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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Visit to watch the 'Manchester Giants'!

Last Friday night, the Year 11 Basketball Squad attended a British Basketball League Game between the 'Manchester Giants' and 'Cheshire Phoenix'. We were lucky enough to sit court side for the game and, although the Giants' lost 66-86, everyone had a great time and the players were able to take time out to meet the squad after the final whistle. The squad have been working hard at developing their skills at Basketball Club and really enjoyed watching the professionals close up. Basketball Club is open to everyone each lunch time and also on Wednesday after school.

Two of our students, Emanuel Akubuo and Aaron Bile, currently play for the Manchester Giants under 16 Team. Who knows, in a couple of year's time, the Droylsden Academy Basketball Squad may be going to watch them perform in a British Basketball League Game!



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

Layton Thorne made the best pie in Year 9! Layton made a really tasty filling with chicken, bacon, leek and mushroom and a creamy roux sauce before glazing and presenting the finished dish beautifully!

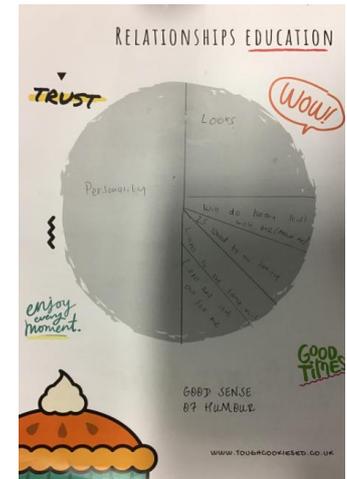
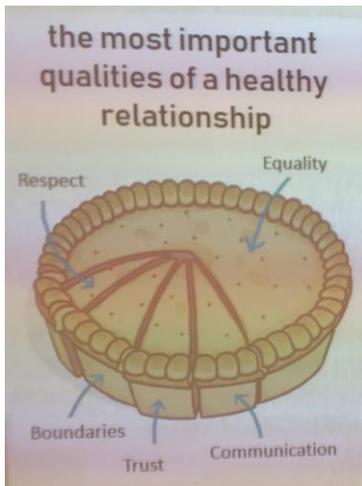
Whilst Layton, along with other students in Year 9, were making some wonderful pies, Year 10 were displaying some fantastic skills during their practical assessments. The standard of their work is exceptional and everyone in the group is aiming for the highest GCSE grades. Keep up the good work Year 10, Mrs Arnold and Ms Ball are proud of you!



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## Relationships, Health and Sex Education

Year 9 students had a 'Drop-Down Day' on Wednesday when they attended a series of workshops and presentations on Relationships, Health and Sex Education instead of their normal lessons. The sessions covered a range of really important topics including 'Healthy Relationships', 'Media Impact', 'Consent and Risks' and 'Sexting and Safety' and were led by specialist external groups 'Tough Cookies', 'YouThink' and 'Odd Arts'. Thank you to all the presenters for a really informative, enjoyable and thought provoking day.



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## Manchester City 5-1 Atalanta

Thank you to the MFL Department for taking a group of students to watch the Champions League game between Manchester City and Atalanta this week. Everyone had a brilliant evening and our seats were just behind the goal where Raheem Stirling scored his 11 minute hat trick!



## Droylsden Primary Partnership

The following message was 'tweeted' by Manchester Road Primary School this week:

Exciting morning in Year 5 today! Delivery of new books for each child to read before Christmas! Thank you @DroyAcademy. We can't wait to get reading them!



## A History teacher in the making!

Thank you to Brogan Williams, from 7E, who delivered a quiz on the Roman Army to her class as this week's 'Do Now' Activity in History. Brogan proved to be a brilliant teacher and the quiz allowed her to show off her leadership skills.



## Netball

Well done to the Year8/9 Netball team, made up of Caitlin Beckett, Hannah Thomas, Erin-Leigh Clarke, Eunice Sarpong, Taylor-Louise Wilson, Mary Chale and Elisa Morreale, on their performances in last week's Tameside tournament. The team drew with Mossley Hollins and lost narrowly to Fairfield and then to St Damians, the hosts, but played well in all three games and were a credit to the Academy.



## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, you are 8 weeks into your final year there are only 22 school weeks left, just 110 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

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)

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Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Food and Nutrition Dance (BTEC and GCSE)	Art
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Statistics	



**FUNDRAISING FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES**

**Thank you Millie!**

A massive thank you to Millie Roberts, from 10S, who has raised over £15 for Willow Wood by storing her loose change in a large ‘Smarties’ tube! Millie has been putting any spare change into the tube for the last few weeks and brought it to school when it was full. If anyone thinks that they can beat this amount, then grab yourself a large tube of Smarties from your local shop, enjoy the Smarties, fill the tube with loose change and then hand it to Mrs McCallum to count! A prize will be given on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December to the student that has raised the most (not more Smarties!).



**Save the Children**



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Children around the World deserve protection, support and care which is why Save the Children work in over 100 countries to provide better healthcare and education and to keep children safe from violence and war. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Academy will be holding a fundraiser to support the organisation with the important work that they do.

We want raise as much money as we can through a cake bake and a raffle and hope that everyone will support us in our appeal. Raffle tickets will cost £1 and cakes between 50p and £1 depending on what takes your fancy! **Your support will really be appreciated and will really make a difference to the lives of others.**

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Amaara Naveed from Year 9, Pelumi Ogunmoroti from Year 10 and Jack Godfrey from Year 11 who have all been nominated as student of the week.

Amaara has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is a pleasure to have in the lesson. Amaara is hard working and wants to do well, she always gets involved and will always ask for help if she is unsure. Amaara is also really helpful and polite and always happy to help, a wonderful student to teach.



Pelumi has been nominated by the Science Department as she has consistently achieved her target grade in each of her recent weekly assessments. Pelumi works extremely hard in lessons and her homework is always outstanding and to an excellent standard. Keep up the brilliant work Pelumi!

Jack has been nominated by the English Department as he always gives 100% and works to the best of his ability. He is motivated and enthusiastic and embodies the Academy's core values by being polite, honest and hard working. Well done Jack!



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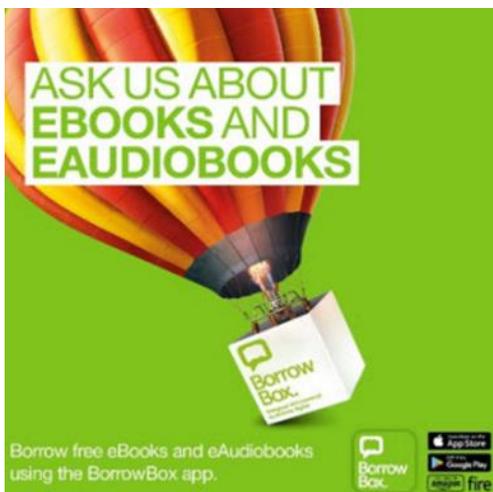
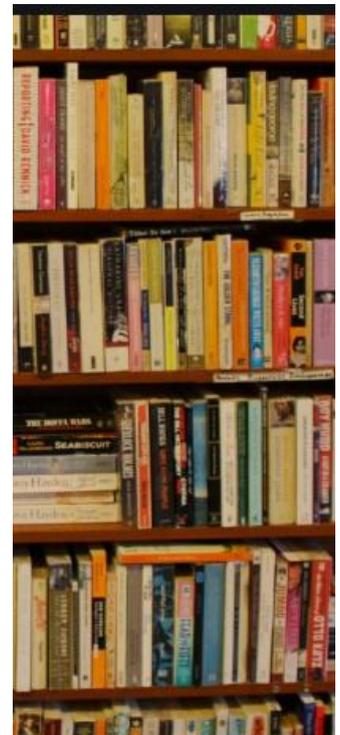
## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

The Academy tartan skirt for girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 is a standard length and, when worn correctly, should come down to just above the knee. Unfortunately, however, despite many requests, a few of the girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 insist on 'rolling up' the top of their tartan skirts to shorten the length. As such, all three year groups have been warned that anyone rolling up their skirt will be given an instant 'Level 1' sanction and resultant detention. We have had to take this step as, for a small minority of girls, our reasonable requests are falling on deaf ears.



## 'BORROWBOX' AND THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Last week, Neighbourhood Librarians Steph Hogan and Joy Merrifield visited the Academy to talk to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 about the benefits of reading for pleasure and being a member of a library. Reading and literacy have been in the news over the last few years with concerns, in particular, about the decline of children's vocabulary. As published in the Guardian last April, a study by Oxford University, found that teachers were encountering increasing numbers of children with "vocabulary deficiency", which they feared would hold them back, both academically and socially. By reading a wide variety of books, students are being exposed to new and different vocabulary that may not be used on a daily basis. Neuroscientists have also recently discovered that reading a novel can improve brain function on a variety of levels. A recent study on the 'brain benefits' of reading fiction was conducted at Emory University where researchers found that becoming engrossed in a novel enhances connectivity in the brain and improves brain function. Interestingly, reading fiction was found to improve the reader's ability to put themselves in another person's shoes and flex the imagination in a way that is similar to the visualisation of muscle memory in sport.



You may remember from past editions of Newsflash that students with the 'BorrowBox' app can download e-books and audio e-books for free on several devices. If a student is reading a book on BorrowBox on their phone or tablet at home, they just need to login to their account on a school computer and they can carry on where they left off! There is also no need to worry about returning library books when they are due as the app automatically returns the book to the library itself! Students can also access all of the other resources available online from their library, including 'PressReader' for newspapers and magazines and 'Britannica Online' for research and homework, as well as checking the catalogue for physical books and looking at their own account.

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We are pleased to report that many students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have already signed up for a library card and downloaded BorrowBox, but our aim is to get all of them plugged into the app. As such, letters and application forms will be sent out to those students who missed out this month in the hope that they will sign up next month. If your child is a member of a Tameside, Manchester or Oldham Library they can access BorrowBox with their library card number. For students who aren't members of a local library, parents need to fill in the application form in the name of their child and then sign it as cards can't be made without a parent/carer signature. Mrs Godrich, the Academy Librarian, is managing the administration of the scheme at the Academy and will deliver cards to students when they arrive.



Books and reading have so many scientifically proven benefits including enhancement of empathy, imagination, memory, sleep, mental well-being and attainment, that encouraging this wonderful pastime can only bring about positive outcomes!

## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

### Attendance matters!

Attendance across the Academy currently stands at an impressive 95.9%. In order to improve attendance even further and acknowledge the commitment of those students who attend every day, come rain or shine, there will be a grand 'Christmas Attendance Draw'. Any student with 100% attendance and excellent punctuality over the next half term, from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, will automatically be entered into the Draw and will have the chance of winning the following prizes!

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | A Mountain Bike and helmet |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | £75 Voucher                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | £50 Voucher                |

Good luck everyone and remember, you've 'got to be in it to win it'!



### '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.

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## The Droylsden Academy Film Club

We are excited to announce the launch of the Droylsden Academy Film Club. Our 'Cinema' will open on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and run every Thursday, from 2.35pm to 4.00pm, in Room 17. The club will operate through the 'IntoFilm' organisation and pupils will receive a logon to request films, new or old, that they would like to watch. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided!



The club will run on a first come first served basis and Mr Bahrami, the 'CEO' will also be looking for directors to help run the club. Please see Mr Bahrami from the English Department for more information.

## 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

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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.

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

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