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**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

**‘Lifeskills’**

We held our fourth ‘Lifeskills’ day this week when Year 10 students attended presentations and workshops on a range of topics linked to Relationships and Sex and Health Education, including contraception, pregnancy, consent, sexually transmitted infections and the impact of alcohol on sexual risk taking, and Financial Literacy including income and expenditure, deductions including taxation and national insurance, everyday expenses and long term planning.

The workshops were delivered by Droylsden staff and representatives from ‘Tough Cookies’, a social enterprise that delivers a range of education and community services on behalf of the NHS and its partners, ‘Homestart’, a local community network of trained volunteers and the Chartered Insurance Institute, a professional body which promotes the importance of sound financial planning. All our visitors were very impressed with the mature and positive attitudes our students displayed throughout the day.



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**We can play the Ukulele!**

The following report was written by Paige Gillespie in 7Y.

This term, both Year 7 and 8 have learnt to play the Ukulele! We started by learning how to read tab (tablature), the way to read music for both the Ukulele and the Guitar. We first learnt the names of the strings and that they all have different pitches. We then learnt to read chord boxes and melody lines and then put this into practice. For our final assessment we performed the song 'Chasing cars' by Snowpatrol. We used the chords, melody and accompanying parts and put them together in groups to produce our piece. I really enjoyed learning a new instrument and performing with my friends.



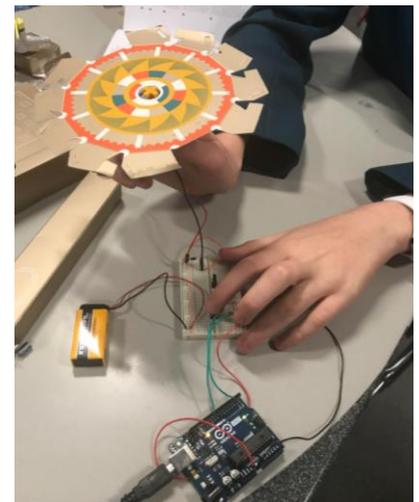
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### Robot Club

The latest meeting of the Robot Club had the team making a motorised pinwheel. After finally realising which components to use where, we managed to make our funky bit of card spin at our command!

We have a few projects left to work on to develop the programming skills needed to build robots that will be able to remotely hack into another device! Watch out Mr Wilson, nothing is safe!



### Leadership Celebration

Members of the Academy Leadership Team meet with students each week in recognition of their achievements, skills, personal qualities or contribution to Academy Life. This week, Mrs Lloyd had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with a group of students who are amongst the most able in their respective Year Groups.



Ella Kay-Blackwood    Chemen Omar    Hannah Sykes    Riley McConnell  
Lois Connolly    Oliver Chaisty    Jack Beckett

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### Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition.....

Year 9 have been enriching basic bread dough with egg, milk and sugar to make bun dough! They then added Nutella and layered, laminated, shaped and baked their dough to create some wonderful products! Not only were the buns delicious but they also looked fantastic too! As well as using their culinary skills, the students also used their mathematical knowledge of ratios, proportion and geometrical shapes during the lesson.



### And in Business Studies.....

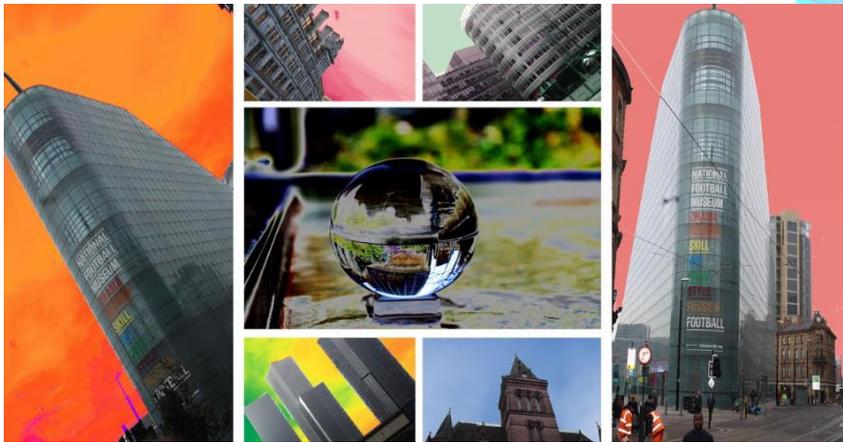
Year 9 students have been team teaching their peers. Students from both classes have been working hard in their teams at preparing a presentation on a revision topic which includes accompanying worksheets and exam style questions. Each team then had to teach and then test their peers. The students really enjoyed the experience and did a fantastic job as subject specialists for the session!



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## And in Photography....

Students have been digitally manipulating the photographs they took on their recent visit to Manchester. The collages here were created by Isabelle Whitehead and Jenifer Astle.



The striking photographs of the amazing Urban Art were taken by Usama Khan and Olivia Loftus on the same visit.



## Year 8 Parent Teacher Evening

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended this week's Year 8 Parent Teacher Evening. We hope you found the evening interesting and informative. Thank you also to Patrick Conlon, Tinu Lawal and Michael Boateng Junior for meeting, greeting and signing in our visitors on Reception.



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## GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 10 school weeks left, just 50 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

**Clearly, it is absolutely crucial that Year 11 students attend every day between now and their examinations so that they do not miss any of their exam preparation.**



Year 10, your Pre-Public Examinations will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Clearly, it is crucial that students revise and prepare thoroughly for these important exams. The timetable for the Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations can be found below:

<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: Combined Science/Triple Science Biology Paper 1 11.00am: Art 1.30pm: Photography (Option Group 10C)
<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: Maths (Non Calculator) 11.10am: French/Spanish (Listening & Reading) 1.40pm: GCSE Dance (Written)/Computer Science
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: English Language 1.40pm: Geography
<b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: History 12.05pm: Photography (Option Group 10C)
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: Combined Science/Triple Science Physics Paper 1 12.05pm: Photography (Option Group 10B)
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: Combined Science/Triple Science Chemistry Paper 1 12.05pm: English Literature 1.40pm: Business Studies/Food & Nutrition
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: Religious Studies/Engineering 11.14am: Sport 1.40pm: Statistics
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am: French/Spanish (Writing)
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	No written examinations today

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Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	12.05pm: Photography (Option Group 10B)
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French and Spanish speaking exams will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be given individual appointment times in due course.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Lucas Turnbull and Rahela Nastasa from Year 7 and Isabelle Whitehead and Oliver Banks-Lorne from Year 9 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Lucas has been nominated by the Science Department as he is developing into a fantastic Scientist who asks thoughtful questions, thinks logically about problems and gives concise and reasoned answers. Lucas is also a key part of the 'Axolotl Team', a dedicated team of students who look after and care for our axolotls in the T5 Science area. This involves checking the nitrate and pH levels of the water which is really important in ensuring that Rosie and Tyson, our two Axolotls, stay happy and healthy!

Rahela has also been nominated by the Science Department for her consistent effort in Science. Rahela always completes her work and regularly moves onto the extension tasks. Recently, she has produced high quality explanations on how to calculate resultant forces and draw electron configuration diagrams. Well done Rahela!



Isabelle and Oliver have been nominated by the Maths Department as they have both shown real resilience whilst covering some difficult mathematical tasks. Both Isabelle and Oliver exceeded expectations as their strong mathematical ability and perseverance shone through. Well done to both of them on their high standards and excellent performance.

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### Lost Property

Once again, we have accumulated vast amounts of Lost Property, including coats and 3 bags full of clothing and un-named PE Kit from the changing rooms. If your child has lost anything, please encourage them to visit Student Services to see if it is here. Anything unclaimed at the end of the term will be donated to a local Charity Shop.



### 'Lifeskills'

You may remember from last week's edition of Newsflash that Year 8 students will be attending workshops and presentations to look at the issues around knife crime and how it devastates lives. We can now confirm that these will take place during periods 5 and 6 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March. Your child will only be involved in one of these sessions and should bring all their usual equipment and books each Monday as normal.



### Disabled Parking Area

The Disabled Parking Area is for the use of disabled parents/carers with blue badges or for parents/carers whose children have some temporary or permanent condition making it difficult for them to walk longer distances to a car. Unfortunately, some parents and carers are using it simply as a car park; each evening all the spaces are full, cars are parked all along the double yellow lines and even in the emergency vehicle access area. Earlier this week, the disabled parking area was so full that there was a minor collision between a genuine blue badge holding parent and a van, obscured from the parent's view, which set off from its parking space on the double yellow lines at the same time that she reversed out.

**Please respect the needs of those parents and carers who genuinely need this area to park and collect their children. Thank you.**



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## 'A Journey Through Time!'

The Year 11 BTEC Music group will be producing, hosting and performing in a musical extravaganza 'A Journey Through Time' on 25<sup>th</sup> March. The event will take you on a musical journey with some iconic songs from the last few decades! The group are putting the evening together as part of their coursework and your support would be appreciated! Further details can be found on the flyer below or, alternatively, please contact Miss Burgess on [aburgess@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:aburgess@droylsdenacademy.com) if you would like any further information. We are sure everyone will have a great evening!

**YEAR 11 BTEC MUSIC PRESENT.....**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH**

**A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**

**1980S** **1970S** **1960S**

**1950S** **1990S** **2000S** **2010S**

**" THE BAD NEWS IS TIME FLIES BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS MEMORIES BRING IT BACK!"**

DOORS OPEN - 6.45pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

**7PM**

**ADULT: £3**  
**CONCESSIONS: £2**  
**UNDER 5: FREE**

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM -  
**@droylsdenacademyconcert\_**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World 'Pi Day' will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March with the Mathematics Department organising a range of activities in celebration of this iconic number!

The Musical Production 'A Journey Through Time' will be performed by Y11 BTEC Music students on the evening of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

The first of the two residential Geography Fieldtrips to the East Coast of Yorkshire will take place over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March.

There will be a Staff and Student Quiz Night on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**

