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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Performers of the Month!

This week, the Expressive Arts Department nominated their first 'Performers of the Month' for the academic year. Congratulations to Yunisa, Ben and Kiki on their nominations and thank you, on behalf of your teachers, for your creativity and the positive contribution you have made to your lessons!

Yunisa Barrie has been nominated as Performer of the Month for Dance as he has made such a positive start to Year 8. He has applied himself in every lesson and has demonstrated his creativity by choreographing a group piece in the style of 'Swansong', a professional piece of work. Yunisa works excellently as part of a team and always listens to ideas from his peers. Well done Yunisa, you are a star!



Ben Williams has been nominated as Performer of the Month for Music as he has made a really positive contribution to his Year 7 Class. He has shown a real resilience and is always keen to get involved and answer questions. Ben produced an excellent rhythmic composition with his group on the current project and shows real promise as a budding musician! Well done, Ben!

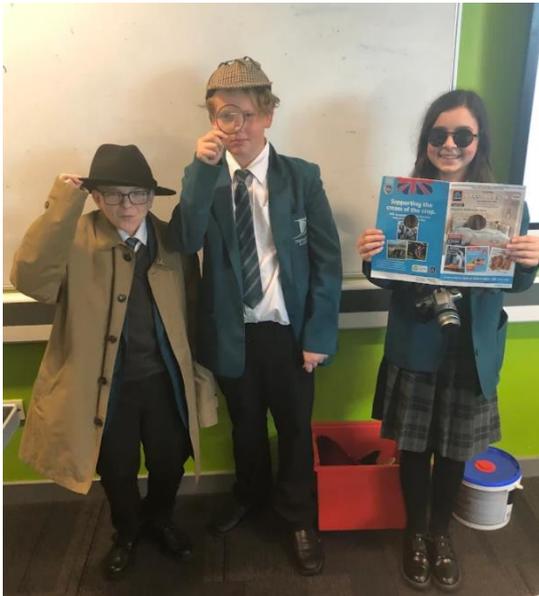
Kiki Akingbogun has been nominated as Performer of the Month for Drama. She, too, has made a great start to Year 8 and her application and commitment to the roles she has performed have been a wonderful example and an inspiration to her peers. We are currently studying the work of Bertold Brecht, the celebrated Theatre Practitioner and Playwright, and Kiki's physical and vocal skills have been perfect! Keep up the hard work Kiki!



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Photographer/Editor of the Month

Congratulations also go to **Joe McKenna** from Year 11 who is the inaugural winner of our new award for the Photographer and Editor of the Month! Joe has demonstrated real skill and creativity in putting his portfolio together and many of his photographs and edits have appeared in Newsflash over the last two years.



English

Mr Clays-Jones submitted this photograph of three budding spies from Class 8XE! The group have made an exceptional start to the new unit of work 'SPIES!' and the photograph here shows **Millie Haggerty**, **Liam Peppard** and **Jacob Dennerly** really getting into the role and presenting to the class about why they would make a successful spy! They even went on to talk about the successful missions they had completed! Are their parents aware what they get up into in their spare time? They clearly look the part and, who knows, perhaps we have the new James Bond at Droylsden Academy!

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to Mrs Mayers and Miss Keating who organised our MacMillan Coffee Morning in remembrance of Heather Hirst, the Academy Catering Manager, who sadly passed away over the summer. Thank you also to all the staff who supported the event, either by providing cakes or buying and eating them, which raised £370 in Heather's memory.



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The Maths 'Open Zone'

The Maths 'Open Zone' is open to any student who wishes to work on Homework, 'MathsWatch', or Maths Revision, or even just to try some maths puzzles, and is open at lunch time and after school every day.

The photo here shows Year 7 students working hard in the 'Open Zone'. You see, Maths can be fun!

Football

This week, the Year 8 football team played Congleton High School in the English Schools Cup, winning the match 9-4 and putting them into the second round!

Congleton equalised in the second half before Droylsden cut loose and scored an amazing six goals, whilst only conceding one, in the final twenty minutes. Well done to the whole team on a great performance and, in particular, to **Shayne Conlon** who scored six goals, a 'double hat trick'! The other goals were scored by **Yunisa Barrie**, **Dylan Francis** and **Callum Gilder** who all scored one each.



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Well done also to the Year 7 'A' and 'B' Teams who competed against Mossley Hollins and Copley in a 6-A-Side tournament this week. The A Team won two matches, 8-0 and 1-0, and drew one, 1-1, whilst the B Team won one, 1-0, drew one, 1-1, and lost one, 1-0.

Thank you also to **Jephthah Adams** and **Lamech Asamoah-Tannor**, two of the Academy Sports Leaders, who refereed a primary school football game between Manchester Road and St Anne's at Droylsden Juniors ground this week. Both boys did a great job!



Food and Nutrition

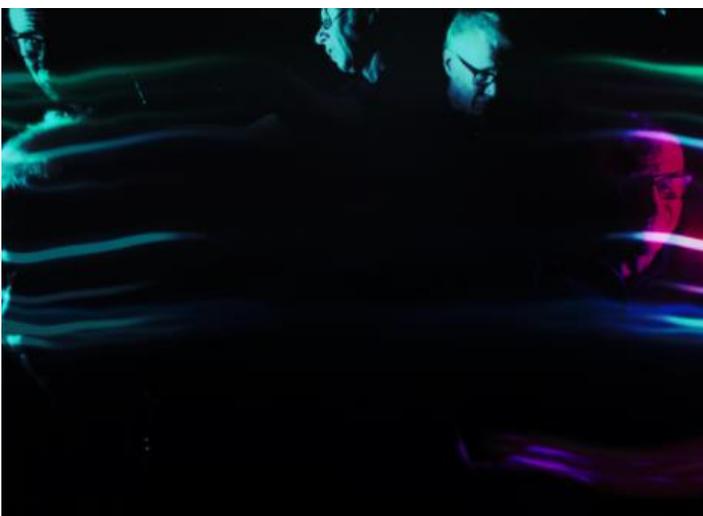
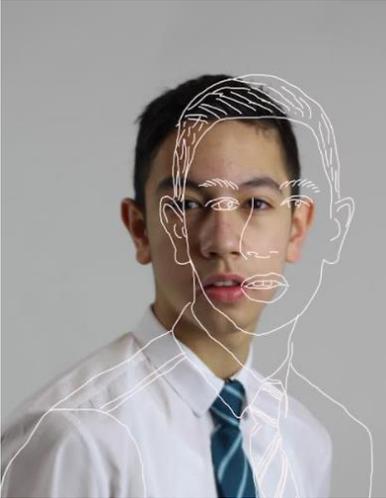
A big thank you to Cathy from 'Sparkles Cakes' in Chadderton who visited the Academy this week to give a presentation and lead a workshop on cake decorating for the Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition Group.



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Photography

Thank you to **Luke Laing, Layton Matthews, Megan Ikin, Joe McKenna** and **Katy Taylor**, all from Year 11, for submitting their work for this week's edition of Newsflash. The GCSE Photography Group have been looking at portraits and the use of colour gels.



'Times Tables Rock Stars'

The results are in and have now been verified....

TIMES TABLES

Congratulations to 7E, the winning Form, and to 7O and 7L who came in second and third place respectively! Congratulations also to the Year 7 Team who beat Mossley Hollins in the Summer School Challenge!

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Jack Morgan** from Year 7 and **Hannah Sykes** and **Aidie Rutter** from Year 10 on their nominations as Student of the Week.



Jack has been nominated by the Maths Department as he has made a fantastic start to Year 7. He is already displaying a fantastic mathematical knowledge and understanding and is brilliant at writing it up and explaining his findings. Great work, Jack and keep it up!

Hannah and Aidie have been nominated by the Science Department as they have both made an excellent start to their Triple Science GCSE Course. They both regularly volunteer contributions in lessons and have worked together as excellent lab partners. So far Hannah and Aidie have grown bacterial cultures using aseptic techniques, tested the efficiency of antibiotics and antiseptics and observed plant cells. Aidie also carried out a fantastic investigation into the effect of osmosis on potato cells! Well done to this week's Scientific Dynamic Duo!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 26 school weeks left, just 130 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Key Dates

Make sure that the following important dates are in your Student Planner:

Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will be held on Thursday 14th October.

Your first set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 22nd November to 3rd December.

Your second set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 7th to 18th February 2022.

A second Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will take place on Thursday 10th March



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All students in Years 9 to 11 should have received the following letter about 'Futures Evening' which is being held at the Academy next week on Tuesday 5th October.

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Futures Evening

I am writing to inform you of an important Academy event that is taking place on **Tuesday 5th October**.

As your child progresses through school, it is crucial that they begin to think about life after Droylsden Academy. The employment market is changing rapidly and there is an ever-increasing demand for more highly skilled and educated individuals to enter the workforce. Research clearly shows that earning potential increases significantly for those people who achieve good degrees or high-level vocational training.

With this in mind, we are holding our annual **Futures Evening** on **Tuesday 5th October**. This is an opportunity for your child to speak to a number of local colleges, apprentice providers and other further education agencies, who will all offer an insight into the world of work and education. The event allows young people to begin planning for life after school.

Your child's attendance at this event will allow them to begin to formulate plans as to what they intend to do in further education, work and beyond.

The **Futures Evening** will run from **4.00pm until 6.00pm** and your child is welcome to attend at any time and for as long as necessary. This is an extra special event as having the colleges, further education providers and apprentice providers under one roof, makes it a unique evening.

Regrettably, this year due to Covid-19, we are unable to invite parents and carers to attend this event.

We look forward to seeing your child on **Tuesday 5th October**.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Jackson

Director of Character and Life Skills
sjackson@droylsdenacademy.com

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Lost Property

Just four weeks into the new Academic Year and we already have a mound of lost property with anything from coats and bags to calculators and keys. If your child has lost or mislaid any items of clothing or any personal possessions, please urge them to come down to Student Services to check our pile of lost property.

Unfortunately, we cannot keep lost property for ever and anything not claimed over the next two weeks will be given to an appropriate charitable organisation.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 8 students will be offered the HPV1 injections in week beginning Monday 4th October.

Year first of this year's two 11 Parent/Carer Evenings will be held on Thursday 14th October.

Year 9 students will be attending a 'Drop Down Day' on the theme of Health, Sex and Relationships on Monday 18th October.

There will be a visit to the Palace Theatre on the evening of Thursday 21st October to watch a performance of 'Grease'.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October.

Curriculum Tutor/Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Maths & Numeracy)

Pay Scale: Grade F, Point 17 to 22 (Actual starting salary of £20,610 at Point 17)
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 36 per week
Closing Date: 13th October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking to recruit a dedicated Curriculum Tutor (Maths & Numeracy) to join our team at Droylsden Academy.

As our Curriculum Tutor you will independently tutor and supervise students from both KS3 and KS4 to accelerate their progress in Maths & Numeracy. You will be key in enabling our students to access the full Maths curriculum and ensure those who need support are update to date with their learning.

The hours of work for this role are:

| Date | Log in | Log Out | Total Hours |
|------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Monday | 8:00 AM | 3:45 PM | 7:15 |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | 3:45 PM | 7:15 |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM | 3:45 PM | 7:15 |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM | 3:45 PM | 7:15 |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | 3:30 PM | 7:00 |
| TOTAL | | | 36:00 |

Teaching Assistant – Level 2 (English)

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 to 10 (Actual starting salary of £15,264 at Point 7)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 32.5 per week (8.30am until 3.30pm daily)
Closing Date: 3rd October 2021
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated and passionate Teaching Assistant to join our Learning Support Team.

As a Teaching Assistant you will supervise individuals and groups of children in order to accelerate their progress and learning, working in close liaison with teaching staff and leaders to ensure students catch-up with their learning (enabling them to do well and access the full curriculum).

You will also work with the Director of Special Educational Needs and Learning Support to assist with the planning and delivery of the Key Skills and Catch-Up group work-shops and support teachers to ensure such students develop good and great attitudes to learning.

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Teaching Assistant – Level 2

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 to 10 (Actual starting salary of £15,264 at Point 7)
Contract: Fixed Term, (Ends on 31/08/2022, subject to funding), Term Time Only
Hours: 32.5 per week (8.30am until 3.30pm daily)
Closing Date: 10th October 2021
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated and passionate Teaching Assistant to join our Learning Support Team. This post will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) focus.

As a Teaching Assistant you will supervise individuals and groups of children in order to accelerate their progress and learning, working in close liaison with teaching staff and leaders to ensure students catch-up with their learning (enabling them to do well and access the full curriculum).

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Librarian and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Coordinator

Pay Scale: Grade E, Point 11 (Actual salary of £15,252)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 30 hours (6 hours per day)
Closing Date: 17th October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

As our Librarian and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Coordinator, you will lead the management, development and promotion of the Academy Library to ensure that an effective reading resource and information service is provided to all students and staff.

You also will impact directly on the life chances of our students by coordinating the school's provision of careers information and guidance in and by contributing to the strategic direction of our literacy development work. You will work with a variety of external agencies to ensure that our students are equipped for the world or work.

Cleaning Manager

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 to 10 (Actual starting salary £13,952 at Point 7)
Contract: Full Year
Hours: 25 per week
Closing Date: 20th October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated Cleaning Manager who takes great pride in their work and can motivate and lead a team of 12 Cleaners.

As our Cleaning Manager you will supervise the team of Cleaners on a daily basis, as well as manage their annual leave, the cleaning stock and supplies, as well as undertaking some general cleaning duties of your own.

You will be working in a very lively and friendly environment alongside students aged 11-16 years old.

A flexible and understanding attitude is essential in this position.

The working pattern for this role is 1.00pm until 6.00pm daily.

School Leisure Facility Assistant

Pay Scale: Grade A, Point 2 (£9.68 per hour)
Contract: Full Year
Hours: A minimum of 10 hours per week, evenings and weekends.
Closing Date: 26th October 2021

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and customer service driven School Leisure Facility Assistant who will ensure a smooth booking process for our evening and weekend sports halls and pitch bookings at the Academy.

The main purpose of this role is to ensure that customers who use our leisure facilities are made to feel welcome and that the areas used are always in a clean and safe condition. As part of the role of a School Leisure Facility Assistant you will deal with queries relating to lettings, both face to face and over the telephone, ensuring that all users of the premises complete the required paperwork upon entry and on exit of the premises. As a designated key holder you will have the responsibility of ensuring that the building is opened and secured before/after use.

All necessary training will be provided.

Information about the Academy and the application process for any of the above posts

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 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”

Interested applicants for either post should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on the school website at:

<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.

It is our intention that Droylsden Academy will form a Multi Academy Trust in the near future. This will not alter your employment except that the name of the Trust (not the Academy) will change. You can find more information about this at:

<https://www.droylsdenacademy.com/tret/417608.htm>

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.

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AT ST. MATTHEW'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
 NUTHURST ROAD, MOSTON, M40 0EW.

STARTING THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2021

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



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|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Group 1 | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Ages 4 - 5 |
| Group 2 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm | Ages 6 - 7 |
| Group 3 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Ages 8 - 9 |
| Group 4 | 8:00pm – 9:00pm | Ages 10 - 13 |

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. **The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY THURSDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by **F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**. All of our coaches have been **DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED**. The course is open to **Boys and Girls** aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **FUN** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) **every child** will receive an engraved merit **Trophy** and course **Certificate**, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £6 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£24) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of **excellent facilities** and the sessions will be held in the **large indoor sports hall**.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
MOSTON + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2,3or4)
 and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

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