

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emma Wictome, a member of the Science Department, who has been awarded her MA by Cambridge University. Emma graduated from Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, with a 2:1 Honours Degree in Natural Sciences in 2015 and received her MA at a ceremony last week.



Whilst studying for her degree in the Natural Sciences, Emma studied Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Geology before going on to complete and publish her dissertation on Neuroscience. Emma then worked in cancer research for a year before joining the Science Department at Droylsden. Interestingly, David Attenborough also studied the same course, Natural Sciences, at Murray Edwards College so perhaps an amazing career in television and broadcasting from all corners of the planet awaits you too Emma!

Congratulations also go Lily May Heeney, Jeffrey Lokolutu, Harrison Roden and Daniel Dalton, from Year 11, and to Derrisha Acheampong, Emanuel Akubuo, Vandis Akukwe, Teresa Arhunmwude, Luke

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Bailey, Isaac Boakye, Louisa Childs, Connor Dopson, Connor Downend, Aaron Fletcher, Rio Harrison, Keira Hill, Bayleigh Jackson, Nikita Joshi, Mary Kiwa, Macy Lloyd, Jessy Lukusa, Lewis McGann, David Mundy, Tracy Nwanze, Stephen Parkes, Mia Phelan, Brandon Phiri, Phoebe Plant, Kenzie Rees, Remel Robinson, Sadie Samways, Megan Walker, Connor Wilson and Lumbani Zimba, from Year 10, on achieving the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.



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Macbeth comes to Droylsden!

Last week, Year 11 students were invited to a bespoke production of Macbeth, performed by the Manacto Theatre Company, to support their revision for GCSE English Literature.



After an exciting hour of witchcraft, deception and sword fighting, our students are now bursting with their own ambition to do their best in their forthcoming exam; let's hope it helped to 'screw' those quotes to the 'sticking place'! Those familiar with the play will recognise these quotes here!

The after school performance was really well attended, the students really enjoyed it and were engaged throughout. Well done Year 11 on your commitment to your English Literature course.



Food 4 Thought!

Year 11 students attended a 'Food 4 Thought' English Revision and Intervention Session at the Su Largo Restaurant in Oldham this week where they combined GCSE English with an Italian meal. The group worked with their English teachers from 3.00pm to 5.30pm and then enjoyed Pizza and Ice Cream. Feedback would suggest that the students had a really productive and enjoyable evening.



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Food and Nutrition

Year 9 and 10 students studying GCSE Food and Nutrition have been experimenting with flavour combinations to get ideas and inspiration for their GCSE practical assessments. Some of the ingredients they tasted included calamari, parma ham, pierogi, smoked salmon, fresh crab, orzo and muscles. Some ingredients were a little more popular than others!



Meanwhile, Year 8 students make Hot Cross Buns!



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The 'Big 3' Assemblies

This week we held our 'Big 3' Assemblies across all year groups to acknowledge student achievement against the 3 key measures of Attendance, Attainment and Progress. Well done to all the students who achieved the criteria against one or more of these key outcomes and congratulations, in particular, to the following students who achieved against all three measures.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Nadeen Albajouri Thomas Turner Jennifer Astle Michael Sarpong Maryam Khanom

Years 10 and 11

Ali Al Dalaty Bayleigh Jackson Anastecia Asamoah Jack Gee Amelia Hutton Maham Khan
Jonathan Le Callum McKenna Sophie Owen Amina Subhani Imogen Wright

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club have been making the most of the recent sunny weather and have been busy planting and watering beetroots, sunflowers and French beans. Our spring bulbs are also now out in full bloom!



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'Girls into Technology'

A group of Year 10 girls visited Tameside College this week to take part in an event aimed at encouraging girls to follow a university course or career in Technology. The girls took part in a number of activities which gave them a broader knowledge and understanding of this important sector and had a really enjoyable morning.



The Droylsden Schools Partnership Quiz

Last Thursday saw the second round of the Partnership Primaries and Droylsden Academy Inter-School Quiz. The topic for the quiz was the books of Roald Dahl and the teams had to pit their knowledge against some tough questions set by Mrs Godrich our Librarian and resident Quiz Master. All the teams gave a fantastic performance and on the final count we had a two way tie break between Moorside and Fairfield. It took three tie break questions to finally decide that Moorside were the winners. St. Mary's, the cup holders, handed over the Inter-School Quiz Challenge Trophy for Moorside to keep and display until the next competition later in the year.

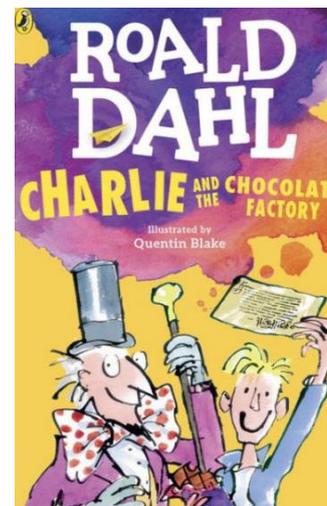
BOOK OF THE WEEK

To keep with the Roald Dahl theme and to herald the Easter Holiday, this week's selection is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This title was number 6 on the Droylsden Academy 'Top 20 Favourite Books of All Time', as voted for by staff and students for World Book Day this year.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was published in 1964 as a children's novel. The story features the adventures of young Charlie Bucket inside the Chocolate Factory of eccentric Chocolatier Willy Wonka. The book has been adapted into two major motion pictures, 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' in 1971, and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' in 2005. The book's sequel, 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator', was written by Roald Dahl in 1971 and published in 1972. Dahl had also planned to write a third book in the series but never finished it.

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The story was originally inspired by Roald Dahl's experience of Chocolate Companies during his schooldays. Cadbury would often send test packages to the schoolchildren in exchange for their opinions on the new products. At that time, around the 1920s, Cadbury and Rowntree's were England's two largest chocolate makers and they often tried to steal trade secrets by sending spies or posing as employees at each other's factories. Because of this, both companies became highly protective of their chocolate-making processes. It was a combination of this secrecy and the elaborate, often gigantic, machines in the factory that inspired Dahl to write the story.



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 4 school weeks left, just 20 days in school, until the GCSE examinations start.

There is a clear expectation that, if invited, all students will attend those sessions for the subjects and examination tier that they take. The Easter timetable can be found below:

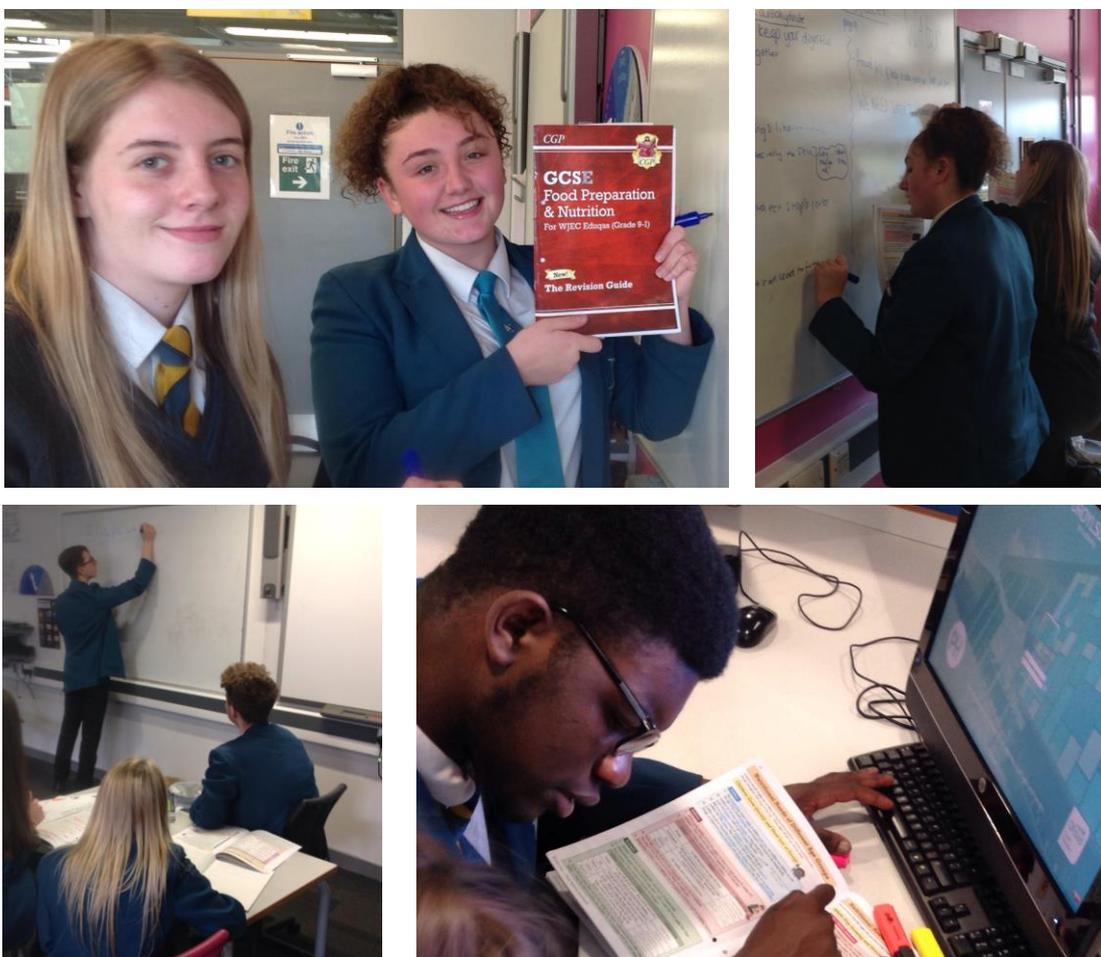
Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Mon 8th April	ICT (Selected students only)	ICT (Selected students only)
Tues 9th April	ICT (Selected students only)	ICT (Selected students only)
Weds 10th April	Maths Music Technology	Geography (Mrs Banks) Music Technology
Thurs 11th April	Art	Art
Fri 12th April	Drama PE	Drama
Mon 15th April	Geography (Mr Jackson)	English (Selected students only)
Tues 16th April	English	English (11 XE only)
Weds 17th April	Spanish	-
Thurs 18th April	-	Dance

Speaking exams in Spanish, French, Italian and Polish all took place this week. We hope that they have gone well.

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Revision can be fun!

The following photographs were taken at a revision workshop run for students taking GCSE Food and Nutrition.



PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

This is an important message for all students.....

The school day starts promptly at 8.30am if a student is not in registration by this time, they will be classed as late and issued a 30 minute lunch time detention for that day. This will take place in the detention room used for 'isolated lunch'.

If a student is late more than once in a week, they will also receive a two hour SLT detention on Friday evening as well as losing their lunch break on each of the days they have been late.

Parents and carers need to be aware that morning registers close at 9.30am and any student arriving after this time has an unauthorised absence mark recorded for that session which will obviously affect their overall attendance rate.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's nomination is Rocco Colbourne from Year 7.

Rocco has been nominated by the Mathematics Department as he always persists and works hard. He has grown in confidence as the year has gone on and has become a resilient learner. This week he has produced some outstanding work on angles with carefully drawn and extremely accurate diagrams and shapes. Well done Rocco and keep it up!



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS

Please take care of your property as, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that personal possessions left unattended will be secure. If you have PE, Sport or Dance, we strongly recommend that you leave anything of value at home, or keep it in your locker, rather than leaving it in the changing rooms.

Please note that the Academy cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

Thank you

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

A Book Amnesty! Please return your overdue books to the Academy Library.



In an attempt to have all overdue books returned to the library, Mrs Godrich has decided to hold an amnesty. For the next month there will be no consequences for students who return their overdue library books - no loss of PRIDE points and no detentions.

The Book Return Bin has been placed in the Great Learning Zone so that anonymity can be maintained for any offenders. The usual consequences for overdue books will be reinstated in May so have a good look around at home and ensure that any overdue books are returned during the amnesty.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The second GCSE Geography residential to the East Yorkshire Coast will take place over the weekend of 26th to 28th April.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 5th April. We will re-open for the Summer Term on Tuesday 23rd April.

JOB VACANCIES AT THE ACADEMY

ASSISTANT CARETAKER

Band B: Point 3 – Point 4 (£9.61 - £9.81 per hour)

Part Time: 2pm – 6pm Monday – Friday (full year)

CLOSING DATE: 3rd May 2019 – 12 noon

INTERVIEW DATE: to be confirmed

The Role

We require a reliable, flexible and professional Assistant Caretaker to provide efficient and effective support to the Academy to ensure that the general appearance of the building and surrounding areas are maintained in accordance with the required standards.

The School

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LETTINGS SUPERVISOR

Salary - Grade E (Point 11 – 16) - £11.26 - £12.44 per hour (negotiable depending on level of experience)

HOURS OF WORK: 15 hours per week (evenings and weekends) (full year)

CLOSING DATE: 3rd May 2019 – 12 noon

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We are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic Lettings Supervisor who will promote and ensure the smooth and professional running of our Lettings Team and facilities.

The main purpose of the role is to supervise the lettings operation and to provide a high quality customer service role for evening and weekend bookings at the Academy.

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