significant increase in the number of applications for places in September and for the third year running our school is heavily oversubscribed with a long waiting list”.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Awards Evening

The Awards Evening was held in the final week of the last academic year.

Congratulations to all of the students who were nominated and recognised for progress or excellence, or for their contribution to the Academy, over the last academic year.

In particular, we would like to congratulate Federica Annesi who won the prestigious Headteacher's Award, Rosie McCormick who won the Peter Ryder PRIDE Award, Ayushi Patel who won the Jenny Worsdale Hardwork Award, Nidha Rehman who won the Liz Kendal Progress Award and Ellie Craven who won the Manilal Mistry Achievement Award.



Congratulations also go to Rory Hand and Ruby Johnson from Year 7, Rosie McCormick and James Mellor from Year 8, Taylor Megram and Salem Alyami from Year 9 and Gemma Harrison and Nidha Rehman and Jonathan Le from Year 10 who all won the Awards for their respective Year Groups.

Similarly, congratulations to Charlie Acquah-Danso who won the Award for Performing Excellence, Emmanuel Akubuo who won the Award for Sporting Excellence, Tracy Nwanze who won the Award for Student Leadership, Sara Hamdani who won the Excel Student of the Year Award, Phoebe Plant who won the Community Award and Cameron Turner who won the Learning Support Award.

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Subject awards were presented to the following students for Excellence or Progress over the last academic year:

- English: Aastha Patadia, Mary Uchechukwu Chale, Amaraah Kauser, Malaika Iftikhar, Adam Ali-Brown, Oskar Jezewski, Sara Hamdani and Federica Annesi.
- Mathematics: Molly Nash, Amelia Stelfox, Devanshi Shah, Valeria Asamoah, Zakariah Albajouri, Sayieda-Jannat Talukdar, Madina Akhtar, Lily McKenna, Jiamin Jiang, Remell Bell, Stephen Parkes and Lucy Wadsworth.
- Science: Maria Bundache, Evie Berry, James Mellor, Jamie Arora, Jack Beckett, Lucy Alderson, Phoebe Plant, Tracy Nwanze, Keira Hill and Ellie Craven.
- Geography: Molly Nash, Gracie Plant, James Mellor, Maci-Leigh Todd, Menal Aamir, Lucy Alderson, Shakshi Desai and Aadam Majid.
- History: Amy McGuire, Ricards Seregins, Han Yun Yu, Oluwatoyosi Junaid, Cameron-James Kavanagh, Lily McKenna, Phoebe Plant and Nidha Rehman.
- Religious Studies: Hannah Sykes, Stephanie Loftus, Aisha Sadiq, Liam Pratt, Menal Aamir, Adam Partington, Sadie Samways and Nia Crossland.
- French: Thomas Wilson, Rory Hand, Lukas Hall, Malaika Iftikhar, Dalil Alhassan, Ellie Smith-Braine, Sara Hamdani and Hafsa Knanom.
- Spanish: Milly Madden, Zara McLeish, Jenna Anderson, Natalie Ainsworth, Chloe Lucas, Isaac Lewis, Jiamin Jiang and Ellie Cullen.
- Art: Taylor-Louise Wilson, Aisha Sadiq, Zainab Ibraheem, Federica Annesi, Favour Otabor, Albion Behrami, Salem Alyami and Aimee Millers.
- Food and Nutrition: Sophie Davenport, Olivia Loftus, Ellie Smith-Braine, Keira Hill, Elisha Holland, Tyler Postill-Townsend, Abigail Dalton and Kenzie-Leigh Bentley.



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Photography: Kavita Joshi, Cameron Murray, Madina Akhtar, Millie Arora, Ricard Seregins, Leighton Backhouse, Olivia Brereton and Hafsa Khanom.

Business Studies: Devon Johnson and Matthew Neglia.

Computer Science: Alexander Hume, Han Yun Yu, Max Gee, Ali Al-Dalaty, Toyin Peter, Filip Ovcacik and Jackie Tran.

Engineering: Jack Taylor and Thomas Russell-McAinsh.

ICT: Jack Godfrey and Saul Oprea.

Sport and Healthy Lifestyles: Oluwafunbi Oseni, Millie-Jo Bayley, Michael Sarpong, Hannah Thomas, Jack Beckett, Dalil Alhassan, Leon Fox, Ellie Craven, Nidha Rehman, Cameron Turner, Amelia Sivestri and Brandon Phiri.

Dance: Kayleigh Cunningham Clarke, Hannah Revell, Olivia Green, Wiktorja Mecinska, Taylor Megram, Lauren Nield, Lily Climance and Aimee Millers.

Drama: Ruby Johnson, Libby Johnson, Rosie McCormick, Nabiha-Jannat Talukdar, Kacey McGowan and Cristiano Lopes.

Music: Sophie Davenport, Andrew Chen, Ciro Lucci, Nana Osei Asabere, Jenna Anderson, Ewan Quinn, Charlotte Hepworth, Lewis Kearns, Mason James, James Hunston, Megan Walker, Maisie Donnelly, Sal Morreale and Teresa Arhunmwude.

Performing Arts: Nikita Joshi and Niamh Horan.

Attendance: Rory Newby, Ruby Woods, Evenly Enobakhare Erharuyi and Tommii Rutter.



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Duke of Edinburgh Award

The assessed expeditions for both the Bronze and Silver Award students will take place this weekend. Students taking the Silver Award will set off on Friday morning and complete their expedition on Sunday afternoon. Students taking the Bronze Award will set off on Saturday morning and complete their expedition on Sunday afternoon too. Both groups will be walking and camping in the Peak District so we hope that the weather stays warm and dry. A full report will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 29 school weeks left, just 145 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Remember the route to GCSE success is a marathon and not a sprint. Your GCSE grades will depend on your hard work and commitment throughout the year and not last minute revision the week or night before an exam.

The first Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 17th October. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

THE HIGHEST OF STANDARDS

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that standards of uniform and appearance have been excellent at the start of the academic year and that students have arrived with all the correct equipment and with a positive attitude to their learning.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers and students about the Academy rules around make-up and jewellery.

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Students may not wear any jewellery, other than a wrist watch. Clearly, this means that no student should arrive at school with rings, facial or tongue piercings or earrings.

Similarly, make-up is not permitted. **This includes eye brow tints.**

Finally, extreme hair fashions or unnatural colours are not allowed. This includes shaved heads and patterns shaved into the scalp.

Thank you for your continuing support in ensuring the highest of standards at the Academy.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

The CLASS Support Group will be meeting at All Saints Catholic College on Thursday 19th September. Parents/carers of students with an ASD diagnosis are very welcome to attend but please contact the school first to confirm that you will be coming. Further information can be found below.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE and C.L.A.S.S.

(Communication Language and Autistic Spectrum Support)

Would like to invite you to our coffee morning on:

Thursday 19th September 2019
11.30am-1.00pm

Our coffee mornings allow time for parents of high school children with an ASD diagnosis (or who are going through a MAAT assessment) to come together in a nurturing environment to share their journeys and ask for or offer advice.

The focus for this session will be led by **Fiona from the Speech and Language Therapy Service.** Following this, if there are any areas you would like to see in future sessions, the SENCO and a member of the CLASS team will be available to discuss these.

If you are interested in attending please contact the number below and book your place with the school office. Places are limited.

We look forward to meeting with you.

All Saints Catholic College
Birch Lane
Dukinfield
SK16 5AP

Telephone number- 0161 338 2120

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The assessed expeditions for both the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award will take place over the weekend of Friday 6th September to Sunday 8th September.

A group of Year 11 GCSE PE students will be completing an assessed course at the Manchester Climbing Centre on Thursday 19th September, 26th September, 3rd October and 10th October.

There will be a visit to the Palace Theatre for Year 11 GCSE Drama students on Friday 20th September to watch a performance of 'A taste of honey'.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 26th September.

There will be a visit to the Lowry Theatre for Year 8 students on Friday 27th September to watch a performance of 'Horrible Histories'.

HPV vaccinations will be given to Year 8 girls in week beginning Monday 30th September. Further information and consent forms will be sent out nearer the time.

'Futures Evening' will be held on Thursday 10th October and will give students in Years 9, 10 and 11 the opportunity to start planning for their post 16 provision.

The Academy will break up for the half-term holiday on Friday 25th October.

JOB VACANCY

Lead IT Officer

Pay Scale:	Grade F, Points 17-22 (£23,836 – £26,317)
Contract:	Full Year
Hours:	36 hours per week
Closing Date:	13th September 2019 at 12 noon
Interview Date:	To be confirmed
Start Date:	November 2019

We are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic ICT professional to join our dual site ICT team, providing management and operational functions to support effectiveness and efficiency in the following areas:

- Education, Teaching & Learning, Administration and Curriculum, including assemblies
- Ensuring Multi-Media effectiveness and efficiency
- Multi-Media set up and support for presentations, public spaces and events

This post is based at Droylsden Academy and Mossley Hollins High School.

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More information and details on how to apply can be found on the school website at:

<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

Completed applications should be returned to: hr@droylsdenacademy.com or the Human Resources Department, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, Manchester. M43 6QD.

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