

Droylsden Academy is a good school

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### A visit from our MP, Angela Rayner

Angela Rayner, our local MP and Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, visited the Academy last Friday to meet and congratulate the Droylsden team which won the regional heat of the inaugural 'National Reading Champions Quiz', sponsored by the National Literacy Trust, after competing against and beating 37 other teams from across the region, including State High Schools, Academies and Grammar Schools. The team made up of **Molly Nash, Kwon Leong, Ikram Gudeta and Brogan Williams** will now go on to compete in the Grand Finale which will take place at the end of June.



After meeting the team, Mrs Rayner had a tour of the Academy with Mr Wilson and Mrs Cope, a member of our Governing Body, visiting lessons and meeting with students and staff. Mrs Rayner really enjoyed her visit and was very complimentary about the warm and purposeful culture in our school.



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## The Brilliant Club!

Last year, twelve of our high achieving Year 7 students were enrolled in the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme. As part of the programme, the group attended University style tutorials in the Library with a PhD student from Manchester University and learnt about Art History! They then had to complete a number of assessments and undertake a mini-dissertation. The dissertation was completed and submitted during the first lockdown in April and, despite the upheaval these students faced, they all managed to submit their work on time. These mini-dissertations were given a University degree grading and all our students received a 2:1! Some of the group were very close to a First. Due to the pandemic these students missed out on a formal graduation at the University of Manchester and, instead, received their certificates at the Academy this week.

Well done to all of you, we are really proud of your achievements!

<b>Adam Feeney</b>	<b>Angelo Moraru</b>	<b>Chemen Omar</b>	<b>Ella Kay-Blackwood</b>	<b>Ellie Lucas</b>
<b>Iilir Caka</b>	<b>Eric Bayo-Vergara</b>	<b>Isabel Murphy</b>	<b>Jackson Gaskin</b>	<b>Quyen Nguyen</b>
	<b>Tom Cronshaw</b>	<b>Violet Hodges-Blackshaw</b>		



## STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

STEM Club is back and this term students will be looking at the science of gardening! Over the next few weeks, students will be designing, planting, growing and then hopefully tasting lots of different plants. Their first task was to identify what was already growing and clear some of the beds so that they can grow their own flowers, fruits and veg! Watch out for further updates in future editions of Newsflash!



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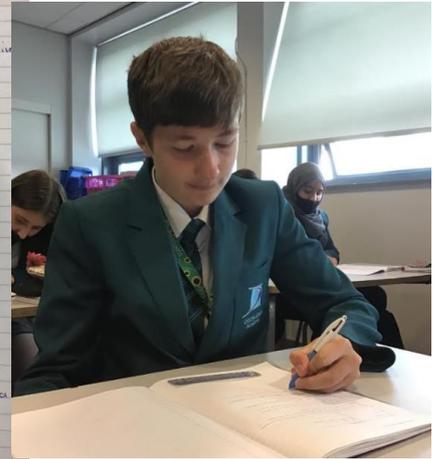
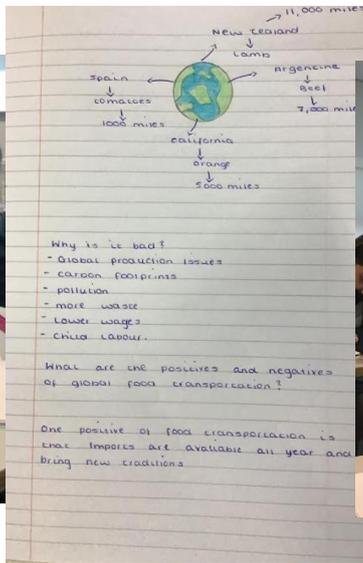
## Technology

Year 7 students have now completed their project to design and make stands for their phones and are now using the skills that they have practised and learnt to make tea light holders from pallet wood. Mr Jones has been delighted with the outcomes and has submitted the following photographs for inclusion in Newsflash.

Jayden Larkin

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Then, it was out of the classroom and into the Academy grounds as the group went out and picked their own locally sourced cherries!

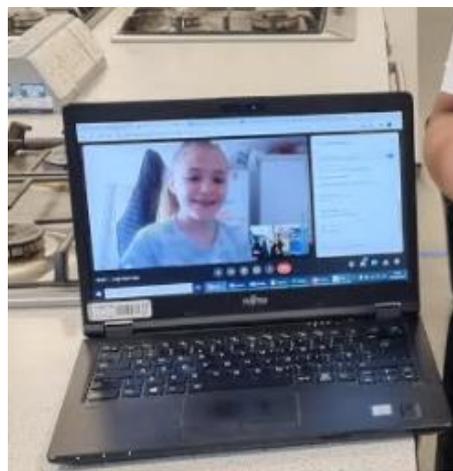
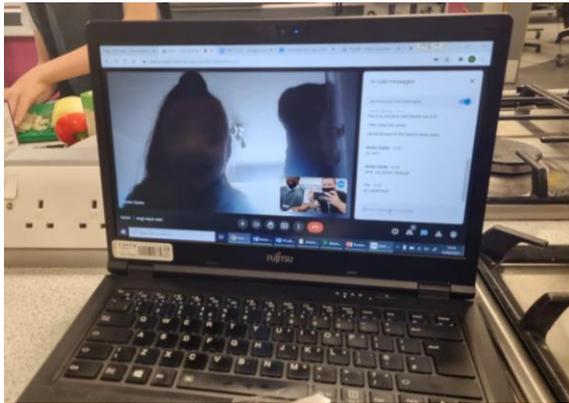


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## Global Masterchef Challenge

Thank you to the Year 7 students who took part in Tuesday's Global Masterchef Challenge. Both teams did a fantastic job in representing their Houses, Albion and Oakfield, and their chosen countries, Italy and Mexico. Here are some pictures of **Ben Robson, Marshall Fleet, Faith Aghahowa Ebogen and Mollie Clarke** hard at work on their chosen dishes!

Well done in particular to Mollie and Faith with Mollie self isolating and supporting Faith on a live stream from her kitchen at home!



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And now it's over to Year 8....

Do you like cooking? Do you have a friend from the same Academy House as you who likes cooking too? If so, the time has come to showcase your skills by representing your House in the Year 8 Heat of the Academy Global Masterchef Challenge!

What do you need to do to take part?

- You need to decide on which dish you would like to prepare. The dish can be from any country in the world apart from the UK!
- You need to be available for an hour after school, from 2.45pm to 3.45pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- You and your friend, who must be from the same House, will have 45 minutes to prepare you dish.
- You will need to bring your own ingredients, but all cooking utensils will be provided.

**Please contact your House Leader to sign up  
for this event!**



### Photography

As you may remember from last week's edition of Newsflash, 9 GCSE students have been studying the art of photographing food using ideas and techniques that the professionals use when working for advertising agencies, magazines or publishing companies. This week, the students have been editing their photographs to create their own Marks & Spencer adverts, many of which would not look out of place as part of any 'M&S' advertising campaign.



Riley McConnell



Laura Lilley

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Gracie Plant



Molly Nash



Alex Hume



Ethan Stanley

Life Skills

# LIFESKILLS

This week, Year 8 students took part in a presentation and workshop aimed at delivering important messages around knife crime and how it can devastate lives. The sessions also touched on other really important issues such as the vulnerability of young people and how they can be manipulated and exploited by adults and criminal gangs. We hope that this hard hitting, informative and thought provoking presentation will help students make the right choices and avoid potentially difficult situations in the future.



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## Break!

A game of football on a hot summer's day? What better way to spend your break time! Thank you to Mrs Arnold for taking this photograph whilst on break duty this week.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Bradley Gilbert** from Year 8 and **Ruby Woods, Lydia Wood** and **Esther Yeboah**, all from Year 10, on their nominations as Student of the Week.



Bradley has been nominated by the English Department as he has made a fantastic start since joining his new class. Bradley is always keen to contribute verbally to class discussions and often offers astute answers to challenging questions; similarly, the effort he put into his written work has been outstanding. Well done Bradley, Mrs Jackson is very impressed!

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Ruby and Lydia have both been nominated by the Maths Department for working so hard to improve their grades. Keep up the effort, commitment and positive attitude girls, Miss Sheridan is really proud of the progress you are making!

Esther has been nominated by the Science Department following her recent 'promotion' to the Excel Class. Mrs Isherwood has been really impressed with Esther's hard work and progress, she has worked exceptionally hard and adapted to the demands of the course really quickly. Esther has just completed her Pre-Public Examinations and was entered for the higher tier papers for the first time. Not only did she exceed her target grade by 4 whole grades, but she scored one of the highest marks in the class. Mrs Isherwood is really proud of you Esther and she is sure that your outstanding work ethic will bring further success in the future.

## REUBEN'S RETREAT

Reuben's Retreat is a charity that supports young people who have a life limiting or life threatening illness, along with their families. The organisation is based in Glossop, but supports young people from across the UK with counselling, support groups, activity and therapy days, short breaks and bereavement breaks. Reuben's Retreat was set up in memory of Reuben Michael Graham who passed away in August 2012, aged just 23 months. Reuben's Retreat is the Oakfield House chosen charity and we would love to help them raise money on their latest fund raising challenge, 'REU23'



So how can you raise money for REU23? Well you can do almost anything linked to the number 23 providing its legal! You could read 23 books, complete a 23 minute sponsored silence, wash 23 cars, or run 23 laps of the Academy fields! Miss Worsley, the Oakfield House Leader is going to complete her challenge from next Monday to the end of term when we break up by walking, running or cycling 2.3 miles every day! We hope that as many staff and students as possible will also get involved between now and the end of term and raise as much money as possible for such a worthwhile and deserving cause.

If you are interested in getting involved, you can join Google Classroom code [lzmvjkv](#) and find out more from Miss Worsley. Remember to let Miss Worsley or your House Leader know what you are planning to do so that we can share your fund raising ideas and activities with Reuben's Retreat too.

Further information can also be found through the link below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayEventDetails.action?eventId=36551&charityId=1006750&invocation=evt0050>

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF LATERAL FLOW TESTS

With increasing Covid infection rates across the country, and in particular in Greater Manchester and the North West, it is crucial that we all test ourselves regularly using the kits provided.

Please, please, please ensure that your child tests him or herself every Sunday and Wednesday, in line with our school procedures, and then records their result through the Academy website. It is really important that all results are recorded on both the Academy Google Reporting Tool and through the NHS reporting website.

We need to keep ourselves and our families safe and we owe it to everyone in our community to test ourselves regularly.



## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

### An important message

## The Covid Vaccination Van is touring Tameside and Glossop

If you are eligible simply drop in for your first vaccine, **no appointment needed, no ID required. First Doses only.**

If you would like to book a time slot head to our booking site at [www.tamesideandglossop.nhsvaccinations.co.uk](http://www.tamesideandglossop.nhsvaccinations.co.uk) or call your GP Practice if you do not have online access.

We have a team of friendly professionals and community volunteers on hand to guide and support you through the quick and easy process.

The covid vaccines are safe and effective. Having a covid vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the potentially serious impact of covid infection.

See you there, *Your Local Primary Care Team*

### Next Stops:

**Guide Bridge Medical Practice,  
Guide Lane, Audenshaw, M34 5HY**  
Saturday 19 June 9am-12pm  
**Hyde Market Square, Clarendon Street,  
Hyde, SK14 2QT**  
Saturday 19 June 10am-4pm

## Routes to Success

Over their last few weeks at the Academy, a group of Year 11 students completed an online course called 'Routes to Success', run by Young Enterprise, during their Maths lessons. The course was made up of five units designed to encourage and support students in thinking about and planning for their future. The units were:



- It's OK to Dream
- Financial Planning
- Jobs and Careers
- Route to Success
- SMART Action Plans

Congratulations to all those students who completed all five units and who will be receiving their certificates in due course.

Anyone who started the course, but did not quite complete it, can still log in and finish any outstanding work. If any student has forgotten their login details, they should contact Mr Tiley.

## Monkhouse Uniform Supplies

Use the link below to find out more about the ways in which you can purchase your new uniform through Monkhouse

[www.monkhouse.com/parentguide](http://www.monkhouse.com/parentguide)



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**STOP PRESS!**



**Stop Press! STEM Club Gardening Update!**

**We have our first strawberries!**

Watch out for further updates in future editions of Newsflash!

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