

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Food and Nutrition

Students in Years 7 and 8 cook a meal of their choice to showcase the culinary skills they have learnt and practiced over the first half of this academic year. The students study a carousel of topics as part of the Art and Technology curriculum and, having finished the module on Food and Nutrition, will now go on to study Photography, Art or Computer Science for the remainder of the year.



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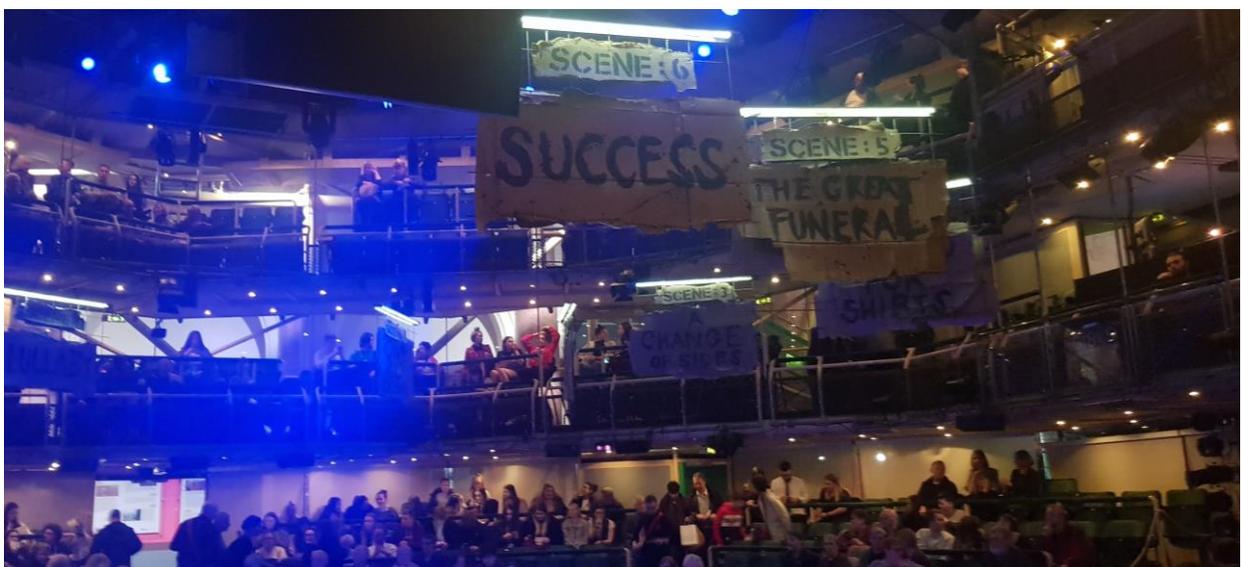
And also in the kitchen.....

Congratulations to Elisa Morreale who won 'Star Baker' in the first heat of the Droydsden Academy 'Bake Off' 2019. The task was to cook 8 identical biscuits of their choice in the one hour time limit. Elisa cooked Nutella biscuits with piped Nutella cream which proved very popular with everyone who tasted them! Elisa will be joined in the quarter-final by Starline Asamoah and Jack Crowther. The final of this year's prestigious competition will be held at Tameside College's 'One Complex' which has a brand new state of the art kitchen and a restaurant.



Visit to the Royal Exchange Theatre

Students studying Drama and Performing Arts visited the Royal Exchange Theatre this week to watch a performance of 'Mother Courage' by Bertolt Brecht. The play is on this year's Drama syllabus and students will be assessed on their understanding of the text in their written GCSE exam in June.



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Also in the news this week.....

The Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Team compete in a tournament at the Etihad Campus. Further details will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.

Although we have had a dark and dreary winter, the Gardening Club have been busy preparing their customised pots for planting their spring bulbs. In the photograph here, Imari Bell, from Year 8, is showcasing her colourful design! Now that the weather is changing, we are looking forward to planting our seeds and bulbs and watching them come up over the spring and summer months.

Congratulations to the staff 'Master Chef' semi-finalists Mr Evans, Miss Sandiford, Mr Cosgrove and Mrs McCallum who will compete for places in the final at the next heat due to take place on 26th March. The winner of this prestigious event will be crowned as 'Droylsden Academy Staff Master Chef' following the final on 25th June!



This week's assemblies have focussed on the important quality of 'Politeness', one of our three core values along with those of 'Hard Work' and 'Honesty' or PH².

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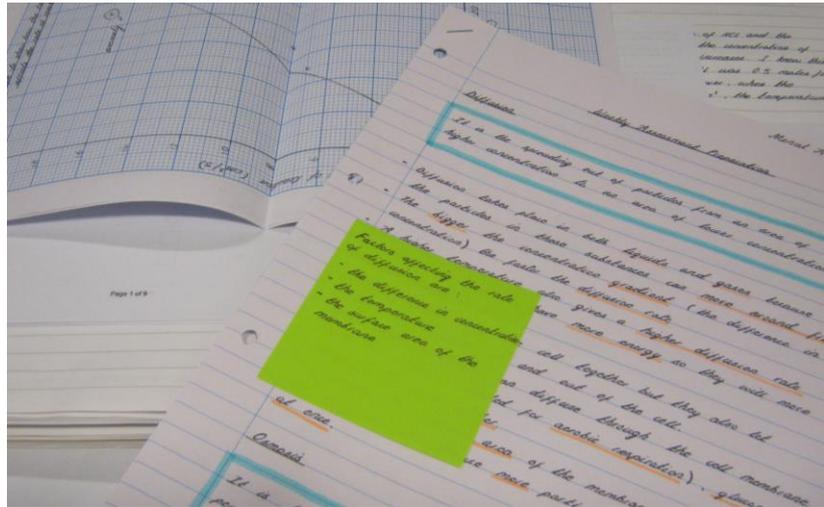
GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 11 school weeks left, just 55 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Clearly, it is absolutely crucial that Year 11 students attend every day between now and their examinations so that they do not miss any of their exam preparation.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Menal Aamir from Year 9 who has been nominated as Student of the Week.

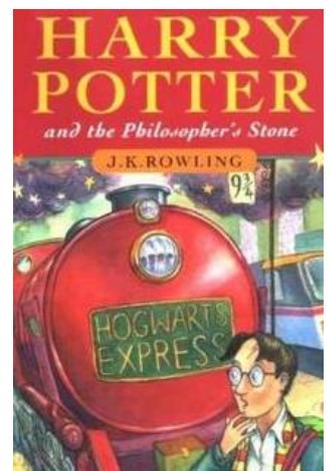


Menal has been nominated by the Science Department as she has made a fantastic start to her GCSE course. Menal consistently prepares well for her weekly assessments by writing out the key points for the topic along with some excellent and detailed revision notes. Menal's presentation is excellent which clearly demonstrates the pride that she takes in her work. Well done Menal.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

To tie in with next week's Harry Potter Mastermind Quiz, the book of the week is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', the first novel in the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling.

The novel follows the story of Harry, a young wizard who discovers his magical heritage on his eleventh birthday, when he receives a letter of acceptance to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry makes close friends and a few enemies during his first year at the school and, with the help of his friends, Harry faces an attempted comeback by the dark wizard, Lord Voldemort, who killed Harry's parents, but failed to kill Harry when he was just 15 months old. The book was first published in the United Kingdom in 1997. It won most of the British book awards that were judged by children. The book reached the top of the New York Times list of best-selling fiction in August 1999 and stayed near the top of that list for much of 1999 and 2000. It has been translated into at least 73 other languages and has been made into a feature-length film of the same name, as have all six of the sequels.



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Most reviews were very favourable, commenting on Rowling's imagination, humour, simple, direct style and clever plot construction. The writing has been compared to that of Jane Austen, one of Rowling's favourite authors; Roald Dahl, whose works dominated children's stories before the appearance of Harry Potter; and the Ancient Greek storyteller Homer. While some commentators thought the book looked backwards to Victorian and Edwardian boarding school stories, others thought it placed the genre firmly in the modern world by featuring contemporary ethical and social issues, as well as overcoming obstacles like bullies. It still continues to capture the imaginations of children and adults alike 22 years later and encourages those reluctant readers to step into a wonderful, fantastical world full of adventure!

WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, Mrs Godrich is on a mission to find Droylsden Academy's 'Top 20 Favourite Books of All Time'! Before half term staff, and students were asked to nominate their favourite books ever. A shortlist will be created and then, next week, staff and students will vote for their favourite books from the shortlist. Our winner will be announced on World Book Day!



REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Lost property

Once more, we are amassing a huge amount of lost property. If your child has lost a coat, bag, shoes, trainers or an item of clothing, please encourage them to check the collection of lost property at Student Services. Have a look at the photo here, is there anything you recognise?



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Harry Potter Mastermind Quiz

Our Harry Potter Mastermind quiz takes place in the Atrium on Thursday 7th March at 6pm! We have a number of Harry Potter aficionados who are keen to test their knowledge with their eyes firmly fixed on the Mastermind Trophy. Students, staff, parents and carers are invited to watch the quiz and are encouraged to dress up appropriately. There will be a prize for the best costume. There will be a few Harry Potter related refreshments on sale with all monies being donated to the 'Walk The Walk' Breast Cancer Charity. The audience should arrive at school by 5.45pm and the quiz should finish at approximately 7pm. We hope that everyone involved has an enjoyable and informative evening.

ESafety

With the vast array of Social Media Platforms and Apps available to students and young people, ESafety can be a huge concern for parents and carers. With this in mind we will be publishing a series of guides in Newsflash which we hope will help you to keep your children safe and secure. The first guide on how to use 'Instagram' safely can be found on the back page of this edition.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE Geography residentials to the East Yorkshire Coast will take place over the weekends of 29th to 31st March and 26th to 28th April.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 4th April.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 5th April.

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HUMAN RESOURCES' OFFICER

Full Time/Full Year – 36 hours per week

Closing Date: Friday 15th March 2019

Interview Date: w/c 25th March 2019

Band G - Pt 29-32 (£26,470 – £29,055)

The Role

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding HR Officer, who is able to work effectively in a busy environment providing efficient, high quality HR support and guidance to the leadership team supported by the Director of Human Resources.

We would like to hear from candidates who are enthusiastic and self-motivated, who have strong interpersonal, negotiating and influencing skills. Ideally you will be CIPD qualified (level 3 or higher) or be willing to work towards qualification. The successful candidate will manage all aspects of the school's Human Resource function across the employee lifecycle including:

- recruitment & selection (incl. safer recruitment)
- induction & probation
- contracts/salaries
- appraisal, quality assurance & professional development
- staff attendance & annual leave
- monthly payroll procedures
- staff welfare & well-being

The School

Droylsden Academy is enjoying a period of rapid improvement; this is a very exciting time to join us as we are building a team of committed professionals who are driven in making our vision of becoming outstanding a reality.

The Academy was recently inspected (September 2017) and Ofsted noted the rapid progress our school is making. The result of this inspection was the School being judged good in all areas.

"Pupils behave well, they are proud of their school and take on leadership roles readily"

"The school's core values of politeness, hardworking and honesty are in abundance"

"Pupils are interested in their learning because teachers have excellent subject knowledge and plan carefully"

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.

Interested applicants should complete our Application Form detailing how they satisfy the job description on a maximum of 2 sides of A4 letter (Font size 11).

Completed applications should be returned to Mrs B Fish, PA to the Executive Headteacher & Headteacher, at the Academy.

