

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Holcombe Moor

The Combined Cadet Force spent a cold, wet and windy weekend at Holcombe Moor earlier this month where they undertook some basic weapons training, using drill rifles and blank rounds, in preparation for their week-long camp in the summer. The Cadets were also put through their paces on the Drill Square by two of the Training Sergeants. Everyone enjoyed the weekend and all the MOD staff who worked with the Droylsden Cadets were really impressed by their attitude and commitment.



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Year 8 English

Year 8 English classes have been focussing on persuasive writing this week with students taking on the role of the 'bodyguard'. The students wrote persuasive letters to the papers about the unfair and biased way in which bodyguards are often portrayed in the Media and then got into character to make the point to their peers!



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Science Quiz

Last week saw the very first Droylsden Academy 'Science Battle' with Year 10 students competing in their house teams to win the accolade as 'The Academy's Top Scientists'. There were several rounds to test the student's knowledge of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and, as an additional challenge, the teams faced a Maths and Science Round where they had to solve problems using Equations and the Periodic Table!



The most exciting round, however, was the 'Build a Parachute Round' where the students were challenged to design and build a parachute, using the resources given, that would allow an egg to drop from the Lily Pad without breaking. There were some rather ingenious designs, from double layered parachutes to a rather bold ball shaped parachute! Sadly, not all the eggs survived!



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After all the 'eggitement', Albion House were crowned the winners. Well done to Lucy Alderson, Elliot Davey, Hannah Davies, Jackie Tran, Adam Ali-Brown and Lily McKenna on an 'eggcellent' performance for Albion and commiserations to Oakfield, Saxon and Victoria on a valiant effort. Thank you to all the students who took part in what was an enjoyable evening, with all participants gaining House Points for their respective Houses.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Academy Year 9/10 Girls 'A Team' who won the Silver Medal at the Tameside Volleyball Championships this week. In a fiercely fought competition, the girls won 5 out of their 6 games and were only pipped to the Gold Medal by Fairfield who beat us 10-9 in a timed game. Well done Zainab Ibraheem, Taylor Megram (Super Server), Jenny Astle and Caitlin Beckett on a fantastic performance. Well done also to the 'B Team', made up of Britney Akukwe, Hannah Thomas, Erin-Leigh Clarke and Lucy Alderson who came in 6th place overall and showed a real grit and determination throughout the evening.



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'Masterchef' 2020

Congratulations to Elisa Morreale who was crowned 'Droylsden Academy Masterchef 2020' at the grand final staged at the 'Tameside One' Restaurant in Ashton this week. In a tightly fought contest, Elisa beat Alfie Haggerty and Daniel Dadashzadeh, the other two finalists, to this year's title. A full report will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.



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, Mr Jackson had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with a group of students who have shown real character as members of their respective Year Groups.



Oscar Doe Ncha	Olivia Buckley-Wild	Zariah Hodgson	Nana Kwame Asabere
Karen Manuawa James	Leyla Khushbakht	Tinu Lawal	Sammy Hampson

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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 9 school weeks left, just 45 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.



Year 10, your Pre-Public Examinations will continue next week as outlined below. We hope that the first week has gone well and that you are revising thoroughly for your remaining examinations.

Mon 16th March	9.00am: Combined Science/Triple Science Chemistry Paper 1 12.05pm: English Literature 1.40pm: Business Studies/Food & Nutrition
Tue 17th March	9.00am: Religious Studies/Engineering 11.14am: Sport 1.40pm: Statistics
Wed 18th March	9.00am: French/Spanish (Writing)
Thur 19th March	No written examinations today
Fri 20th March	12.05pm: Photography (Option Group 10B)

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

An important letter about the Coronavirus from Mr Wilson and Tameside MBC

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

As you may be aware a case of COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus) has been confirmed in Tameside. Clearly this is a concerning time for residents and parents but I would like to reassure you that the risk to the individuals remains low. I would just like to highlight that it's important we respect and protect patient confidentiality and that knowing the location of the patient does not change the guidance we should follow.

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Please be assured that Public Health England (PHE) have been contacting those who have been in close contact with the resident and will advise any individuals or workplaces on any action required. Anyone who is not contacted by PHE does therefore not need to take any action at this time other than following the good general hygiene advice at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

We are working closely with the local authority and PHE and receiving regular updated guidance.

PHE have assessed the risk and confirmed that there is currently no information to suggest that there is any increased health risk to any of boroughs school pupils or staff and no public health reason for any schools to close or for staff/pupils not to attend.

We will of course keep you updated of any changes to the situation or new guidance and advice.

Of those who catch coronavirus, the great majority will have a mild-to-moderate illness – similar to flu. However, we do need to protect ourselves and our community – particularly older people and those with pre-existing health conditions. A simple and effective way to protect yourself and others from coronavirus is by making sure you wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you are unwell make sure you catch your coughs and sneezes in a tissue, throw the tissues away, then wash your hands.

For those that think they might have coronavirus, have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus, or been in close contact with someone with coronavirus, advice is to please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19 . If they need to speak to someone call [NHS 111](http://NHS111) – please don't go to your doctor, pharmacist or hospital as you could pass the infection to others.

You will also find plenty of advice and guidance online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Yours faithfully

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'A Journey Through Time'

The Year 11 BTEC Music group will be producing, hosting and performing in a musical extravaganza 'A Journey Through Time' on 25th March. The event will take you on a musical journey with some iconic songs from the last few decades! The group are putting the evening together as part of their coursework and your support would be appreciated! Further details can be found on the flyer below or, alternatively, please contact Miss Burgess on aburgess@droylsdenacademy.com if you would like any further information. We are sure everyone will have a great evening!

YEAR 11 BTEC MUSIC PRESENT.....

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

1980S 1970S 1960S 1950S 1990S 2000S 2010S

"THE BAD NEWS IS TIME FLIES BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS MEMORIES BRING IT BACK!"

DOORS OPEN - 6.45pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

7PM

**ADULT: £3
CONCESSIONS: £2
UNDER 5: FREE**

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM -
@droylsdenacademyconcert_

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Lost Property

Once again, we have accumulated vast amounts of Lost Property, including coats and 3 bags full of clothing and un-named PE Kit from the changing rooms. If your child has lost anything, please encourage them to visit Student Services to see if it is here. Anything unclaimed at the end of the term will be donated to a local Charity Shop.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Musical Production 'A Journey Through Time' will be performed by Y11 BTEC Music students on the evening of Wednesday 25th March.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 26th March. Parents and carers of students should have received further information about the Consultation Evening this week.

The first of the two residential Geography Fieldtrips to the East Coast of Yorkshire will take place over the weekend of 27th to 29th March.

There will be a Staff and Student Quiz Night on Tuesday 31st March.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 3rd April.

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Curriculum Leader – Technology and Art

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR + TLR 1 (TLR point dependant on experience of successful candidate)

Closing Date: 29th March 2020

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Start Date: September 2020

We are looking to recruit a dynamic, skilled and creative Curriculum Leader with a specialism in Design Technology who is passionate about Design and Technology and Art education. With responsibility for managing the Art, Photography, Food and Design and Technology team, along with an Assistant Curriculum Leader and two technicians, you will have strong leadership and interpersonal skills that promote high quality teaching. You will be responsible for the development and management of this forward thinking and successful department. We are looking for a Curriculum Leader who will embrace our drive to ensure that Design and Technology and Art is at the core of our curriculum and has student progress at the forefront of their teaching.

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 inspected in 2019 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”

If you are a teacher who

- Has an excellent track record
- Has sound subject knowledge
- Is an excellent classroom practitioner
- Is interested in working with a strong and committed faculty within the school

then this is the ideal opportunity for you.

All candidates must hold QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).

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.

More information and details on how to apply can be found at:

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

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