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We were delighted to hear the announcement from the Government that Schools will be re-opening in September and look forward to welcoming all our students back then.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Our Virtual Sports Fortnight!

As you may remember from last week's edition of Newsflash, the P.E. Department have organised our annual Sports Day as a 'Virtual Sports Fortnight'. Miss Stoakley introduced and launched the two weeks of challenges through the this video link below and daily events and competitions have taken place since.

<https://www.loom.com/share/09e6c5f6118b4bee8cdee34d183c8ed5>



Here are the results for the first few events.

Event 1: Speed Bounce

1 st	Sam Faulkner (Gold Medal)	1 st	Albion House
2 nd	Funbi Oseni (Silver Medal)	2 nd	Saxon House
3 rd	Daniel Mason (Bronze)	3 rd	Victoria House
4 th	Simon Oboh	4 th	Oakfield House
5 th	Muhammed Ali		
6 th	Tavon Forrest McDowell	Staff	
7 th	Damola Oseni		
8 th	Tyler Knapman	1 st	Miss Stoakley
9 th	Hannah Thomas	2 nd	Miss Sanderson
10 th	Harri-Ann Fleet	3 rd	Mr Frost



Amy Oates (Saxon)



Malakai Garner (Saxon)



Dylan Hall (Albion)

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Event 2: Over and Under

- 1st **Adam Feeney** (Gold Medal)
- 2nd **Harry Chambers** (Silver Medal)
- 3rd **Tavon Forrest-McDowell** (Bronze Medal)
- 4th **Kaiden Barr**
- 4th **Brandon Bonney**
- 5th **Dylan Hall**
- 5th **Simon Oboh**
- 5th **Sam Faulkner**
- 5th **Taylor Megram**
- 5th **Yan Sambe**

Staff

- 1st Miss Stoakley
- 1st Mr Lees

This event

- 1st Saxon
- 2nd Albion
- 3rd Victoria
- 4th Oakfield

After two events

- 1st Albion
- 2nd Saxon
- 3rd Victoria
- 4th Oakfield



Mr Royle (Albion)

Event 3: Egg and Spoon Race

- 1st **Sam Faulkner** (Gold Medal)
- 2nd **Jaaziah Cowan** (Silver Medal)
- 2nd **Thomas Weaver** (Silver Medal)
- 2nd **Olivia Green** (Silver Medal)
- 5th **Jace Kennedy**
- 6th **Kayden Moscrop**
- 7th **Simon Oboh**
- 8th **Taylor Megram**
- 9th **Dylan Hall**
- 10th **Kelvin Nwanze**

Staff

- 1st Mr Lees
- 2nd Miss Stoakley
- 3rd Mr Gately

This event

- 1st Albion
- 2nd Saxon
- 3rd Oakfield
- 4th Victoria

After three events

- 1st Albion
- 2nd Saxon
- 3rd Victoria
- 4th Oakfield



Mr Palmer (Albion)



Taylor Megram (Saxon)

Mr Frost (Saxon) and family, Madelaine and Isaac, join in the event although we have been assured that only Mr Frost's score counted towards the competition!



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Event 4: Table Tennis Challenge

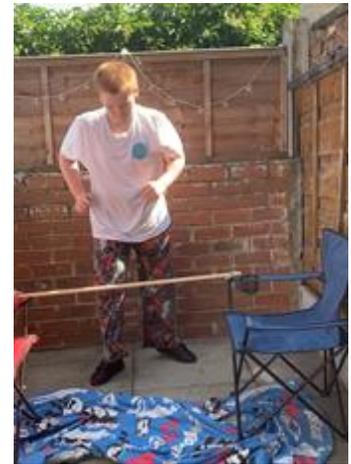
- 1st **Reece Dable, Cameron Dable, Harry Chambers, Befe Gudeta, Deonne O'Connor, Neave O'Connor, Tavon Forrest-McDowell and Hannah Thomas (Gold Medal)**
- 2nd **Agape Esayas (Silver Medal)**
- 3rd **Taylor Megram (Bronze Medal)**
- 4th **Charlotte Morris and Adam Feeney**
- 5th **Dylan Hall**
- 6th **Kelvin Nwanze**
- 7th **Jayden Massey, Tyler Manderson, Kaiden Barr, Jessica Barroso and Kayden Moscrop**
- 8th **Muhammed Ali, Rory Hand and Thomas Weaver**
- 9th **Sam Faulkner**
- 10th **Daniel Bancroft**

Staff

- 1st Miss Scantlebury, Mr Darnbrough and Mrs Burgess
- 2nd Mr Tiley
- 3rd Miss Sanderson and Miss Stoakley

This event

- 1st Saxon
- 2nd Albion
- 3rd Victoria
- 4th Oakfield



Rory Hand (Albion)



Miss Stoakley (Saxon)

Culinary Delights



Thank you to **Sophie Davenport** (Year 8) for the photo of your Chocolate Chip Scones and to **Riley McConnell** (Year 8) for the photos of your Scones and Banana Bread. They look delicious. Meanwhile, it is lovely to see **Holly Bennison** (Year 9) up and about and helping Mum out. You look really well Holly and we are hope you are feeling better.



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Droylsden's got virtual talent!

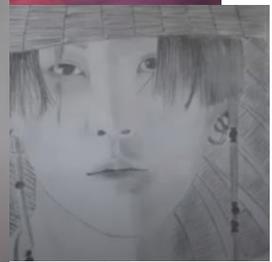
Follow the link below to watch this year's entrants to Droylsden's Got Talent!



https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GilDVtsecdl6Xk4535y_C7GeG-4dN3M9?usp=sharing

Well done to everyone who took part. We now await the decision of the Judges! Our 10 finalists are:

- Ha Young Cho
- Katelyn Yemm
- Elliot Davey
- Marcel Zdunski
- Daniel Ihejerka
- Aastha Patadia
- Luke Cocking
- Rory Hand
- Hannah Sykes
- Charlotte Morris



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Droylsden Academy reads....

This week, Mrs Jackson reads 'All Summer in a Day' written by Ray Bradbury.

Mrs Jackson apologises in advance for her hay fever and 'bunged up nose'!

<https://youtu.be/sRgs38iZ9EY>



THE DROYLSDEN ACADEMY VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Please remember, school is not closed and this is not a holiday. We are working in a new and different way but lessons and learning continue for all students unless they are ill, or face extreme family difficulties. As such, the work teachers are setting is compulsory.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties around IT and we will support you. If there are no difficulties then we say to students that now is the time to be mature and to get organised. **We expect 100% engagement in our virtual school, no excuses.** The majority of students are working very hard and are submitting work to their teachers and we would like to say to those students, well done and keep up your incredible efforts. We are very, very proud of you.

English and our Pastoral Programme

Miss Fernandez was absolutely blown away by the quality of the work she has received in response to the resources in support of 'Black Lives Matter' on the Pastoral Hub. The following examples are all speeches which have been written by **Agape Esayas** (Year 8), **Ivy Agho** (Year 9), **Malaika Iftikhar** (Year 9), **Olivia Loftus** (Year 9) and **Toyosi Junaid** (Year 9).

Agape Esayas (Year 8)

We've dealt with an unjust community for centuries and now we reap our reward and a chance to step up and put a halt to racism once and for all. We must speak up, loud and proud, for all society to hear. For speaking up will be the first step to acceptance, and with acceptance comes effort. Staying silent is the key for the enemy to win. We need to stand together as one, united **human race** and fight the racists. Because it's not a case of White vs Black, it's a case of the World vs Racism and if we play our cards smartly we can guarantee a victory over racism.

About 2 weeks ago, an innocent life was stolen from us, proudly and publicly for all to view, right on the crowded streets of Minneapolis. It took the death of an innocent man to kick off all the campaigns and protests so let's finish off what we have started. I'm asking people to join protests, educate yourself and others and, most importantly, speak out. Use social media platforms, gatherings and even just phone calls to spread the message out to the world. If we stand together and not give up without a fight, we can end this...

All it takes is a little courage and a little heart.

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Ivy Agho (Year 9)

We said "black lives matter." Don't twist it, we never said "Only black lives matter". We know that all lives matter. But we need to stand together, as one, because all lives can't matter if black lives don't. No, it's not White people versus Black people. It's all people versus racists.

"Racism isn't getting worse it's just getting filmed" (Will Smith)

The thought of this is horrifying as in the early 20th centuries black people were lynched and beaten up for fun. Remember Emmett Till? He was dragged out of his own home whilst his parents wept and wailed but there was nothing they could do. He was taken by the KKK, beaten up, tied to a heavy piece of machinery and dumped in the river. He was still alive. He was beaten beyond recognition, beaten so badly that his own parents did not recognise their son. He was 14.

Unfortunately, this will never stop until we do something. Black people are being killed, assaulted, shot down. Their houses are being knocked down by blood-thirsty police officers without warrants. Black people have been suffering since the day that they were taken out of their homeland to a foreign country where they were forced to speak a language that they did not understand. That was more than 400 years ago. Can you believe that? Black people have been suffering for more than 4 Centuries! This is not a trend. Posting "Black Lives Matter" on your social platforms won't do anything except give you a few likes. Without justice there will never be peace. It's time to do something about it!

This Year 9 student wishes to remain anonymous.

Pain, Blood, Riots. Shouting. Screaming, not in pain, not in fear, not anymore. 'I can't breathe.' The horrific three words echoed through the empty grounds. 'I can't breathe.' Fires, Riots, people screaming, not in pain, in confidence, in anger. Boards, shouting, yelling at the people in the wrong.

How did it come to this?

'I can't breathe.' He said. 12 times. 'Please, they are going to kill me.' He said many times and yet he was ignored. All of this? Because of \$20? A life had to cost \$20? He was pleading. For help, for survival. Yet he was ignored. Completely.

'I can't breathe' the words said over and over again, ignored. Now the words will be heard. By everyone.

Malaika (Year 9)

I have a dream. I have a dream that all the racist people shake hands with the people they hurt, offering peace. I have a dream that racism disappears like dust when it is blown. I have many dreams, but I have a dream that racism never existed. Why? Because it's wrong. Why? Because many lives would have been spared. I stand before you, not only to complain about this atrocious predicament, but to console you for the losses and the wrong-doings which THEY perpetrated, thinking THEY weren't that bad. I stand here to talk, to chat, to ask why this is happening in the World. What did we do to deserve this? Nothing, yes we all make mistakes and sin, but we are all part of the same earth; many people have walked in the streets that I've walked in before, the supermarkets that I've been in before, and the people there weren't all White, all Black, all Jewish, all Muslim, all Catholic, or just one type, they were all different, and they were proud. So why aren't you? I'm directing this to you, murderers of black people, killers and torturers of not just black people but every other innocent life too. What were you thinking when your sinning palms touched the very thing that would destroy, knowing what it did? Did you not see the fear, the sorrow, the injustice in the eyes of the person whose soul you were going to tear apart? DID YOU? Then why commit such grim actions, WHY? It is not too late to redeem yourself.

"THAT BULLET KILLED ONE PHYSICALLY, BUT MILLIONS MENTALLY." XXX TENTACION

Thank you for taking your time reading this, if you really value Black lives, you will stand with them no matter what.

Olivia Loftus (Year 9)

They walk down the street,
The same street they've walked their whole life,
A street lined with houses that if they glance at could get them killed,
They keep their eyes on the ground and don't make a noise,
And they are still hurt, still killed,
They've done nothing wrong and they're pinned to the floor,
Helpless.

This sounds like a poem from a dystopian society, our society. Everyday, black people are verbally and physically abused and sometimes killed for the colour of their skin. They have done nothing wrong but are still killed. Killed by the people in the houses that line the streets and killed by the people who are supposed to stop the killings. For what?

How can we live knowing that people are brutally beaten and killed, you have a voice, you have a chance to help, you can put a stop to it. But are you?

Toyosi Junaid (Year 9)

'Black Lives Matter' does not mean that just black lives matter, all lives always matter, but in this current situation Black Lives Matter. After the death of a black man, George Floyd, who was killed by a white Police Officer, whose knee was on his neck for 8 minutes, racism has now become clear to everyone across society. Can you believe how outrageous that is? Black lives never mattered in the past but it must now because I cannot believe that at this time, in the 21st century, racism is still happening. I do not want to raise my children in a racist century so it is up to us to make a change! Different celebrities have made a change already by protesting peacefully to bring about change, equality and justice. What can we as a society do to fight racism? Fifty two years ago, the Civil Rights Movement was created to put an end to injustice, racism and inequality. Different men and women took part in this movement. For example, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges. People were peacefully protesting but the police were brutally and violently oppressing and torturing them. Some laws changed which gave some equality and justice to black people. However, it was not enough as we are still fighting for real equality and justice. As a community, we need to educate ourselves about racism, white privilege, white supremacy and other issues. Why do we need to be educated? We need to be educated because it is the way we can make a change.

Art

The Art Department has submitted the following work for inclusion in Newsflash. The work, by students in Years 7 and 8, shows 'Manadalas' made from natural materials and based on the work of Kathy Klein. As always, there are some beautiful and really creative pieces of work.

The Mandala here was made by **Saffron Hall**.



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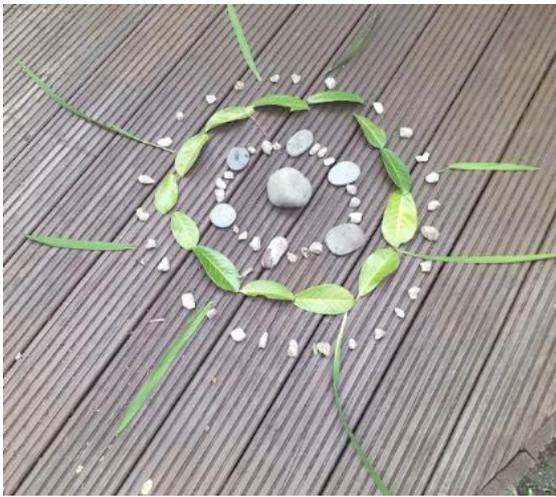
Zhaine Linney



Lucas Turnbull



Finley Beech



Samuel Faulkner



Adam Feeney



Thomas Turner



Melissa Gavan

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Morgan Woolas



Daniel Mason



Ellie Barton



Alexander Hume



Scarlet Bird



Milly Madden



Adelina Fursova



Callum Turner

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Molly Nash



Neha Nasrullah

MATHS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Baydon Cullen** (Year 7), **Kaiden Barr** and **Theo Watson** (Year 8) and **Lukas Hall** and **Jessica Combs** (Year 9) who have all been nominated as student of the week.

Baydon has been nominated by Miss Kennedy as he continues to be hardworking and resilient during virtual school. Well done Baydon and keep it up!

Kaiden has been nominated by Miss Murray as he always completes his 'MyMaths' on time and usually within the first day or two of setting it! He will also always try more than once on a task to improve his score.

Theo has been nominated by Miss Sheridan for consistently producing excellent work. Thank you Theo and keep up this positive attitude to your studies.

Lukas and Jessica have both been nominated by Mrs Egan as they are working extremely hard and completing all the work set to a high standard. Keep up the hard work Lukas and Jessica.

SUPPORT SERVICES IN TAMESIDE

The following link will give you access to a range of support services from those dealing with mental health issues to information on Covid-19 and help for parents and young carers.

Please take advantage of these services if you are in need of support.

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/earlyhelp/neighbourhoods>



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 32 school weeks until your first GCSE examinations.

Whilst it is important that students across all year groups complete and stay up to date with their online classwork, it is particularly so for Year 10. Students in Year 10 are just over 12 months away from their GCSE examinations and we are working relentlessly to minimise the impact of this situation on their future success. It is absolutely vital that they are working every day, completing and submitting the work on Google Classrooms, so that their teachers can review and respond. If this is not possible, for whatever reason, please let us know so that we can help.

Remember, Year 11 is a busy year and your teachers will not have time to go back over the work that they are setting you now because you have chosen not to do it. If you do not do this work now, you will miss it and you will fall behind. You must stay in control, complete work set and ask for help if you are stuck.



REFUNDS

If you feel you are due a refund from the Academy due to the sudden closure of schools back in March, please email details of your refund request, along with the information detailed below, to:

refunds@droylsdenacademy.com

Please include the information below:

Student Name

Your name and contact details

Details of the refund requested for and how much

Did you pay for this via SchoolComms or cash at the Academy?

Bank details for refund, we would just require account number and sort code

A member of staff will look into your request as soon as possible.

If your child was due to go to Frankfurt on this year's trip, you should have received a letter about refunds over the last week.

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HOUSE POETRY COMPETITION

Relationships Day takes place this week!

Last week, to celebrate 'Relationships Day' we asked you to write a poem about love or friendship. Or if you didn't fancy writing a poem, you could mark the day in some other way which conveyed a positive message about friendship. We have had a number of entries from across the school, two of which were in on time to make this week's edition of Newsflash.

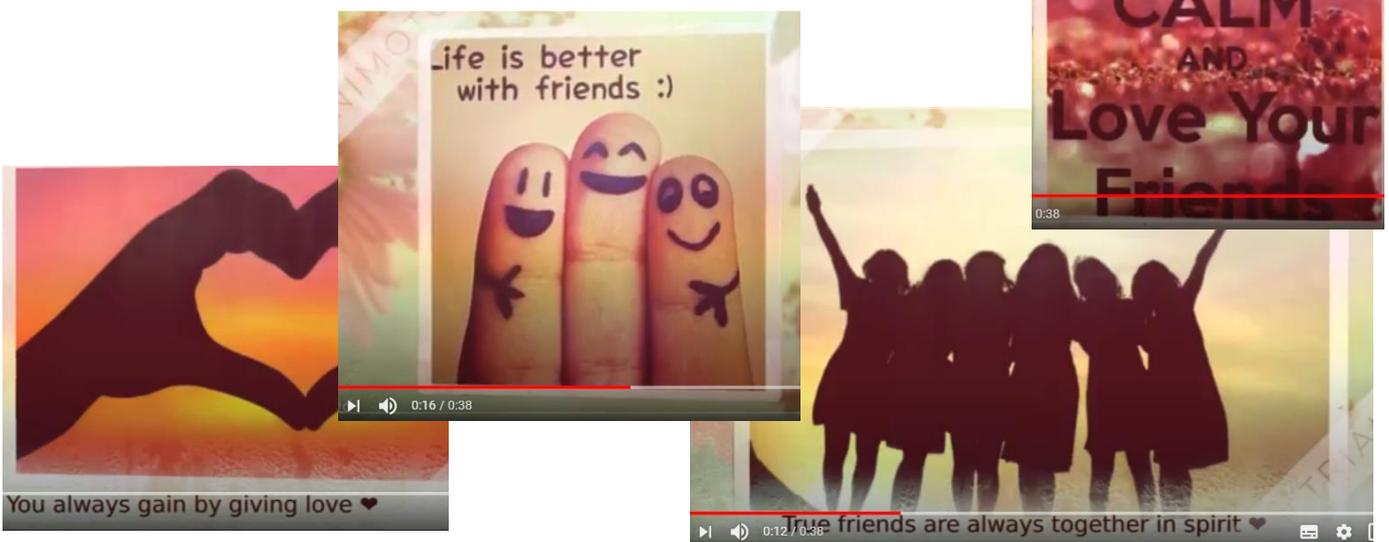


The lovely poem below was written by Callum Turner (Year 8).

*I will always remember you, Gran,
how kind you were to me
I remember the times when I ran,
my face was full of glee,
your arms were always wide open
to catch me and hug me,
and all the kind words you have spoken
I will remember whole heartedly,
I miss our days out in Manchester
when you met me and walked around,
I would never ever pester
I was just glad to have you around.
I MISS YOU GRAN.*



Sayieda Talukdar (Year 10) put a beautiful video of photographs and messages together, accompanied by a sound track, which spelt out the importance of friendship. Some clips from the video are included here.



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WELL DONE POSTCARDS FROM THE ACADEMY



Although staff are not able to physically send 'Well Done' postcards home through the post at the moment, a number of them have nominated students to receive virtual postcards via Newsflash as detailed below.

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Paige Tomlinson and Ben Shaw (Year 10)	Mrs Abel (English)
<i>For showing such tenacity and resilience in your independent work. Well done!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Lawrence Hannah (Year 8)	Mrs Jackson (English)
<i>For resilience and heartfelt honesty in the face of the tough topic of racism. Keep up the good work Lawrence!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Callum Turner, Janke Badje, Daniel Dadashzadeh, Jayden Massey and Riley McConnell (Year 8)	Mrs Jackson (English)
<i>For consistency in submitting work on Google classrooms and excellence.</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Harmony McCann (Year 9)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Harmony, you are a fantastic historian and have worked really hard in virtual school. Your piece of work on life in the ghettos and concentration camps was very well written. This is a difficult topic and it is good to see how hard you are working. Well done!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Anush Hussain (Year 9)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Excellent work again Anush. Every week I enjoy marking your work, you take care and time over each piece you submit. Well done!</i>	

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Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Samya Mansur (Year 9)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Excellent use of key words on your most recent marked piece, Samya. Really impressive!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Amanda Selby (Year 9)	Mrs Bugler
<i>Excellent work on life in Nazi Germany for minorities, Amanda. Your explanations were in depth and it is clear you have a great understanding, well done!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Shemaiah Acheampong, Evenly Enobakhare, Niamh McKenna, Ben Shaw, Sarah Bockova, George Cooper, Paige Tomlinson, Michael Bartolo, Jesse Kondo, Bilal Sanni, Ellie Sutton and Lewis Mercer (Year 10)	Mrs Jackson (English)
<i>For excellent learning attitudes and verbal contributions to in school English lessons.</i>	

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Droylsden Library to re-open Monday 6th July.

Please see the information below regarding the services that will be available and safety precautions that have been put in place to allow users back in the Library.

A phased re-opening of libraries will be implemented and subject to all safety measures being in place; this will commence on Monday 6th July 2020. The offer will include the following:

Return of outstanding items

One way systems where appropriate and social distancing.

A click and collect service for those not wishing to browse (see details below)

Pre-booked use of PCs for 1 hour only (or walk in if there is capacity)

Printing

A [new service](#) will be offered for those who do not feel they wish to enter the main body of the library and browse stock but still wish to have reading material. This service will be similar to the Home Library Service in that customers can advise of the genre of reading material they prefer and staff will make a selection from the shelves. These items will be placed in a paper bag, quarantined for 72 hours and the customer can then collect them. Staff will sanitise their hands before handing the bag to the customer to ensure hygiene measures are in place. If this service proves popular appointment times will be provided to customers to help alleviate long queues.

None of the Tameside Libraries will be available in Open+ operating hours as it would not be possible to monitor social distancing of users or sanitise PCs between each use.

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Covid 19 Risk Assessments have been undertaken at each site to ensure risk to customers and staff is reduced as much as is possible.

Opening hours for Droylsden Library will be Monday from 9.00am to 1.00pm, Thursday from 9.00am to 1.00pm, Friday 1.00pm to 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am to 3.00pm.



For further details please visit the website: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/>

BBC Playwriting Competition

The 'One Show' and Dame Judi Dench launched a playwriting competition last week to give young people an opportunity to see their ideas come to life. The competition is open to all children and young people aged between 7 and 16 years old. It opens for entries at 7.00pm on Thursday 25th June 2020. The deadline for entering the competition is just before midnight on Monday 31st August 2020. The winners will have their plays performed at the Shakespeare North Playhouse when it opens in 2022.

For further information, visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCKS8VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage>

COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Couch to College: The Manchester College Online Introduction Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about studying at The Manchester College this September in our series of 'Couch to College' online sessions. Couch to College is not just an online open day; these events will connect you to employers, open new doors of opportunity and allow you to make informed decisions about your future. Further information and the opportunity to register can be found at:

tmc.ac.uk/events

A timetable of sessions on offer can be found on the next page.

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Mon 6 July	Tue 7 July	Wed 8 July	Thu 9 July	Fri 10 July
	11am - 12 noon Careers and Welfare	11am - 12 noon Advice on How to Enrol	11am - 12 noon Introduction to Industry Excellence	11am - 12 noon Meet our Transition Team
			2pm - 3pm Advice on How to Enrol	2pm - 3pm Careers and Welfare
5pm - 6pm Taking Your Next Step to College	5pm - 6pm Making a College Application	5pm - 6pm Safety on Campus	5pm - 6pm Careers and Welfare	
Mon 13 July	Tue 14 July	Wed 15 July	Thu 16 July	Fri 17 July
10am - 11am Performing Arts	10:30am - 11:30am Visual Arts and Design	10:30am - 11:30am Hair, Beauty and Media Make-up		
1:30pm - 2:30pm Content Creative and Digital Film Production	1pm - 2:30pm Travel and Tourism	1pm - 2:30pm Hospitality and Catering	1pm - 2:30pm Animal Care	1pm - 2:30pm Supported Learning
3:30pm - 4:30pm Games, Graphics and Animation	3pm - 4pm Music	3:30pm - 5pm Construction and Engineering	3:30pm - 5pm Automotive and Logistics	
Mon 20 July	Tue 21 July	Wed 22 July	Thu 23 July	Fri 24 July
11am - 12 noon Student Experience	11am - 12 noon Making a College Application	11am - 12 noon How to Become Work Ready	11am - 12 noon Advice on How to Enrol	11am - 12 noon Advice on How to Enrol
2pm - 3pm Careers and Welfare	2pm - 3pm Your Experience and Your Future Career	2pm - 3pm Student Experience	2pm - 3pm Additional Learning Support	2pm - 3pm Student Experience
5pm - 6pm English and Maths at Home	5pm - 6pm Careers and Welfare	5pm - 6pm Duke of Edinburgh with a difference	5pm - 6pm Promote Yourself Through Social Media	