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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

PE Awards Evening

The PE Department held its annual Awards Evening last week to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students. Badges were awarded to students who have represented the Academy over the year and there were awards for the 'Performer of the Year' in each age group. Commendations were also presented to our Sports Leaders and for Outdoor and Outstanding Achievement. Well done to all award nominees and thank you to the parents who supported the event. The PE Department hope that everyone enjoyed the evening as much as they did.

Performer of the Year: Year 7		Performer of the Year: Year 8	
Male	Female	Male	Female
<p>Nominees</p> <p>Fares Albaleli Oliver Legg Luca Darbyshire</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Fares Albaleli</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Harri-Ann Fleet Tyroney Gilbert Rose Taylor Ruby Miller</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Ruby Miller</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Nana Kwame Asabere Lamech Asamoah-Tannor Tavon Forrest-McDowell Oluwafunbi Oseni Sam Faulkner Jepthah Adams Samuel Yeboah Mason Thompson</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Nana Kwame Asabere</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Ruby Johnson Millie-Jo Bayley Elisa Morreale Eunice Sarpong</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Ruby Johnson</p>

Performer of the Year: Year 9		Performer of the Year: Year 10	
Male	Female	Male	Female
<p>Nominees</p> <p>Michael Sarpong Emmanuel Bawuah Nana Osei Asabere Abraham Joel Gad Amakye</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Gad Amakye</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Hannah Thomas Erin-Leigh Clarke Jennifer Astle Caitlin Beckett</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Erin-Leigh Clarke</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Jack Beckett Josh Barton Lemuel Asamoah-Tannor Dalil Alhassan Zak Albajouri</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Zak Albajouri</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Mia Walker Tinu Lawal Taylor Megram Zainab Ibraheem Nancy Armoh Britney Akukwe</p> <p>2019 Winner</p> <p>Zainab Ibraheem</p>

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Performer of the Year: Year 11	
Male	Female
Nominees Emmanuel Akukbuo Aaron Bile Divine Egharevba Omoigiawi Jessy Lukusa 2019 Winner Emanuel Akukbuo	Nominees Sana Subhani Tracy Nwanze Ellie Craven 2019 Winner Sana Subhani



Ellie Craven who won the Award for Outstanding Achievement



Mia Walker and Vандis Akukwe who won the Awards for Outside Achievement



Year 11 Sports Leaders: Reiss Gore and Emanuel Akukbuo



Year 10 Sports Leaders: Chloe Lucas, Mia Walker, Tinu Lawal, Zainab Ibraheem, Lucy Alderson, Taylor Megram, Emma Newsam and Lauren Nield

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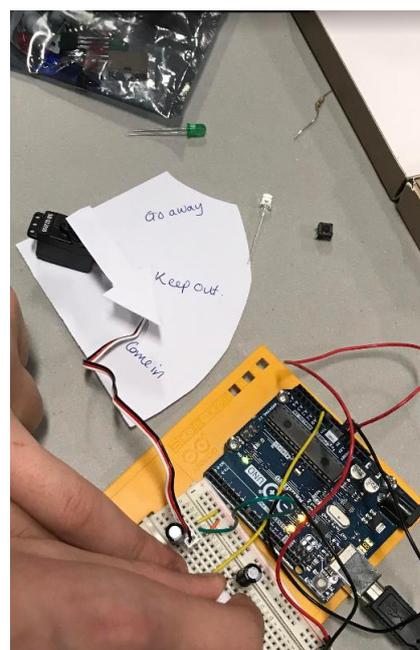
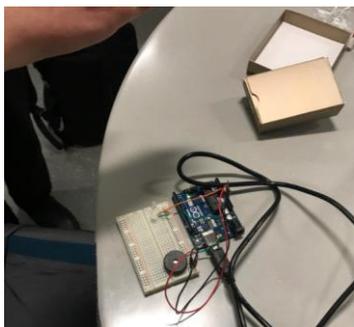
Year 10 Sports Leaders: Festus Chale, Dzhan Sali, Josh Wilson, Alex Leonard-Walker, Shemiah Acheampong and Luca Silvestri



Year 9 Sports Leaders: Erin-Leigh Clark, Hannah Thomas, Caitlin Beckett, Gad Amakye, Abraham Joel, Anthony Fox and Michael Sarpong

Robot Club

The latest meeting of the Robot Club saw the team complete Project Number 6 in record time! With Mr Gately whizzing ahead with the code and the students busy building, it fell to Miss Patel to really experience just how joyous the 'light theremin' really was! We also fixed the bug with our coding for the 'Mood Cue' and managed to get our 'Keep Out' sign working. After Christmas we will be building and programming a keyboard instrument, so stay tuned!



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Viva Colombia!

This term, Year 9 and 10 Spanish classes have been finding out a little more about Spanish speaking countries from around the World. The first country we studied was Colombia, with Cameron-James Kavanagh, Katy Taylor, Robert Hill and Ciro Lucci winning the topic quiz in their respective groups. Well done to Cameron, Katy, Robert and Ciro who are now all proud owners of Colombian National Football Shirts! Next up, Argentina!



Times Tables Rock Star Challenge

Last week saw the first Maths and Music joint venture take place with the 'Times Tables Rock Star Challenge'. The competition was a culmination of in-class battles across Years 7 and 8, with 28 students battling it out for the 'Rock Crown' as they were accompanied by our very own amazing Academy Rock Band, courtesy of the Music Department! Congratulations to the top six students, Corey Leith (Albion House) and Ilir Caka (Saxon House) in joint first place, and runners up Befé Gudeta (Saxon House), Karl Briggs (Oakfield House), Ellie Barton (Victoria House) and Jessica Clarke (Victoria House).

Well done to everyone who contributed to making the evening a success and a big thank you to the Year 10 students who helped to organise the event!

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, Ms Mezzone met with the following students in recognition of the number of PRIDE points they have achieved in their respective year groups:

Mihai Voicu	Desire Okoduwa	Rory Hand	Stephanie Owusu	Joe McLoughlin
Bobby Alderson	Abigail Knowles	Maddison Brierley		

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Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition.....

This week, we have been making Gateaux!

Not recommended for anyone who is counting the calories!



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IGNITE SPEECH NIGHT

'Ignite' Speech Night

Thank you to the many people for their lovely comments about the Academy's Ignite Speech Night where students from Year 7 had their first experience of Public Speaking. Some of the comments can be found below:



'What a lovely evening to be invited to. All the children spoke so well.'

I know my son was very nervous but his teacher was so supportive. I know this will have a positive impact on him.'

'It was fantastic to hear passionate young voices of the future.'

'Fantastic speeches by the students. We enjoyed it a lot and learned a lot from them.'

'A fantastic evening. Amazing speeches from such young students. I feel it really gave us adults some very serious issues to think about. Well done Year 7.'

'A very enjoyable and informative evening. Thank you.'



'All very confident young people.'

'Great night. All the speeches were delivered very well. Well done to everyone involved.'

'Well organised. Refreshing. Students did extremely well.'

'All the students were amazing and bloomed. We really enjoyed it. Very informative. Well done students and thank you for the support from your teachers.'



'I was really proud watching my daughter as she read out her speech. But I was also so proud of each and every one of the other children as they were all very, very good! Well done to all of them.'

'Great speeches. Very powerful messages from all the students. Thank you for encouraging them to take part and for giving them the passion for their cause.'

'We really enjoyed tonight. Every student performed really well. Well done to the students, staff and school. AWESOME!'



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Year 7 and 8 Table Tennis

Last week we held our annual Year 7 and Year 8 Table Tennis Tournament with 25 students joining in the competition. The tournament was run by our Student Sports Leaders, who were, as always, exceptional. Congratulations to the Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in their respective year groups!

Year 7

Gold	Damola Oseni
Silver	Samuel Otabor Osifo
Bronze	Hayden Griffiths

Year 8

Gold	Agape Esayas
Silver	Nana Kwame Asabere
Bronze	Harry Hoban

Well done to everyone who took part.

And finally.....

The CCF get a light-hearted change from 'Drill' at their Christmas Party! Well done to all the Cadets on their commitment and attitude during this first term that the CCF has been operational.



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, when you return after the Christmas Holiday there will only be 16 school weeks left, just 80 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

All the teaching staff would like to wish our Year 11 cohort a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. We hope that you have a relaxing break and return in January ready for the final push leading up to the examinations in May and June. We hope that with commitment, hard work and thorough preparation, you will meet and exceed your target grades and that 2020 will be a year to remember.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

Thank you to everyone who has organised, taken part in or contributed to our fundraising activities this term. Altogether, we have raised over £1000.00 for our chosen charities as detailed below:

We have raised £250 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

The Cake Bake and Raffle organised by Brogan Williams and Gift Givens raised £50 for Save the Children.

The Academy Christmas Concert raised £331 for Ronald MacDonald House.

Over 50 gifts were donated to the 'Action Together' Toy Appeal for Droylsden.

The 'Laps for Lapland' Charity Run raised £435. Thank you to the PE Department and Alex Hulme and, in particular, to Lucas Taylor, Keira Littlewood, Sam Faulkner, Lucy Lowe, Luca Darbyshire, Callum Turner, Scarlet Bird, Lacey Farrell, Morgan Woollas and Paige Dodson.

Millie Roberts saved up £15 in her 'Smarties Tube' for Willow Wood Hospice.



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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Tameside Loves Reading

Please support the 'Tameside Loves Reading Campaign' by enjoying and spreading the following link on your social media accounts to help highlight the campaign as well as spreading a little festive spirit!

<https://youtu.be/fb7STqx7vvo> or retweet our [post on twitter](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Academy will break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 20th December at 12.00pm.

The Academy will re-open for the Spring Term on Tuesday 7th January at 8.30am

Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 16th January. Parents/cares of Year 9 students should have already received information about the event by post. Please contact Student Services if you would like any assistance in booking your appointments for the evening.

On behalf of Droylsden Academy, Mr Wilson and Mr Duncan would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Facilities Manager

Droylsden Academy is recruiting a full time Facilities Manager to ensure the Academy is a safe environment which supports teaching and learning.

Pay Scale: Grade H, Point 29 (£32,029 per annum) to Point 31 (£33,799 per annum)
Contract: Full Year
Hours: 36 per week
Closing Date: 13th January 2020 at 12.00 noon
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

The post holder will provide operational leadership for the Academy premises, including line management of the cleaning team and lettings team.

If you are a Facilities Manager who:

- has an excellent track record;
- has sound knowledge of facilities management;
- is a skilled tradesman; and
- is interested in working with an excellent facilities team

this is the ideal opportunity for you.

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.

For further information please visit:

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

Interested applicants 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 electronically to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

or posted to:

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