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PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP ON IMPROVING

The Senior Leadership Team are beginning the process of writing the new Academy Improvement Plan (AIP). This plan will have the priorities, plans and actions that will be required between 2019 and 2021 to bring further school improvement. The plan we write drives all our meetings and our work over the next two years so it is incredibly important that we get this right for you.

As part of this process, we are determined to hear the ideas of as many key stakeholders as possible, especially those of students and their parents/carers.

To help us with our planning, it would be great if you could share any ideas that you may have about how we can further improve our school. Please be as constructive as possible. There are plenty of forums where students and parents can raise concerns or praise the school but this request is more specific.

The key questions are:

1. What priorities should the school have for 2019-20 and 2020-21 and why?
2. What actions should the Senior Leadership Team put into place to drive this improvement?

If you have any suggestions or ideas please let us know via email at:

admin@droylsdenacademy.com

marking your message as either Student AIP Suggestion or Parent/Carer AIP Suggestion accordingly.

The deadline to allow us to properly consider your ideas is Friday 17th May 2019. We would be most grateful if you could find a little time to share your thoughts.

Thank you

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Geography Field Trip to the East Coast

The second group of Year 11 GCSE Geography students completed their residential fieldtrip to the East Coast of Yorkshire last week. They stayed at the YHA in Beverley and, over the weekend, visited Flamborough Head to study caves, arches and stacks and the formation of headlands and bays and wave-cut platforms, the cliffs at Aldbrough and then Mappleton and Hornsea to look at coastal defences, erosion and management.



It started off cold and windy.....



..... but then the sun came out!

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GCSE Food and Nutrition

Year 10 students studying Food and Nutrition tasted 'Street Food' from around the World as part of the research for their GCSE assessment.



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Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

The Academy held a Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for parents and carers of students in Year 8 this week. We hope that everyone who attended found it useful and informative.



Thank you to Quinny Tamukui, Daisy Owen and Tracey Nwanze for staffing reception and signing parents in on the evening.

Droylsden Academy Combined Cadet Force

Staff who will be leading the Droylsden Academy Combined Cadet Force are now attending regular training sessions each week in preparation for our 'First Parade' in September. Ms Hamilton, Mr Blick, Mrs McCallum and Ms Ball will soon be scheduling their one week basic training course at Frimley in Surrey before they attend the commissioning interviews with their Commanding Officer.

The recruitment process for our first cohort of Droylsden Academy cadets will be starting very soon when we will be inviting students to apply to be a member of the CCF. Further information on the recruitment process will be available soon.

The Prince's Trust

Congratulations to the following students who have all achieved their Level 1 qualifications in those units as detailed below:

Aiden Maycox	Career Planning & Digital Skills
Harrison O'Brien	Career Planning, Digital Skills & Managing Money
Aaron Clark	Career Planning & Digital Skills
Lucy Godwin	Personal Project & Digital Skills
Tamzin Brotherton	Personal Project & Digital Skills
Logan Yates	Teamwork & Digital Skills
Zoe Mills	Career Planning & Digital Skills



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

All Year 11 students have now been issued with their GCSE examination timetable. The timetable for the two weeks leading up until the May Half Term Holiday is shown below. **Please look through your child's examination timetable with them and familiarise yourself with the dates and times of the exams that they will be sitting.**

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 13 th May	am	Computer Science Paper 1
	pm	
Tue 14 th May	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Triple Science: Biology Paper 1 Combined Science: Biology Paper 1
Wed 15 th May	am	Portuguese (Writing) Urdu (Listening and Reading) PE Paper 1 (Fitness and Body Systems) BTEC Health & Social Care (Resit): Health & Wellbeing
	pm	English Literature Paper 1
Thur 16 th May	am	Triple Science: Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 1
	pm	Computer Science Paper 2
Fri 17 th May	am	French (Writing)
	pm	Drama (Performance and Response) PE Paper 2 (Health and Performance)
Mon 20 th May	am	
	pm	Portuguese (Listening and Writing)
Tue 21 st May	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)
	pm	Geography Paper 1
Wed 22 nd May	am	Spanish (Listening and Reading) Urdu (Writing) Chinese (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Triple Science: Physics Paper 1 Combined Science: Physics Paper 1
Thur 23 rd May	am	English Literature Paper 2
	pm	
Fri 24 th May	am	Italian (Listening and Reading)
	pm	-

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Mental Self Care

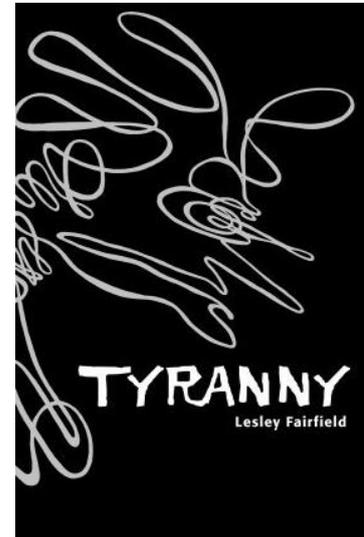
Over the next month, the Library will be promoting Mental Health Awareness with books, activities and leaflets encouraging everyone to take the time to give themselves a little mental self-care. The activities are based on issues around body image and are designed to help boost self-esteem. There will also be a number of exam stress books available to help Year 11 cope with the exam season.

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Book of the Week

'Mental Health Awareness Week' is a national awareness campaign that takes place every May and, as outlined above, the theme for this year is Body Image. The Book of the Week, 'Tyranny' by Lesley Fairfield, tackles the difficult issues around eating disorders.

This graphic novel is a stark and moving take of hope and survival as Anna finally learns to accept herself and reclaim her life after years of battling an eating disorder and her own personal demon, Tyranny.



The 'Cookies and Comic' Club

The first meeting of the Cookies and Comic Club took place in the Library last Thursday. It was well attended by Comic, Graphic Novel and Manga hungry Year 7 students whose first task was to read the shortlist for the Stan Lee Excelsior Award and vote for their favourite titles. These votes have now been submitted and will help determine the best Comic Book, Graphic Novel or Manga in the 11-14 year old category of this year's awards. At the next meeting, the students have been asked to bring along their favourite book for a 'balloon debate'. Which student will be the most persuasive and have their book allowed in the hot air balloon?



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Training will commence for Year 9 Bronze Award students next week. All students will be expected to attend training sessions to practice and develop skills in map reading, basic first aid and cooking with tangias as well as learning about the countryside code, rucksack packing and camp craft. It is essential that students have the skills and understanding to complete their practice expedition and then their final assessed expedition. A Duke of Edinburgh Support Group will also be open to all participating students every Thursday lunchtime in M10.



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Ms Hamilton and Mrs McCallum will be hosting a Duke of Edinburgh parents/carer's drop in session on Thursday 16th May from 3.45pm through until 6.00pm in the Atrium at the Academy. The drop in session is open to all parents/carers of Year 9 students who are participating in the Bronze Award and is designed to provide an opportunity for parents/carers to find out more about the Award and what they can do to support their child.



FUND RAISING FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

This week, your child should have brought home a letter about our 'Silent Auction' which we are holding to raise money for 'Make-A-Wish', a charity that brings to life the dreams and wishes of children suffering with critical illnesses. This could be starring in their own film, being a millionaire for a day or meeting their hero. This is a charity that makes a child's wish a reality at a time when they need it most.

A number of local businesses have donated items or experiences for our fund raising event which we will now auction off to raise money for Make-A-Wish, Manchester.

We have 5 items or experiences that are up for auction. These are:

- A signed Manchester City Match Day Programme
- 5 tickets for 'UK Paintball'. Each ticket gives the holder a full day's entry, all their equipment hire and lunch. One of the ticket holders will also get 100 free paintballs.
- A 60 minute activity session for 10 people at 'One Adventure' in Droylsden. The activity list to pick from includes Axe throwing, Archery, Nerf War, Reactor Cave Maze, Adventure Golf or Laser Tag.
- A 30 minute Go-Karting race, split into two 15 minute sessions, for an adult or a child from 'TeamSport'. A full briefing is included at the start of the event, so no previous experience is required. 'TeamSport' will also provide all the race wear required including the full race suit, helmet and gloves.
- 5 tickets to the 'Skate Station' in Ashton.

These items or experiences will be sold to the highest bidder in the Academy's first 'Silent Auction'. If you are interested in bidding for any of them, then please fill out the form on the back of the letter that your child brought home then drop it off in the box at Students Services.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulation to Stephen Parkes who has been nominated as student of the week.

Stephen has been nominated by the English Department as he is aiming for, and should achieve, a Grade 9, the top grade under the new grading system, in his English Language GCSE in the summer 2020. He is working really hard and is engaging well both in lessons and in extra creative writing classes with Mr Palmer. Keep it up Stephen and remember hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard!



REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Extra-Curricular PE

The following extra-curricular activities will run over the remainder of the Summer Term. Sessions will start at 2.35pm after Lesson 5 has finished. Why not get involved and get active!

Monday	The Fitness Suite is open for students from Years 10 and 11. Girls Football (All years) Boys Football (Year 7)
Tuesday	Netball (All years) Boys Football (Year 9)
Wednesday	Athletics skills and techniques
Thursday	Athletics: Jump, Throw and Run! Boys Football (Year 8)
Friday	The Fitness Suite is open for students from Years 7, 8 and 9.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Injections against HPV2 will take place for Year 8 girls on Tuesday 21st May. Consent forms have already been completed and returned by parents/carers.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 24th May. The Academy re-opens after the holiday on Monday 3rd June.

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Posts - 2 x English Teachers – Main Scale/Upper Pay Scale

We require two talented Teachers of English to join our English Faculty. The ability to teach some Humanities is desirable but not essential. Applications from NQT's are welcome.

The posts will commence in September 2019.

Pay Scale: MPS/UPS (starting point can be negotiated for an outstanding applicant)

Closing Date: Tuesday 14th May 2019

Interview Date: 17th, 20th and 21st May 2019

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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

this is the ideal opportunity for you.

All candidates must hold QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).

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Completed applications should be returned to: cbeardmore@droylsdenacademy.com or

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

Posts - Science Teacher - Main Scale/Upper Pay Scale

We require a talented Teacher of Science to join our Science Faculty. Applications from NQT's are welcome.

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Head of Year/Teacher of English – TLR 2c (£6,646)

Head of Year/Teacher of Science – TLR 2c (£6,646)

We require a Head of Year with an English specialism and a Head of Year with a Science specialism.

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