

## Droylsden Academy is a good school

### **This academic year finishes on Thursday 16th July**

We are pleased that we have been able to offer daily provision for some students since lockdown began at the end of March, but in-line with the government announcement, from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, the school building will not be open to those children who are currently attending school.

We are planning to open the building at some point over the summer holidays to provide our new Year 6 students with an opportunity to spend a day in their new school. Tameside Local Authority and Active Tameside are also planning some holiday activities for young people in the Borough. As soon as we have full details we will share these with you.

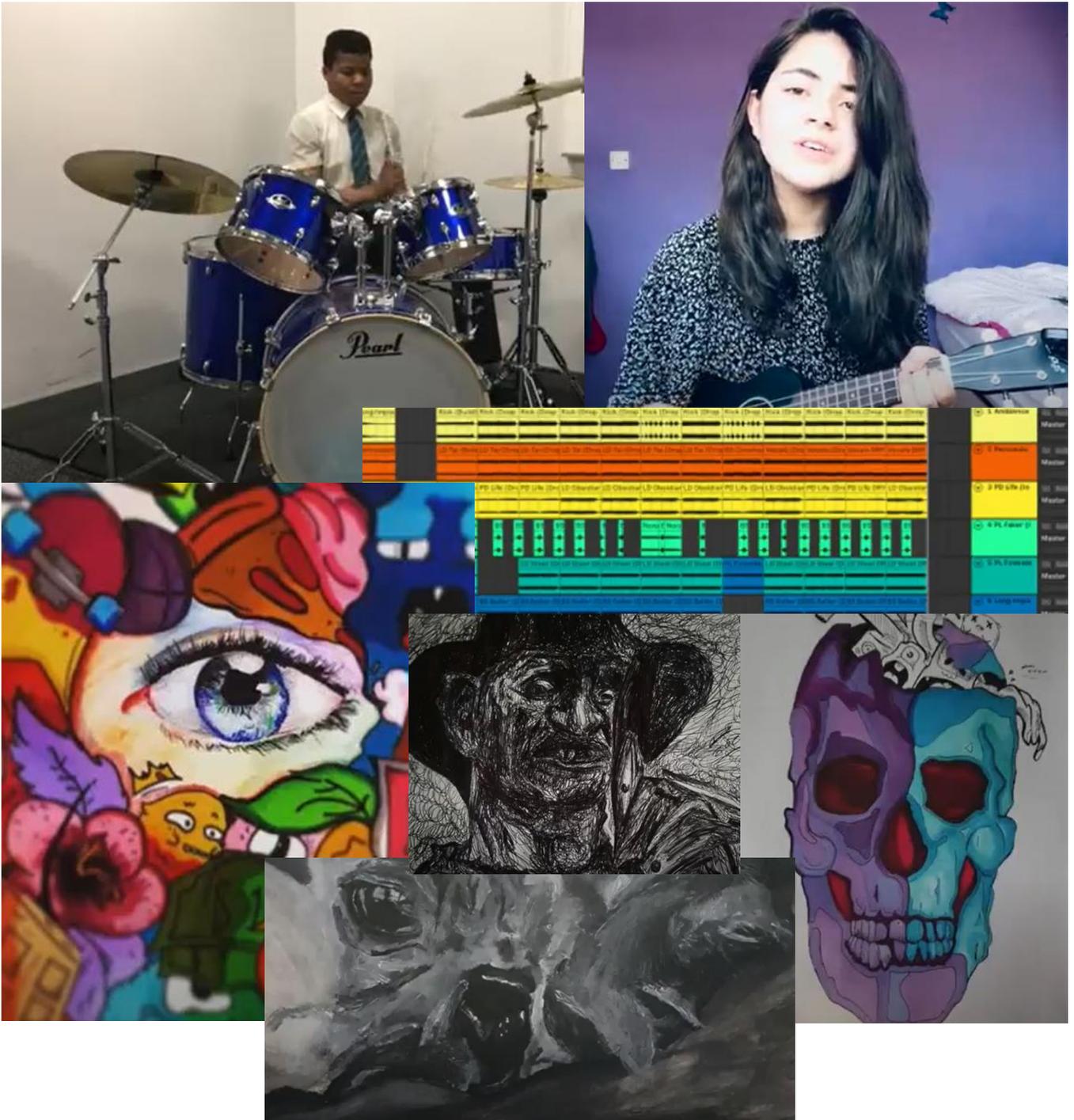
School will reopen to all students on Thursday 3rd September and staff are very excited about seeing our students again. Full details will follow over the coming days and weeks.



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And the winner is.....

Congratulations to this year's winners of Droylsden's Got Talent, **Daniel Ihejirka** (Year 8), our brilliant drummer who came first, **Luke Cocking** (Year 9), who created and showcased some outstanding electronic music, and **Elliot Davey** (Year 10), an amazingly talented artist, who came joint runners-up and **Hannah Sykes** (Year 8) our fantastic vocalist and eucalale player who came third. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and took part in what was a wonderful show! Droylsden really has got talent!



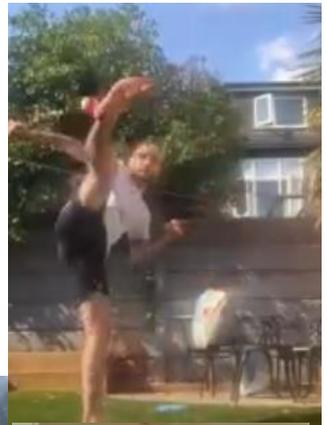
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## Droylsden's Got Talent, the Staff edition!

Thank you to the twelve staff who bravely entered 'Droylsden's Got Talent, the Staff edition'. You can see their various 'talents' on the link below!

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- Mr Rick
- Mr Eade
- Mrs Cheetham
- Mrs Wictome
- Mr Jackson
- Miss Sanderson
- Mrs Abel
- Mr Lowe
- Mrs Keating
- Mr Palmer
- Mr Acton
- Miss Fernandez & Mrs McCallum



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And the winning performance was the incredible socially distanced duet by Miss Fernandez and Mrs McCallum, a truly remarkable performance and musical masterpiece! Well done also to Mr Palmer who came second, Mr Jackson who came third, Mrs Keating who came fourth and Mr Rick who came fifth. Thank you again to everyone who took part.



### Our Virtual Sports Fortnight!

As you may remember from last week's edition of Newsflash, the P.E. Department has organised our annual Sports Day as a 'Virtual Sports Fortnight'. The results for the fifth event, the 'Balance Challenge' and the final House standings can be found below.

#### Event 1: The Balance Challenge

Remarkably, 19 students shared first place and the Gold Medal!

1<sup>st</sup> **Kaiden Barr, Jessica Barroso, Tavon Forest-McDowell, Simon Oboh, Taylor Megram, Hannah Thomas, Yan Sambe, Jaaziah Cowan, Kweon Leong, Dylan Hall, Agape Esayas, Aleksandra Baka, Elliot Davey, Han-Yun Yu, Lucas Turnbull, Jerabel Osei, Jacob Kennedy, Yav Merved and Lovisa Boakye (Gold Medal)**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Gift Otabor (Silver Medal)**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Olivia Green (Bronze Medal)**

#### Staff

1<sup>st</sup> Miss Wictome, Miss Worsley and Mr Tiley

2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Fernandez

3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Stoakley



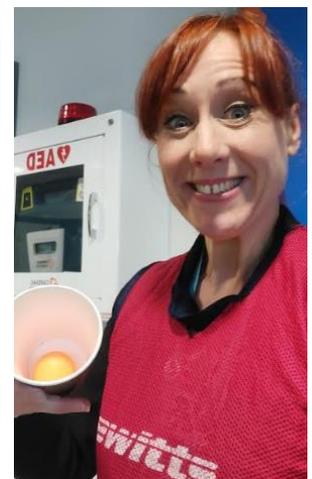
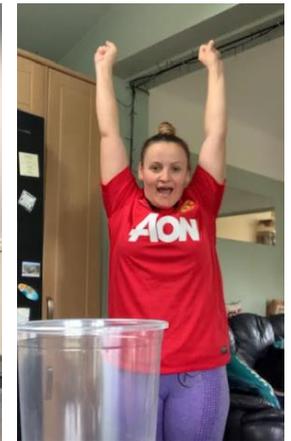
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This event

- 1<sup>st</sup> Albion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saxon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oakfield

And the final standings!

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Albion (505 Points)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Saxon (427 Points)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Victoria (242 Points)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Oakfield (112 Points)**



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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. We expect 100% engagement in our virtual school, no excuses.

**Art**

Mrs Noel has been delighted with the commitment and positive attitude of her GCSE Art students and has submitted five further pieces of work for inclusion in this week's edition of Newsflash.



**Valeria Asamoah** (Year 9) has produced this beautiful pen observational study of shoes that demonstrates how 'mark making' can be used effectively to produce a detailed drawing.

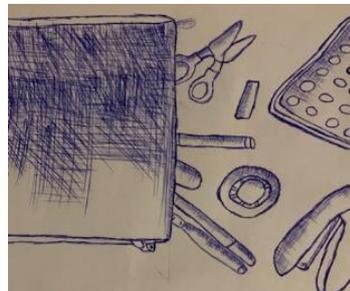
This piece created by **Wiktorja Mecinska** (Year 9) demonstrates that meaningful pieces of work can be created with limited materials.



In this piece, **Ewan Quinn** (Year 10) has experimented with layers and expressive 'mark making' in creating his composition

This fantastic piece of 'Pop Art' was created by **Amelia Shaw** (Year 9).

Well done to **Bilal Sanni** (Year 10) who continues to work hard and make progress.



Meanwhile Years 7 and 8 students have been creating pieces based on the work of Alison Ingram.



Jaaziah Cowan



Aleksandra Baca



Maria Bundache

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Ebony Lang



Scarlett Bird



Ellie Barton



Jack Crowther



Jack Crowther



Skye Houston



Adam Feeney



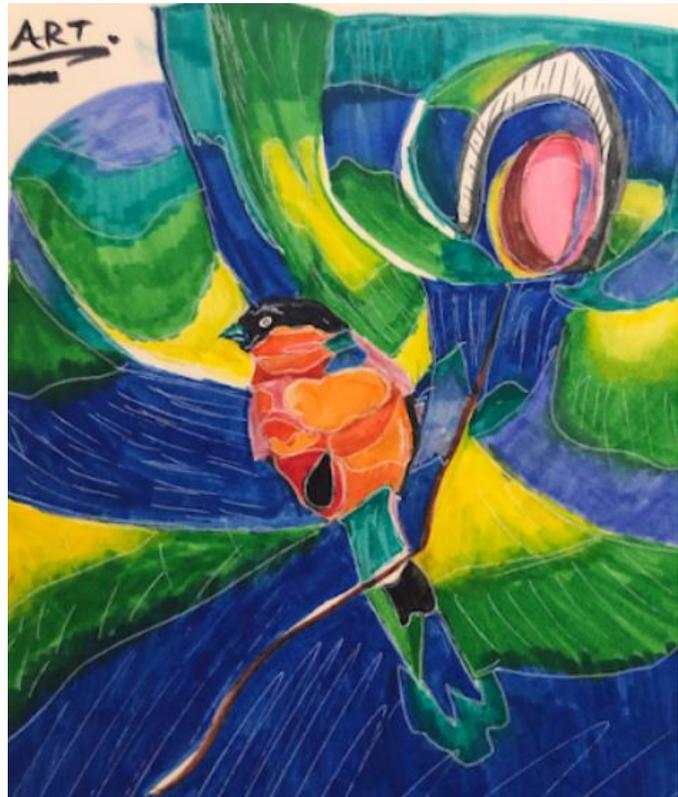
Alexander Hume



Favour Otabor



Neha Nasrullah



The Art Department commented that this final piece by **Jasmine Beckwith** was exceptional for a Year 7 student and remarked on the effective use of proportion, colour blending, mark making and texture. It will go on display at the Academy! Well done Jasmine!

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## Science

**Hannah Sykes** (Year 8) has produced a fantastic picture of a nebula. A nebula is a giant cloud of dust and gas in space. Some nebulae (more than one nebula) come from the gas and dust thrown out by the explosion of a dying star, such as a supernova. Other nebulae are regions where new stars are beginning to form. Hannah's picture is very topical as the Hubble Telescope was recently retrained to observe and capture images of the Butterfly Nebula. A fantastic image of the Butterfly Nebula was released into the public domain in June 2020.

## Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile in Food and Nutrition, **Luca Darbyshire** (Year 7) gives a masterclass in making Pizza!



## The HPA Club

Well done to **Robert Hill** (Year 9) who has been learning Japanese during lockdown!



Hiragana 1



Hiragana 2

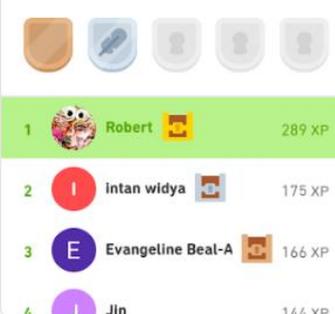


Hiragana 3



Hiragana 4



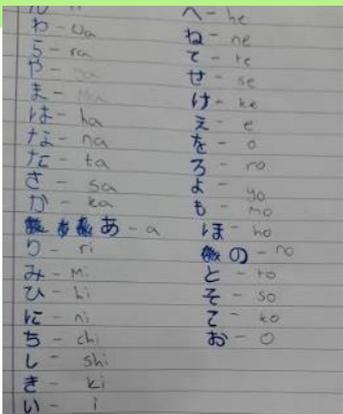
Rank	Name	XP
1	Robert	289 XP
2	Intan widya	175 XP
3	Evangetine Beal-A	166 XP
4	Jin	144 XP

**XP Progress** [EDIT GOAL](#)

Daily Goal  289/50 XP



1  **Robert**  289 XP



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Well done also to **Corey O'Neill** (Year 7) who emailed Mrs Lloyd in Welsh earlier this week having started to learn about the language at home. Corey wrote:

*'Gobeithio eich bod chi'n iach.*

*Mae fy enw yn greiddiol ac rydw i wedi bod yn dysgu Cymraeg yn ystod y broses gloi.*

*Diolch yn fawr.*



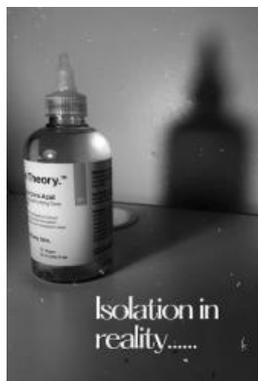
Corey'

Roughly translated, Corey said 'Hope you are well. My name is Corey and I've been learning Welsh during the lock down. Thank you very much.'

Both Robert and Corey will receive 5 Pride Points and a '**Bathodyn Dysgwr Anfeidrol**', or an Infinite Learners Badge to the rest of us, when they return to school.

## Photography

Students from Miss Hickman's Photography classes have taken part in a photo-journalism competition where they were asked to create material with a Covid theme. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations, in particular, to **Jessica Barroso** (Year 8) who came first, **Zara McLeish** (Year 8) who came second and **Abigail Knowles** (Year 10) who came third.



Jessica Barosso



Zara McLeish



Abigail Knowles

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 31 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.

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**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.**



**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.

<b>Student(s)</b>	<b>Subject and Teacher</b>
Layton Holbrook-Thane, Ruby Woods and Leyla Khushbakht (Year 9)	Miss Worsley (English)
<i>This is for continually working hard and making sure you complete your work to the best of your ability. Thank you for attending the live Q&amp;A on Tuesday. Keep up the hard work!</i>	

<b>Student(s)</b>	<b>Subject and Teacher</b>
Olivia Green, Ciro Lucci, Amaara Naveed, Jessica Combs and Lukas Hall (Year 9)	Mrs Shareef (English)
<i>Your hard-work, effort and consistency are exemplary. Your skills and character will serve you well next year at KS4. Well done!</i>	

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Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Daniel Mason (Year 8)	Mrs Murray (Maths)
<i>For consistently handing your work in on time and always striving to achieve a good score.</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Malaika Iftikhar, Ciro Lucci and Samya Mansur (Year 9)	Mrs Egan (Maths)
<i>For completing all the Mathswatch assignments on time and to a high standard. Keep it up!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Daniel Dadashzadeh (Year 8)	Mr Tiley (Maths)
<i>You have worked really hard throughout lockdown Daniel and especially so towards the end of the term. You are producing some great work and preparing well for year 9. Keep it up!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Albion Behrami (Year 9)	Jane Jackson (English)
<i>For your consistent hard work and excellent learning communication. You have tried really hard to complete your next steps at all times. Well done, Albion!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Ellie Louise Carter (Year 7)	Miss Hickman (Art)
<i>For your positive attitude and brilliant effort in your combined Art lesson work.</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Favour Otabor (Year 8)	Mrs Noel (Art)
<i>Favour, you continue to work hard in Art. Thank you for drawing the portrait of George Floyd as part of the Academy work around 'Black Lives Matter' in addition to the Art work you had been set.</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Valeria Asamoah, Wiktorja Mecinska and Amelia Shaw (Year 9) Ewan Quinn and Bilal Sanni (Year 10)	Mrs Noel (Art)
<i>Thank you for your continued hard work and positive attitude in Art during lockdown.</i>	



Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Sammy Hampson (Year 10)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Sammy, you have displayed an excellent knowledge of 'Health and the People' in your review. I am really pleased with your effort and I was really impressed with your contributions to our lesson on Tuesday, great work!</i>	

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Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Molly Legg (Year 10)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>You have shown an excellent knowledge of the topic in your review of learning this week. I was really pleased with your explanations Molly!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Shemiah Acheampong (Year 10)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Shemaiah, you worked really hard in our lesson in school on Wednesday, you were positive, enthusiastic and keen to answer questions throughout. Well done!</i>	

Student(s)	Subject and Teacher
Ben Shaw (Year 10)	Mrs Bugler (History)
<i>Well done on your contributions to the lesson in school on Wednesday, Ben! It was great to see your hand up answering questions. Well done!</i>	

## ACADEMY UNIFORM

We would like to remind parents and carers that our two uniform suppliers, TopMarks and Monkhouse, will be running 'pop-up' uniform shops at the Academy again over the summer holiday. They will be running each Wednesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm as detailed below.

Wednesday 22nd July: TopMarks  
 Wednesday 29th July: Monkhouse  
 Wednesday 5th August: TopMarks  
 Wednesday 12th August: Monkhouse  
 Wednesday 19th August: TopMarks  
 Wednesday 26th August: Monkhouse



Clearly, strict social distancing will be enforced and expected in line with Government requirements.

Monkhouse would like families to make appointments if they wish to attend on one of their designated days. Please refer to their website where you can make your appointments online. They may be able to see families without appointments if they are quiet but clearly preference would be given where appointments have been arranged.

Contrary to stories circulating locally that students at some schools will no longer be required to wear a blazer, **we can confirm that there will be no changes to the Droylsden Academy uniform from September.**



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## HOUSE POETRY COMPETITION

Miss Worsley would like to thank everyone who took part in the House Competition for 'Relationships Day'! The work produced was fantastic and it was really hard to pick a winner. In the end, Miss Worsley awarded first place to **Sayieda Jannat Talukdar** (Year 10), second place to **Cameron Dable** (Year 9), third place to **Megan Oldham** (Year 9), fourth place to **Samuel Amaniampong** (Year 9) and fifth place to **Zara McLeish** (Year 8). The House placings were as follows:



1 <sup>st</sup>	Victoria
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saxon
Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Albion and Oakfield

Sayieda 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 were included in last week's edition of Newsflash



### Friendship Poem

It's always good knowing someones there for you,  
To have a good joke and a laugh,  
Because that's what makes friendship true,  
As I remember us shouting down the mic feel my wraith,  
Or that time we saved each others lives,  
So much memories that made me happy,  
Like the time we took down that bee hive.

You have been there for me all this time,  
And I know you will be there for the rest of time,  
As will I so don't worry about that,  
I wish we could go back to playing ark,  
Hopefully in the dark,  
Hopefully we can meet again,  
But don't let lockdown get you crazy again.

On a real note,  
We need to hop back on the boat,  
Your a true one my friend,  
Until we meet again.

**Cameron Dable**

### ABC's of a healthy relationship

Adore each other  
Be best friends  
Cuddle to relieve stress  
Dream about your future together  
Encourage each other  
Forgive and forget  
Give each other random compliments  
Hug daily  
Inspire each other  
Joke daily,laughter is the best medicine  
Kiss often  
Love each other  
Make each other a priority  
Never forget them  
Open up to each other  
Praise them  
Quiet each other's fear's with love  
Run,walk or exercise together  
Stay in touch during the day  
Talk about your feelings  
Understand each other's perspective  
Value your time together  
Wish them good luck when needed  
Xpress your love in actions, not just words  
Yearn for each other daily  
Zip your mouth when necessary

**Megan Oldham**

Strangers with memories

- We started off as friends.
- Eventually, talking more and more...
- Then one day, you wanted to be mine.
- It was nice then.
- But, then one day, you didn't want me anymore.
- But it was okay, we could still be friends.
- But destiny decided our paths and we became strangers with memories.

**Zara McLeish**

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Give you my heart!

I will give you my heart,  
Even if the rain drops stops,  
More flawless than art,  
May a thousand of falling stars stop,  
For a second for me to tell you my thoughts,  
Complicated sure is,  
Like if everyday bleeds,  
Without you by my side,  
Holding me tight, whispering in my ear,  
Even if we fight, a day separated seems like a year.



Can I at least be the branch of your tree, the ocean of your sea or just lay my head down on your knee.  
I don't want you to depart, To fall again apart,  
Actually let's just restart, Close your eyes on the counter and open when I will give you my heart!

**Samuel Amaniampong**

#### NETWORK RAIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Although there is no suggestion of the involvement of Droylsden Academy students, since lockdown began there have been over a thousand incidents of young people trespassing on railway lines. Network Rail, in partnership with Learn Live, are working to help raise the awareness of students across the UK around this issue. Please share the video link below with your child to make them aware of the very real dangers that railway lines present:

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

#### CAREERS

The YouTube link below takes you to a Government video which outlines some of the options open to Year 11 students once they have received their GCSE results. It is worth taking a look at and will be of use to those students who are not sure of their next move in this period of uncertainty.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_xAQNNi4pA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_xAQNNi4pA&feature=youtu.be)

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