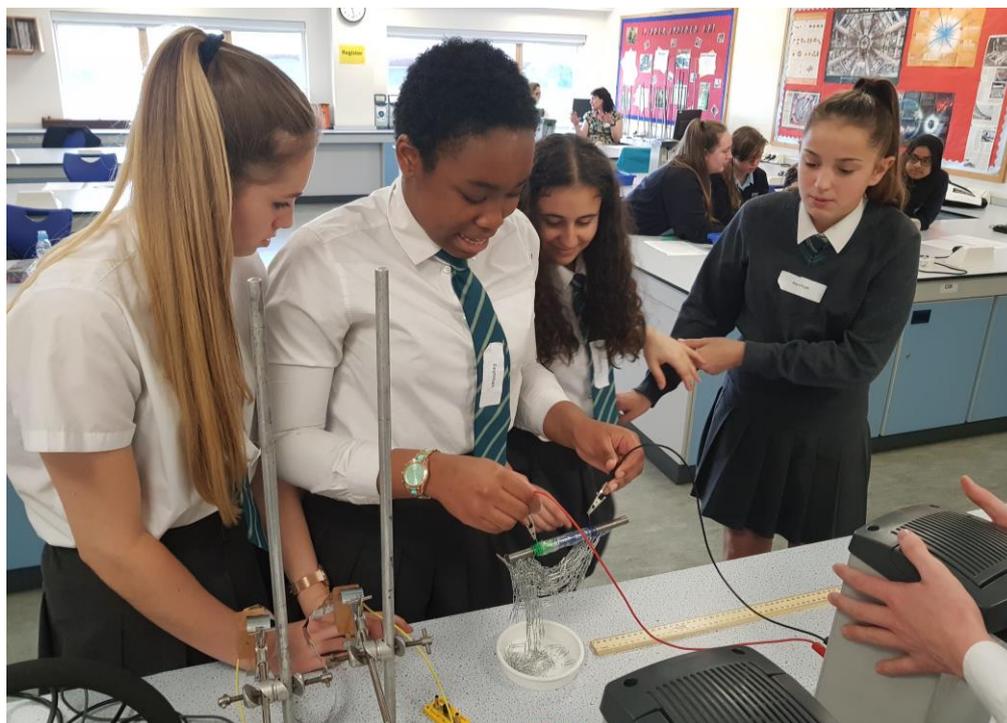


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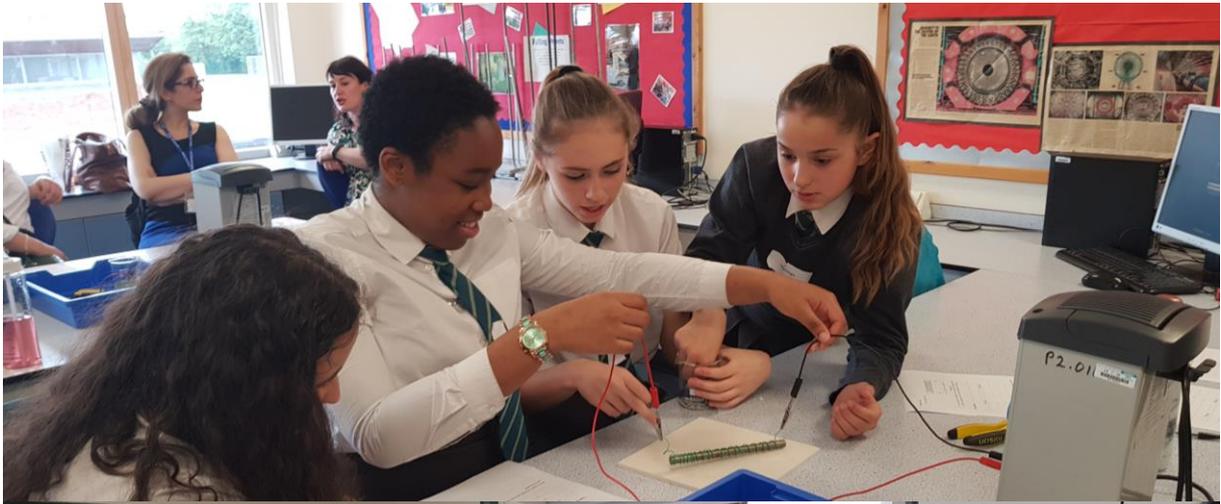
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Science Challenge at Stockport Grammar School

Congratulations to Ellie Craven, Ellie Cullen, Sara Hamdani and Tracey Nwanze on a magnificent team performance in a Science Challenge held at Stockport Grammar School earlier this week. The event, involving some of the best local schools from the area, gave each team a series of challenges to complete throughout the day. The first challenge involved measuring zones of inhibition on bacterial plates to assess the effectiveness of different antibiotics, the second involved the extraction of biodiesel from rapeseed oil and then investigating its saturation and energy density and for the final challenge each team had to construct an electromagnet; on the final challenge, the Droylsden team constructed the strongest electromagnet recorded in all the years that the competition has been running! Team Droylsden finished second overall, a brilliant performance and one that showed that our students are every bit as good, if not better, than those from some of the 'best schools' in the area.



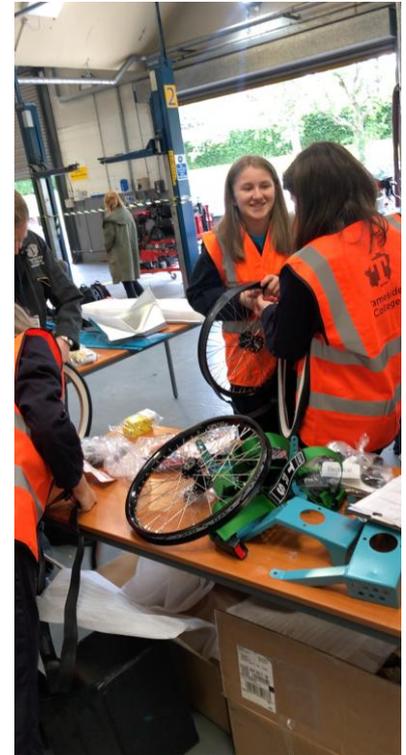
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The 'Greenpower' Project

A group of Year 9 students have taken part in the Greenpower Project at Tameside College this week where they have had opportunity to learn about, design and build a green powered go-cart. The students have spent two days on the design and build part of the project and will now race their go-cart against other schools in Liverpool next September.



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Meanwhile, in English.....

Published Poet Chanje Kunda has been working with a group of Year 8 students. The group had the opportunity to experience and comment on performance poetry and to create some of their own pieces.....



... and Year 10 students have been competing in the 'Battle of the Quotes'!



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Droylsden Primary Partnership

Pupils from St Mary's and Fairfield took part in two activities at the Academy this week, a Puzzle Workshop and their final quiz of this academic year.

The quiz was based on general knowledge and subjects from across the primary curriculum. Both teams did really well, which is more than can be said for their teachers who failed miserably on their youth culture round! At the end of the competition, Fairfield Primary were victorious with St. Mary's in second place. An Academy team of Year 7 students, consisting of Marcel Zdunski, Lucas Taylor, Molly Nash and Agape Esayas, came in third place but, in fairness to them, were given a harder set of questions than those for the primary school teams!



The Puzzle Workshop was also a great success. Students took part in a carousel of activities which included a treasure hunt on money calculations, problem solving with shape using matchsticks, 'Numeracy Ninjas,' a code-breaker on BIDMAS and a task on combinations. The students were incredibly polite, enthusiastic and got 'stuck in' straight away! Feedback from the teachers was also very positive; they felt that the activities were engaging and that the students were incredibly excited to come to the Academy.



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 33 school weeks left, just 165 days in school, until your first GCSE exam!

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YEAR 7 PARENT TEACHER EVENING

The Academy would like to thank those parents and carers who attended Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening. Altogether 145 students out of a total of 187 were represented by parents or carers on the night, a turn-out of 78%. Feedback would suggest that the evening was very useful for parents, students and staff.

Of the parents who filled in an Academy questionnaire during the evening:

- 98% of them agreed that their child enjoys school and was happy at the Academy;
- 98% felt that their child was safe and well looked after;
- 100% felt that their child was making good progress;
- 100% felt that their child was taught well;
- 98% felt that behaviour was good;
- 98% felt that bullying was rare and that, if it did occur, it was dealt with well;
- 99% felt that they are kept well informed by the Academy and know what is going on;
- 98% would feel comfortable about contacting the Academy if they had any concerns; and
- 99% would recommend the Academy to other people if asked for their views.

We were delighted with the responses to the Academy questionnaire and would also like to thank parents and carers for their many positive comments, some of which can be found below.

"Thank you for a well organised and informative Parents Evening. I am really pleased with the progress my child is making. Thank you for all your hard work."

"Thank you for all your hard work with my child."

"My child loves coming to school and is making excellent progress. We are very happy with his achievements."

"My daughter has gained a vast amount of confidence and flourished since she joined the Academy."

"My daughter enjoys her lessons. I feel that the teachers can see her potential and have pushed her to embrace more challenging work."

Thank you to Shakshi Desai, Taylor Stelfox and Keira Hill for staffing reception and signing parents in on the evening.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Sayieda-Jannat Talukdar from Year 9 and Jack Godfrey from Year 10 who have both been nominated as student of the week.

Sayieda has been nominated by the Maths Department as she continues to go above and beyond in all her lessons and regularly completes extension tasks. Her quiet and reserved learning manner is a credit to her and has resulted in her achieving an end of year assessment grade which is 2 levels above her target. Well done Sayieda, you are an excellent role model for the Academy.

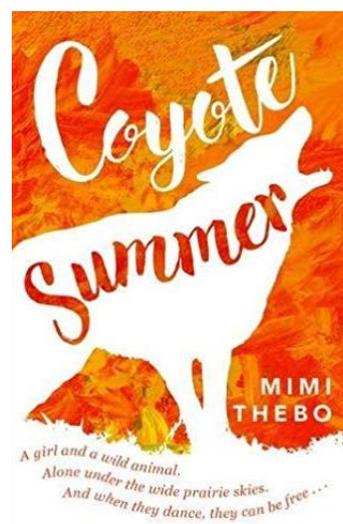
Jack has been nominated by the Science Department as he always tries his absolute best in all lessons and has prepared thoroughly for his Pre-Public Examinations. He has made use of all the resources at his disposal and, as a result, achieved one whole grade above his target on his Biology paper. In addition, Jack is one of the most polite and courteous students I have worked with, a pleasure to teach.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

The book of the week is 'Coyote Summer' by Mimi Thebo, a book which will transport you from dreary London to hot, dry Kansas!

"Sometimes I get that feeling like everyone can see right through me. Like all my secrets and thoughts and things I don't want anyone to know are right there. Mum has exiled me. I messed up my ballet audition, and got expelled from school, so she's sent me half around the world to live with her sister in Kansas, while she stays in London. Have you ever been to Kansas? It's all sky, and long, long roads. The emptiness is overwhelming. Everyone thinks I'm a failure. Maybe they're right. But then he sees me. The coyote, free and golden and wild. And I guess it's because someone's watching me, but I start to dance again."



FUND RAISING FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

Sponsored Swim

This will take place on Tuesday 9th July, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, at 'Active Medlock'. Please see Mrs McCallum in M12 for further details and your Sponsorship Form. Get involved, get active and help raise funds for the worthwhile charities we are supporting!



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'Tesco Bag Pack'

We have been given an opportunity to raise funds for our chosen charities through a 'Bag Pack' at Tesco in Droylsden. The Bag Pack will take place on Sunday 14th July, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please see Mrs McCallum if you can help. You don't have to do the full 4 hour session but any time you can offer would be really appreciated.

Droylsden Foodbank

As we come up to the summer, there will be families around Droylsden, whose children get a free school meal, who are worried about feeding them during the holiday. We would like to help these families if we can and are supporting Tesco with their food collection for the Droylsden and District Food Bank. Any donations will be gratefully received at the Academy and will be dropped off at Tesco on Friday 12th July. Please donate shelf food only which can be stored for a period of time. This includes such products as tinned fruit, dried pasta, breakfast cereals and tinned soup, meat or vegetables.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

We are now recruiting for the Droylsden Academy Army CCF unit which is scheduled to have its first parade in September 2019. **If your son/daughter is interested in being a Cadet, please ask them to collect a letter from Student Services.**

SUMMER HOLIDAY UNIFORM SHOPS AT THE ACADEMY

Representatives from Monkhouse and Debonair, our two official uniform suppliers, will be at the Academy over the summer holiday on the following dates:

Wednesday 24 th July	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 31 st July	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 7 th August	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 14 th August	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 21 st August	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 28 th August	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm

You are welcome to visit the Academy on any of the dates above to try uniform on and purchase or order any items that you wish to.

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UPDATE TO OUR BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Please note that any smoking paraphernalia brought into the Academy by students, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vape sticks, will be disposed of and will not be returned to students or parents under any circumstances.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Library Stocktake

Time has come for the library's annual stocktake. Mrs Godrich would like to ask all students to look around their classrooms and homes to see if there are any library books that have failed to make their way back to the library over the last year. Please return them to the library or put them in the book return bin in the Great Learning Zone in Participation by Friday 5th July. There will be no books issued during the first week of July in order for the stocktake to be carried out. However, books for the summer can be loaned up until the last day of term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Fleetwood on Tuesday 2nd July.

Year 9 Photography students will be visiting Manchester City Centre on Wednesday 3rd July to source ideas and inspiration for their coursework portfolios.

Year 6 Transition Evening will take place on Wednesday 3rd July. Year 6 Transition Days will take place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July.

There will be a Year 10 Geography Field Trip to North Wales on Thursday 11th July.

Achievement Evening for students in Years 7 to 10 will take place on Tuesday 16th July.

The Academy Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 17th July.

The Academy will break up for the summer holiday on Friday 19th July at 12.00pm.