

# Newsflash

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Droylsden Academy is a good school

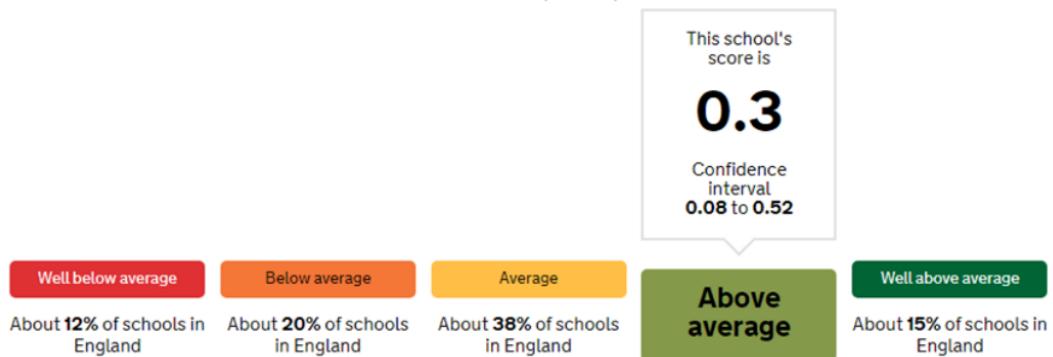
## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### It's official!

As reported in last week's edition of Newsflash, the Academy achieved a GCSE 'Progress 8' score of 0.3 in 2019. This means that, on average, Droylsden Academy students achieved 0.3 of a grade higher in each of their GCSE subjects than may have been expected from their starting point in Year 7. This is the key measure used by OFSTED to judge how well students have done as it allows fair judgements and comparisons to be made between all schools, irrespective of their context or intake.

As can be seen from the DfE publication below, this result places the Academy in the top third of schools nationally. **It also places Droylsden Academy as the best co-educational High School in Tameside and, in terms of attainment, the most improved school in Tameside.** Congratulations to the Class of 2019 and thank you to the staff for all your hard work in ensuring our student's success.

### Progress 8 score for Droylsden Academy (2019)

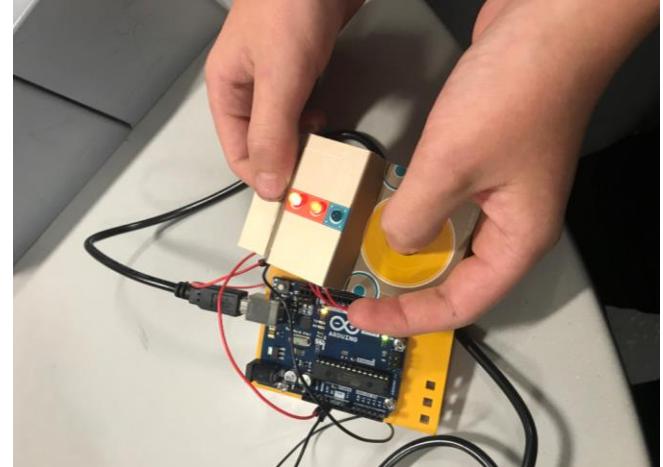


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## Robotics Club

This week's project for our newly formed Robotics Club, 'Spaceship Interface' proved a little tricky to start off with but, with a bit of help on the circuit from Miss Patel and on the coding from Mr Gately, the team soon got everything flashing in the correct sequence! Watch out for our next project to build a 'Love-o-meter' which, despite its name, really only measures body temperature rather than romance and passion!

```
sketch_oct10a.cpp
void loop() {
    int switchState;
    switchState=digitalRead(switchPin);
    if(switchState == LOW){
        digitalWrite(greenLed, LOW);
        digitalWrite(redLed1, HIGH);
        digitalWrite(redLed, LOW);
        delay(250);
        digitalWrite(redLed1, LOW);
        digitalWrite(redLed2, HIGH);
        delay(250);
    }
    else{
        digitalWrite(redLed1, LOW);
        digitalWrite(redLed2, LOW);
        digitalWrite(greenLed, HIGH);
    }
}
```



## Futures Evening

The Academy held its annual **Futures Evening** last week when students had the opportunity to speak with representatives from local colleges, universities, employers and training providers and gain an insight into the world of work and education. Congratulations to Bayleigh Jackson who won a designer tablet on the evening and to the highest attending Form, 10L, who will now enjoy a Pizza together!



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Thank you to Rocco Colebourne, Ikram Gudeta, Jack Crowther and Agape Easaya who worked 'front of house' and were a great help in managing the event.

#### The Droylsden Academy Linguist's 'Roll of Honour'

Congratulations to Sean Murray from Year 9 and Damole Oseni from Year 7 for acceding to the Academy Linguist's Roll of Honour! Sean, who studies French, is always keen to contribute and has shown real resilience during difficult tasks. Damola, who studies Spanish, has taken a lead role in lessons by modelling oral tasks to other students.



The photographs above show both students receiving their certificates and a gift voucher in appreciation of their efforts in class. Well done, and thank you, to both of them for their contribution to the MFL Department.

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## **Manchester Regimental Parade**

Well done to Rory Hand from Year 8 and Erin Leigh Clarke from Year 9 who both took part and played in last weekend's Manchester Regimental Parade. Both students always model our values of politeness, hard work and honesty and are a credit to the Academy. The photograph here shows Rory playing the bugle in the Parade.



## **Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening**

The Academy held a Parent Teacher Evening for the parents/carers of students in Year 11 this week. We hope that everyone who attended found the evening useful and informative. Thank you to Mia Culpin, Sammy Hampson and Aidan Klijzen for welcoming and signing-in parents throughout the evening.



## **GCSE COUNTDOWN**

**Year 11, you are 7 weeks into your final year there are only 23 school weeks left, just 115 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

Remember to attend as many Open Days and Open Evenings at our local colleges as you can, so that you are really well informed and can make the right choices for your future. The remaining Open Days for our local colleges can be found below.

<b>College</b>	<b>Open Days</b>
Tameside College	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Clarendon Sixth Form College	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Ashton Sixth Form College	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (time to be confirmed)
The Manchester College	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (time to be confirmed)
Oldham Sixth Form College	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October (time to be confirmed)

Your Pre-Public Examinations start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and it is essential that you start to revise for them over the half term break. If you are really committed to achieving GCSE exam success then you will put time aside each day to read through your notes and prepare thoroughly. Every time you read through your notes, a little more ‘sticks’ with you, you consolidate on your learning and you reinforce your understanding; the time is never wasted.

The timetable for your Pre-Public Exams is detailed below.

Date	Morning session	Afternoon session
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> November	English Literature	Digital Information Technology Religious Studies
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator) BTEC Music	English Language
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Physical Education Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	Computer Science Drama
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Photography Food and Nutrition (Practical)	Art
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Dance (Written) Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	Combined Science: Biology Triple Science: Biology
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> November	History	Geography
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> November	French (Listening and Reading) Spanish (Listening and Reading)	French (Writing) Spanish (Writing)
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Food and Nutrition Dance (BTEC and GCSE)	Art
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Statistics	



**Thorough preparation for your Pre-Public Exams is essential if you are committed to meeting and exceeding your target grades next summer.**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ilir Caka from Year 7, Keira Walker from Year 8 and Remel Robinson from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.

Ilir has been nominated by the Maths Department as he has made a terrific start at the Academy. Ilir works consistently hard in lessons and completes all homework to a very high standard. In fact, he has achieved 100% on all homework and in class check-ups!

Ilir models the Academy values of politeness, hard work and honesty in all lessons and is always extremely helpful in class. Well done Ilir and thank you!



Keira has been nominated by the Science Department for a number of reasons! First and foremost, she takes so much pride in her work, both with her presentation and with the scientific content. Keira is also happy to contribute her ideas in lessons and has gained in confidence as the term has progressed. Finally, she has recently completed a fantastic assessed piece of work on 'Cellular Respiration' and even remembered all the chemical equations! Well done Keira!

Remel has been nominated by the English Department as he has been working really hard in lessons and is showing a determination to achieve the highest grade possible. He has been staying after school most evenings to attend extra sessions and his positive attitude and focus on improving are admirable.

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## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

### Bike Helmets

Keeping students safe is our main priority. To do that, we need to ensure that they look after themselves whilst in school and on the way to and from school. We are, therefore, insisting on the following after half term:



After several incidents (and in line with the Highway Code and guidance from the British Medical Association) all students must wear bike helmets if they choose to ride their bike to and from school. The consequences of not wearing a helmet are potential deadly. We will not allow students to ride their bikes home unless they are wearing a helmet. If a student does not have a helmet, parents will be asked to bring one to the Academy or to collect their child's bike. Clearly, with the darker evenings now approaching, we would also expect students to have bicycle lights and some form of reflective clothing or reflective material on their bike. Please help us to keep all our students safe.

### 'Click and Collect' with Monkhouses

Please could parents using the 'Click and Collect' service from Monkhouses, please write the name of their child in the 'Special Instructions' box on the order form. This will make it easier for the Academy to ensure that the uniform is given to the correct student on delivery.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 9 students will attend a number of presentations and workshops looking at important issues around Relationships, Sex and Health Education on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

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

The Academy will re-open after the half-term break on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 11 students studying GCSE Art will be visiting the Northern Quarter and Ancoats on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November to look at 'Street Art'.

Year 11 students studying GCSE Photography will be visiting Salford Quays in the early evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to take landscape photographs at night for their coursework portfolios.

The Academy will be holding a 'Settling In' Evening for parents/carers of Year 7 students on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Pre-Public Examinations for Year 11 students will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Awards Evening for the 'Class of 2019' will take on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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The Academy will break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm.

## VACANCY AT THE ACADEMY

### Lettings Assistant

<b>Pay Scale:</b>	Grade A, Point 2 (£9.42 per hour)
<b>Contract:</b>	Full Year, Part Time
<b>Hours:</b>	A minimum of 10 hours per week (includes weekend working)
<b>Number of Vacancies:</b>	2
<b>Closing Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 12.00 Noon
<b>Start Date:</b>	As soon as possible

We are seeking to appoint two enthusiastic, proactive and reliable Lettings Assistants who will provide great customer service to our Lettings clients.

Droylsden Academy lets its facilities out in the evening and on weekends for the local community to use. Your role would be to ensure our customers feel welcome and are greeted by a clean and safe facility.

You must be able to deal with queries relating to our Lettings, both face to face and over the telephone, ensuring that all our customers complete the required paperwork upon entry and on exit of the premises. As a key holder you will have the responsibility of ensuring that the building is opened and secured before and after use.

All necessary training will be provided for this role.

***The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. To ensure this, successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.***

More information can be found on our website at:

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

Interested applicants should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form available on the school website. Completed applications should be emailed to:

[hr@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:hr@droylsdenacademy.com)

or posted to:

**Human Resources, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6QD**