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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Character Awards Evening

This week we held our Character Awards Evening where students in Years 7 to 10 were acknowledged for achieving against one or more of our four 'Character Pillars', Learn, Lead, Serve and Participate. These four Character Pillars are fundamental to our school and students have been encouraged to record evidence of how they have demonstrated these strong character traits through our Character Development Programme.

Students have gathered evidence in a number of different ways. For instance, a student may have shown service by helping others in an organised community event or they may have participated in a school production or sporting fixture. Likewise, a student may have demonstrated great learning by making strong academic progress in a range of subjects, or they may have shown leadership by organising and leading other students in an activity.

Successful completion of activities related to any of the four Character Pillars earns points towards a prestigious enamel badge which students may wear on their blazer in recognition of their achievements. There are three levels of award for each of the Character Pillars, Apprentice, Graduate and Master, with each one having gradually more challenging success criteria to meet. Thank you to Katie Thistleton, an ex-student of Droylsden Girls and now a successful Author and Television and Radio Presenter, for attending the Evening to present our students with their badges.



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Congratulations to all the students from across the Academy who achieved at **Apprentice Level** against one or more of the four Character Pillars. Well done, in particular, to the following Year 7 students who have already achieved at Apprentice Level, just one term into their academic career at Droylsden Academy.

Harry Bellfield Ilir Caka Oscar Doe Ncha Kloe Evison Gift Givens Befekadeselasse Gudeta
Joshua Hodge Isabel Murphy Christopher Proctor Bassirou Samb Gueye Layton Williamson
Philian Emaneul Bradley Gilbert Saffron Hall Lewis Hartley Isabella Heywood Lucy Lowe
Isabelle-Maria Montoya-Hunter Osaid Rajjoub Kyle Sreenan Brogan Williams Logan Buckley
Lesley Buwe Jessica Clarke Baydon Cullen Andrew Deakin-Dickson Riley Dunn-Noble
Jia Rui Fang Brooke Forsythe Kiera Hilton Harley Holbrook-Thane Saira Khanom Ellie Lucas
Nahara Moura Megan Murphy Neave O'Connor Riley O'Connor Ryan Oglesby
Desire Okoduwa Gift Otabor Tihomir Parashkevov Rose Taylor Subhan Mohammad Waziri
Bailey Winson Adam Feeney Georgia Morris Rahela Nastasa Simon Oboh Lewis Skade
Faras Albaleli Endurance Arhunmwude Brandon Bonney Harry Chambers Jaaziah Cowan
Oliver Gemmell Helen Ho Violet Hodges-Blackshaw Ruby Miller Angelo Moraru
Alfie-Lee Murphy Ellie Barton Olivia Buckley-Wild Luca Darbyshire Jackson Gaskin
Oliver Legg Zhaine Linney Chemen Omar Lucas Turnbull Morgan Buckley Bliss Doyle
Dylan Hall Corey Leith Alfie McGhee Princess McGuinness Quyen Nguyen Corey O'Neill
Damola Oseni Oscar Young



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Well done to the following students from Years 8 to 10 who all achieved at **Graduate Level** against one or more of the four Character Pillars.

Ethan Stanley Lucas Taylor Hannah Sykes Agape Esayas Milly Madden Alfie Haggerty
Marcel Zdunski Nana Osei Asabere Albion Behrami Luke Cocking Amelia Shaw Han Yun Yu
Samuel Amaniampong Amaara Naveed Areeka Sheikh Meriam Albajouri Oliver Chaisty
Wiktorija Meckinska Devanshi Shah Esther Yeboah Oluwatoyosi Junaid Erin-Leigh Clarke
Karen Manuwa-James Shannon Corbett Zakariah Albajouri Leanne Bewley Zainab Ibraheem
Misbah Khalil Alex Leonard-Walker Ben Shaw Charlie Acquah-Danso Jenan Alkhatib
Billy Pirrie Adeena Rehman Eryn Rowan Malakai Garner Pelumi Ogunmoroti
Sammy Hampson Mia Walker

Finally, well done to the following students from Years 8 to 10 who all achieved at **Master Level** against one or more of the four Character Pillars.

Tinu Lawal Sayeida-Jannat Talukdar Dalil Alhassan Salem Alyami Lemuel Asamoah-Tannor
Mus Khan Chardonnay Roberts Lily McKenna Jackie Tran Britney Akukwe



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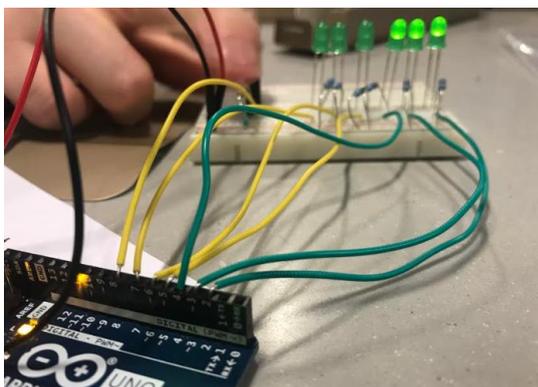
Character Development in action!

In the same week as the Character Awards Evening we were sent two 'posts' which highlight exactly what 'Character' is all about and why it is so important. Well done to Elisha Holland, who volunteered her time to raise money for research into Lymphoma, and to Nana Osei Asabere, Anthony Fox and Abraham Joel who gave up their time to referee football matches for Manchester Road Primary School.



Thank you Elisha, Nana, Anthony and Abraham, you are wonderful Ambassadors for our school and we are proud of you.

Robot Club



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This week saw Robot Club making their own digital hourglass. With a tweak of the coding, the students were able to decide how long their timer would last and then start the timer using the tilt sensor. Both the coding and the building of the hourglass were completed within the designated time, we are getting there!

'Masterchef'

Congratulations to Alife Haggerty who won 'Chef of the Week' in the quarter-final of this year's competition. The brief for the competitors was 'Potato & Tomato' with the students asked to use either or both as the main ingredient(s) for their dish. The judges, including last year's Bake-Off Winner, Harmony McCann, were treated to a variety of dishes including tomato soup, a Chinese five spice pasta, puff pastry pepperoni pizza, an Italian dish of sliced potatoes with tomato and steak and a potato bake with cheese and ham! Alfie will be joined in the semi-final by Daniel Dadashzadeh, Elisa Morreale, Gift Givens, Jack Crowther and Callum Parker when our chefs will be given the brief 'Asia!' and asked to prepare any dish they choose with an Asian influence. Good luck to all the semi-finalists!



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Leadership Celebration

Members of the Academy Leadership Team meet with students each week in recognition of their achievements, skills, personal qualities or contribution to Academy Life. This week, Mrs Arnold had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with a group of students who have demonstrated real character as members of their respective Year Groups.



Isabella Heywood Maddison Hempsall Gudeta Befekadeselasse Alfie Haggerty Iqra Zaman
Erin-Leigh Clarke Salem Alyami Britney Akukwe

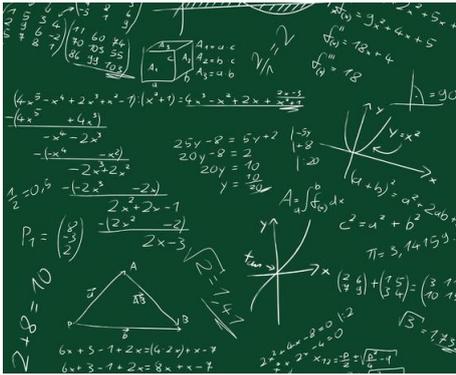
The National Mathematics Award

Last month, four of our students, Olivia Buckley-Wild and Joshua Hodge from Year 7 and Lucas Taylor and Aidie Rutter from Year 8 took part in the National Mathematicians Award at 'Explore Learning' in Ashton. Olivia has written the following report about the day.

'We arrived at the centre in Ashton and had dinner whilst being introduced to the organisers and the other competitors. We were informed of the rules of the competition before being given the questions. Points were awarded for completion of the tasks and for team work, so we decided to spend the hour completing as much as possible. Question 1 was about matchsticks and area; we had to form the matchsticks into the shape of a letter U to make an area with an odd number and then change the shape of the U to make an area with an even number!'



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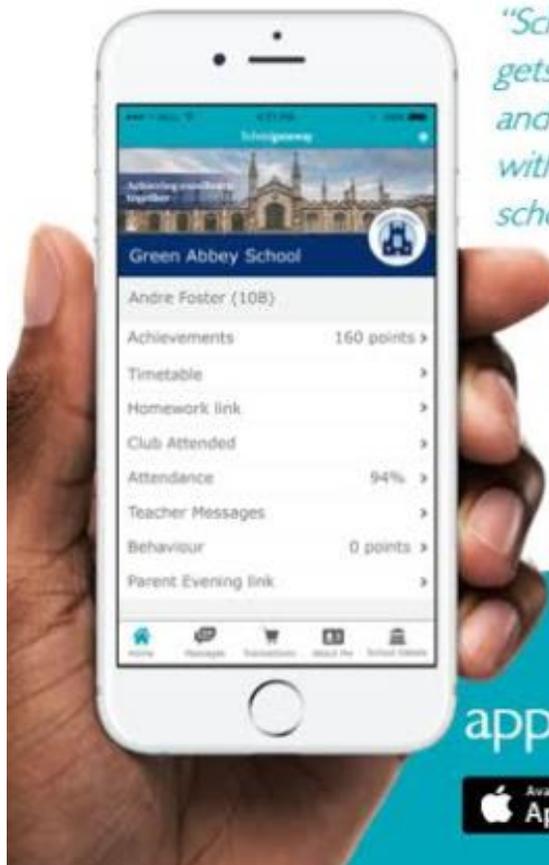


We achieved that task successfully and were then given Question 2 where we had to use the matches to make an area of 14cm^2 . We looked at all the possibilities and completed the task before reporting back. Josh and I explained what we did for Question 1 and Lucas and Aidie presented our answers to Question 2. Unfortunately, we did not progress to the next round of the competition in London but we all tried our best and enjoyed the experience representing Droylsden Academy in the prestigious National Mathematicians Award.'

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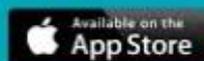
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You may remember that, over the last few months, Year 8 and Year 9 students have taken part in 'Drop-Down Days' when they have attended a series of workshops and presentations on important issues and topics based around 'Life skills'. Next week, Year 7 students will be attending a similar day looking at First Aid, CPR and the use of Defibrillators. Parents and Carers of all Year 7 students should have received a copy of the following letter:

Dear Parents/Carers



Re: First Aid, CPR and the use of defibrillators

At Droylsden Academy we aim to support students to embrace the challenges of adult life, equipping them with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and safety and that of others too.

Whilst we recognise that Parents and Carers are the prime educators for children on many of these matters, the school can complement and reinforce this role by building on what children learn at home as an important part of delivering a good education.

With this in mind, on **Wednesday 12th February**, Year 7 students will take part in a workshop aimed at delivering important aspects of First Aid. As well as learning basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), students will also learn how to use a Defibrillator (albeit a dummy one)

The normal school timetable will be partly suspended and the session will be facilitated by Stephanie Morris who is a National Health Service professional who works for the Pennine Trust Foundation.

The workshop will take place during one period only, students should bring all their usual equipment and books as normal.

I am sure that you see the value of this important aspect of your child's education and encourage you to discuss their learning with them.

Yours faithfully

Mr S. Jackson
Director of Character and Life Skills

The word 'LIFESKILLS' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. The letters 'L', 'I', 'F', and 'E' are filled with a multi-colored, pixelated pattern in shades of green, yellow, blue, and purple.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 13 school weeks left, just 65 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

We hope that the first week of your Pre-Public Examinations have gone well. The timetable for your remaining exams can be found below.

Mon 10th Feb	9.00am: Combined Science/Triple Science Biology Paper 1 11.10am: Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) 1.40pm: Drama
Tue 11th Feb	9.00am: Geography (Content Paper) 11.10am: Religious Studies (Philosophy)
Wed 12th Feb	9.00am: Art (Group 11C) 1.30pm: PE (Practical)
Thur 13th Feb	9.00am: Art (Group 11B and some students from Group 11C), Photography and Dance

Speaking tests for French and Spanish will take place on Friday 7th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Students will be given individual appointment slots by their Languages Teacher.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Thomas Russell McAinsh from Year 10 who has been nominated as Student of the Week.

Thomas has been nominated by the Science Department for his outstanding work in Chemistry. Thomas has been excelling at challenging quantitative chemistry calculations, completing everything that's been put in front of him and moving onto extension work in every lesson. Well done Thomas!



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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

On Monday 10th February, Year 7 will have an Assembly about the World Challenge trip to Morocco in Summer 2021. Students taking part will need to raise funds between now and then with the money paying for their trip and helping to support a project aimed at supporting female access to education in a remote village in the Atlas Mountains. Students who are interested in taking part can bring a letter home for parents and carers and then attend a meeting on Thursday 13th February at 6.30pm where further information about the World Challenge will be available.



If you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs McCallum for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A group of Year 11 students will depart for a GCSE Residential Revision Weekend at Borwick Hall on Friday 14th February.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 14th February.

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 27th February. Parents and carers of students in Year 8 should have received further information about the evening in the post this week.

JOB VACANCIES AT THE ACADEMY

Technology Technician (Food)

Pay Scale: Grade D (Point 7 – 10), £10.41 - £11.04 per hour
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 36 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday, 10th February 2020
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated and passionate Technology Technician (Food) to join our Art & Technology Faculty.

The post holder will be responsible for the co-ordination and maintenance of practical resources and facilities within the Food Technology area and provide assistance and advice in meeting the practical needs of the food and nutrition curriculum.

This is a key role in supporting the development, implementation and maintenance of the strategic vision, ethos and plans for the faculty area to ensure outstanding outcomes, working closely and pro-actively with the faculty leader.

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Cleaner

Pay Scale: Grade A (Point 1 – 2), £9.24 - £9.42 per hour
Contract: Permanent
Hours: 12.5 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday, 17th February 2020
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a reliable, hardworking and dedicated Cleaner to join our team.

As a Cleaner you will maintain the cleanliness and safety of the school environment.

The shift pattern for this role is:

Date	Log in	Log Out	Total Hours
Monday	3:30 PM	6:00 PM	2:30
Tuesday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Wednesday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Thursday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Friday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
	TOTAL		12:30

Teaching Assistant Level 3 (On Board Centre Assistant)

Pay Scale: Grade E (Point 11 – 16), Actual Salary £17,807 - £19,673 per annum
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 36 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday, 24th February 2020
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

Our On Board Centre (OBC) is a room situated in our Learning Support Department which provides a wide range of support for students to allow them to thrive academically and be successful in school. It was recognised by Ofsted in our most recent inspection for the excellent support it provides.

Students are referred to the On Board Centre by the school's pastoral team for a variety of reasons; for example, because they are experiencing health issues (physical or mental) which are making it hard for them to be in class, because they have experienced something difficult or upsetting outside of school or because they are struggling to manage aspects of their behaviour.

Students will work for a set period of time in the OBC and, while there, they complete work set by their class teachers under the supervision and guidance of the OBC Team - expectations of students when working in the OBC are the same as they are elsewhere in the school and we insist on very high standards.

We are looking for the right person to join this team in supporting and managing students in the On Board Centre, liaising with class teachers and other staff in school to ensure that, during their stay in

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the OBC, students work hard, remain safe and receive the support they need to resume their learning back in class.

If you are someone who;

- has experience of working with young people to support their education
- is resilient, positive and can work as part of a team
- is interested in supporting young people to overcome barriers and succeed at school

this is the ideal opportunity for you.

For more information and details on how to apply for any of these posts, please visit:

<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

Completed applications should be returned by email to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

or posted to:

Human Resources Department, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6QD

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.