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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Modelling the Academy Values

Mr Wilson received a lovely message from a member of the public just before we broke up for the half term break which described how two of our students had seen an elderly gentleman fall, whilst putting his bins out for the refuse collectors, and went over to help him. The lady who contacted Mr Wilson said that the two students stayed with the man, and chatted and reassured him until help arrived. She also commented that it was lovely to see such maturity, compassion and kindness.

After asking around at school, we found out that the two students concerned were **Macey Ellison** from Year 8 and **Millie-Lou Grey** from Year 7 and we too would like to acknowledge their act of kindness and consideration for others. Well done and thank you Macey and Millie-Lou, it is acts of compassion such as this that underpin our 'Character Awards' programme and we are really proud of both of you.

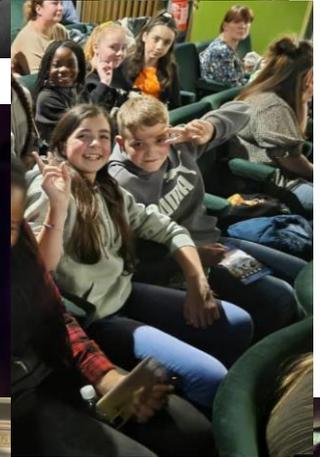


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## The Performing Arts

It has been a very busy few weeks for the Performing Arts Department with trips to the theatre, rehearsals and recordings!

Prior to the half term holiday, a group of 80 Year 7 and 8 students visited the Opera House to watch an evening performance of 'Grease'. Not only did everyone have a great time, but it was also lovely to hear comments from other members of the audience about how well our students behaved and conducted themselves throughout the show.



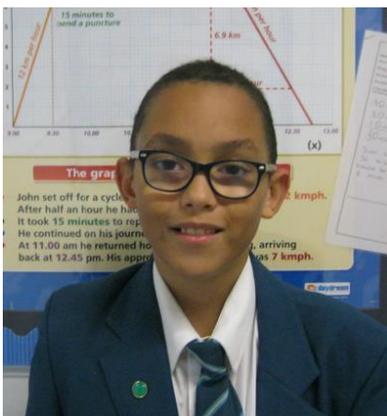
Meanwhile, back in school, rehearsals continue for the Academy production of 'Matilda'. There will be three performances of the show in January and tickets will go on sale nearer to Christmas. Thank you to the cast for coming in to rehearse over the half term holiday!

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..... And in Music, Year 8 have taken on Heather Small and recorded their own version of 'Proud' by 'M People'! As part of the production, Year 8 classes learnt about the importance of physical and vocal 'warm ups' before rehearsing and performing their song for Mr Acton to record using our professional recording equipment. Mr Acton will now 'mix' the performances of the different classes to produce an ensemble production and a Year 8 Anthem! Watch this space for the finished version!



Finally, congratulations to **Liam Cameron McClusky** from Year 7, **Luka Torskyj** from Year 8 and **Stephanie Owusu** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as 'Performers of the Month' for October.



Luka has been nominated for his performance in Music as he has taken a real shine to the Ukulele! He has started taking instrumental lessons, attends lunchtime club every single day and is making excellent progress. Mrs Burgess added that it was a pleasure to work with Luka in both lessons and extra-curricular sessions and she is looking forward to seeing what he can produce by the end of the year! Well done, Luka!

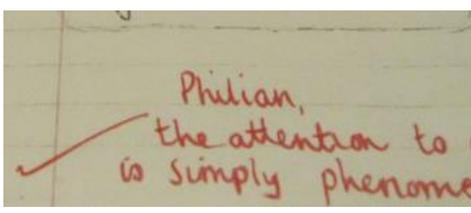
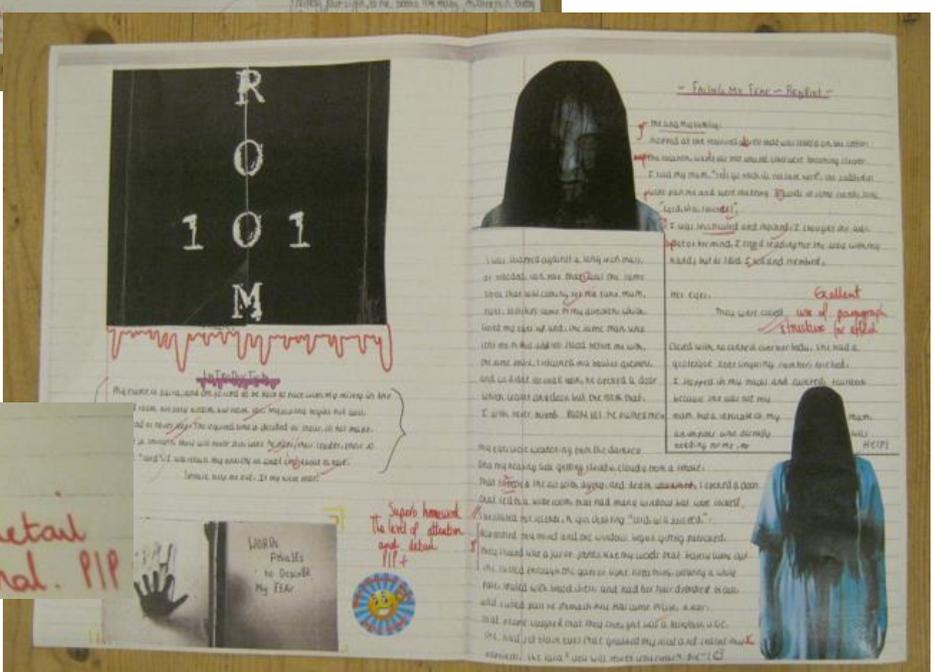
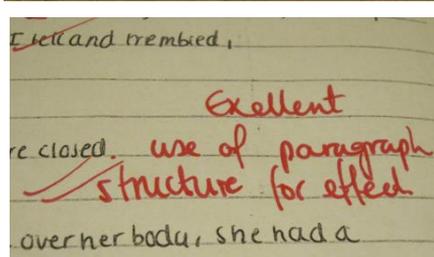
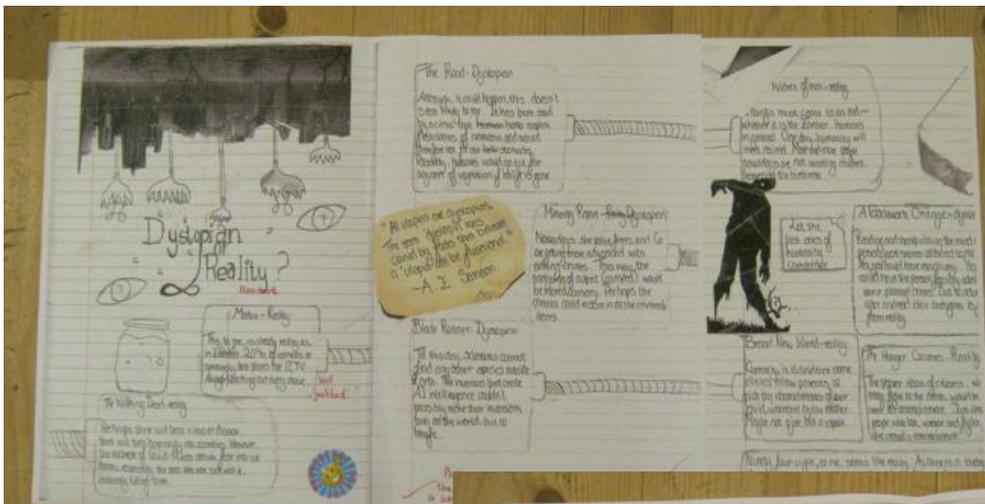
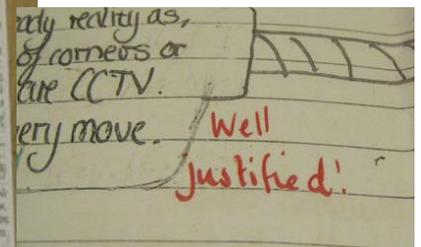
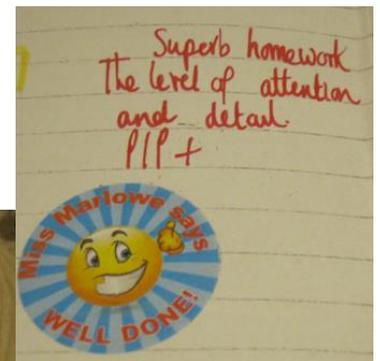
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Liam has been nominated for his performance in Dance as he has demonstrated a real determination and resilience whilst choreographing his final piece of work exploring 'Street Dance'. He has also worked really well as a team member and supported others in his group. Liam always applies himself to every task in class and, in his final assessment, he performed with confidence and power, a really great start to Dance! Well done Liam!

Stephanie has been nominated for her performance in Drama as she has made a fantastic start to her Year 10 GCSE Course. She has really applied herself to our current project and is making excellent progress! Stephanie has an excellent attitude to learning, keep up the good work!

**Amazing Work!**

Thank you to Ms Marlowe for submitting these wonderful examples of great English homework completed by **Philian Emmanuel** and **Saira Khanom** from 9YE. Ms Marlowe was particularly pleased by the attention to detail and the use of paragraph structure by both students.

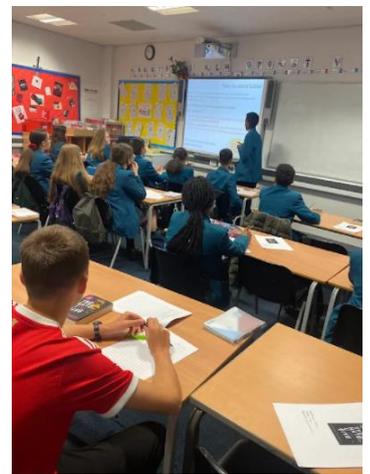


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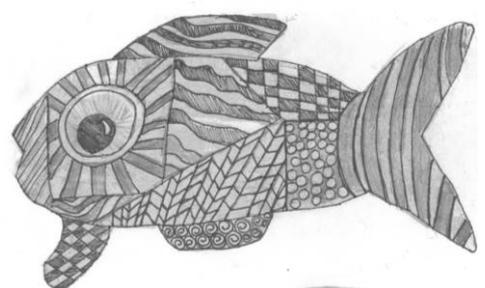
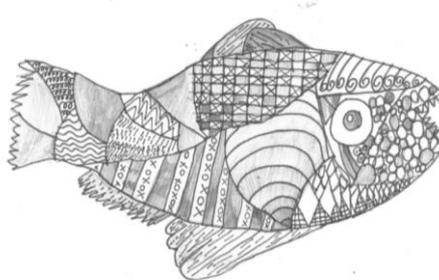
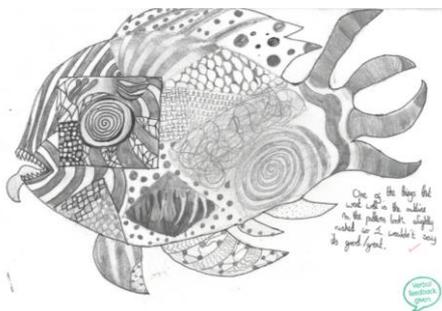
Staying with English, 9XE are currently reading 'The Hate U Give' By Angie Thomas, a hard-hitting, raw and topical book covering issues such as racism, inequality and growing up. Miss Hudson was delighted by the enthusiasm and contribution of **Befe Gudeta** and **Dylan Stott** who took it upon themselves to plan and present a 'Do Now' task for one of this week's lessons.

Dylan planned a discussion about Eminem and the poignancy of his lyrics and asked the class to link one of the Rapper's quotes to the book, whilst Befe linked his 'Do Now' task to Black History Month and discussed the significance of the lyrics of the song 'Black', rapped by artist Dave. Pupils were then asked to analyse a quote from the song, exploring its deeper meaning and, again, linking it to 'The Hate U Give'.

Both Dylan and Befe were amazing; they were natural teachers who really engaged their audience with mature, vibrant and interesting presentations!



Meanwhile, In Art, Year 7 have been studying the artist Vincent Scarpace and creating their own abstract fish designs. The three wonderful examples here were drawn by **Amber Carney**, **Junior Bratt** and **Paris-Mae Goodall**.

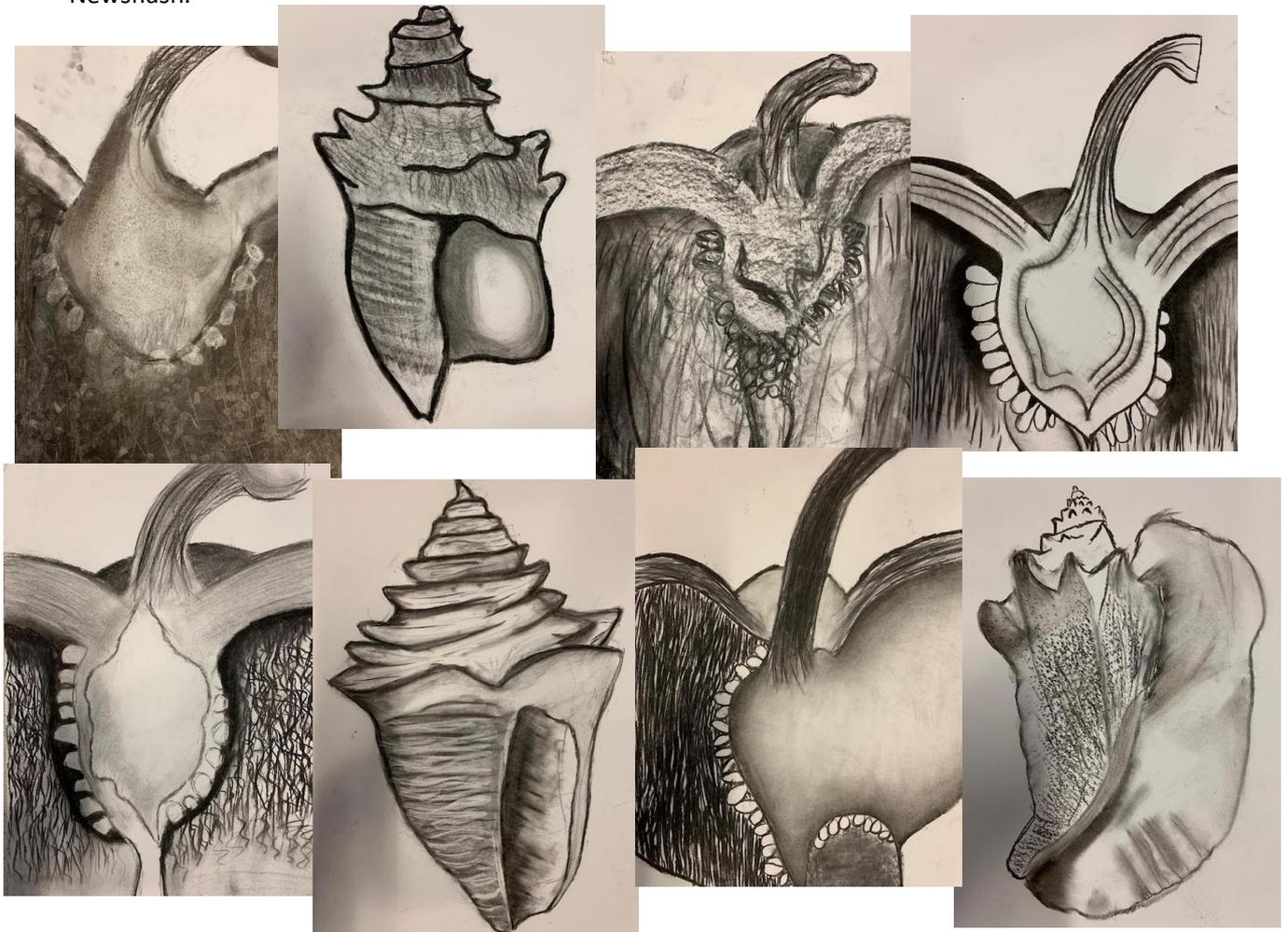


Miss Hickman would also like to nominate **Mujeeb Khan**, also from Year 7, as her 'Artist of the Week'. Mujeeb drew this pencil drawing of Drake, the American Rap Artist at home and brought it in to show her. Mujeeb is a talented artist and Miss Hickman is delighted that he is pursuing the subject as a hobby at home as well as working hard in his Art lessons.

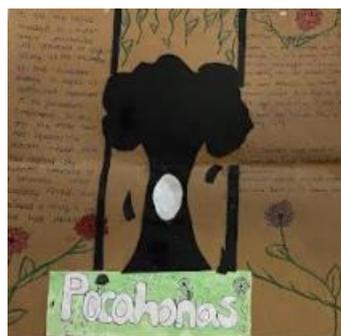
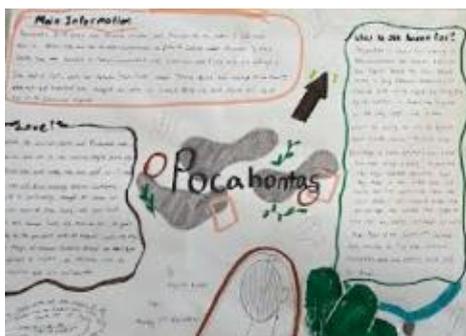


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In Year 9, a number of students have been working on their observational drawing skills and experimenting with charcoal to create large scale expressive pieces of work. Mrs Noel has been really pleased with the results and submitted the following examples for inclusion in this week's Newsflash.

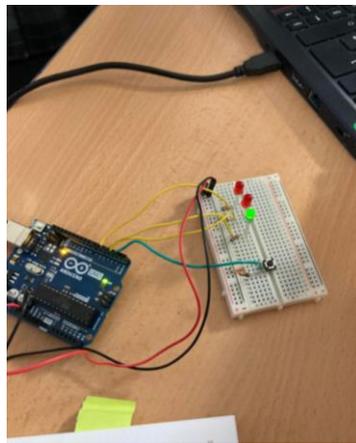
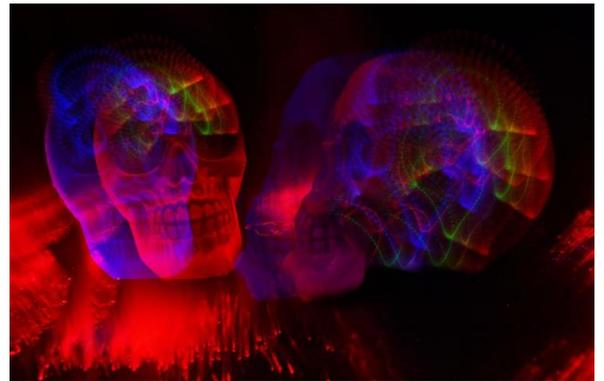
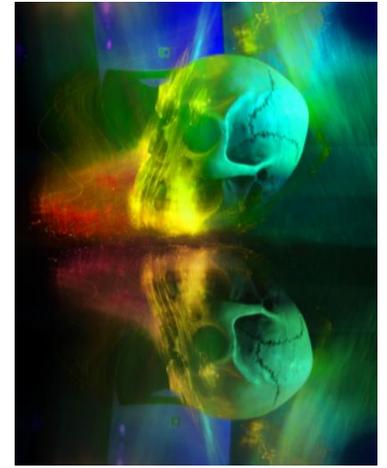


In History, 8D and 8O have been learning about Pocahontas, a Native American woman who helped the struggling English settlers in Virginia survive in the early 1600s. As a follow-up, Mr Bushby asked both groups to produce a creative piece of work at home, based on what they had learnt. Students handed in some excellent pieces of work including the following examples by **Haya Noor**, **Rose MacArty**, **Katelyn Edwards** and **Alyssa Evans**.



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Finally, thank you to **Layton Matthews**, **Katy Taylor** and **Deonne O'Connor** for submitting these 'raw' photographs, edits which have not been manipulated or enhanced using 'Photoshop', that they have taken for their GCSE Coursework Portfolios.



### Robot Club

This week, in Robot Club, **Rory Hand** and **Kwon Leong**, both from Year 10, had a competition to see who could code their spaceship interface the quickest.

The winner was Kwon, beating Rory by a matter of minutes! However, when we verified the code we hit an error! Fortunately, Miss Patel, with a little thought and a lot of luck, was on hand to save the day and we were away! Next week, we move on to making the 'Love-O-Meter'!

### Wear Red Day

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Wear Red Day', a national day of action to show racism the red card. It was great to see the solidarity and anti-racist messages expressed across the Academy and all of the money raised will go directly towards funding anti-racist education across the UK. Miss Worsley will run this important day again next year and if you have any suggestions of other national or charitable events we can support, then please let her know!



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## The Power of Language!

This week Mrs Jackson and Mr Bushby have been delivering Assemblies on the Power of Language! As part of the Assemblies, **Charlie Boardman**, **Bobby Dean**, **Maddison Fox**, **Ben Hamlett** and **Evie Quinlan**, all from Year 8, put fantastic presentations together which showed how language can really influence people's views and opinions. Mrs Jackson and Mr Bushby would like to thank Charlie, Bobby, Maddison, Ben and Evie for their help!



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Sam Askew** and **Olivia Deakin** from Year 7, **Kennedy Durand** from Year 8 and **Daniel Ihejirka** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as 'Students of the Week'.



Sam has been nominated by the Science Department following an amazing answer to a question comparing Aerobic Respiration, Anaerobic Respiration and Fermentation in his recent 'Assessed Piece'! Well done Sam, a model answer which clearly demonstrated your knowledge and understanding of the topic.

Olivia has been nominated by the Maths Department as she has made an excellent start at the Academy. Olivia gives 100% and always works to the best of her ability. Similarly, her enthusiasm shines through and she is always keen to answer questions and explain her working out to the class. Keep up the good work Olivia, you are a star!

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Kennady has been nominated by Miss Worsley as her 'Philosopher of the Week'. Miss Worsley commented that Kennady always contributes in every lesson she attends and that she is always happy and confident to share her views and knowledge with her peers. You are a true role model Kennady, well done!



Daniel has been nominated by Mrs Jackson from the English Department as she was really impressed by an outstanding essay that he completed about the character 'Sheila' from the play 'An Inspector Calls'. Daniel really went above and beyond the expected practice paragraph and produced an ambitious piece of work that was used as a 'model essay' for his peers in class. Well done Daniel and keep up the good work!

**GCSE COUNTDOWN**

**Year 11, there are only 22 school weeks left, just 110 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

**Key Dates**

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

Your first set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December.  
 Your second set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.  
 A second Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

As detailed above, your Pre-Public Examinations start on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and it is essential that you start to revise for them over the half term break. If you are really committed to achieving GCSE exam success then you will put time aside each day to read through your notes and prepare thoroughly. Every time you read through your notes, a little more 'sticks' with you, you consolidate on your learning and you reinforce your understanding; the time is never wasted. Your Pre-Public Examination timetable can be found below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	am	English Language
	pm	Triple Science: Biology Combined Science: Biology
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non calculator)
	pm	Technology Business Studies
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am	History
	pm	Religious Studies
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am	Computer Science Food and Nutrition
	pm	Digital Information Technology Statistics

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Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Photography
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am	Maths Paper 2 Spanish (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Spanish (Writing)
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	am	Triple Science: Physics Combined Science: Chemistry
	pm	Sport (Theory Paper)
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	am	English Literature
	pm	Geography
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	am	Art
	pm	Art



## INTER-FAITH WEEK

Miss Worsley will be running a range of Inter-Faith activities next week that will allow us all to gain an insight into, and an understanding of, the different and distinct faith communities in the UK. We will also be celebrating the contributions that all faiths make to our wider society. Students will receive House Points for taking part in a range of activities and we hope that they will all get involved!

**Inter Faith  
Week**



The activities will take place in the Humanities Area as detailed below:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November                      Year 9 and Year 11 lunchtime Inter-Faith activities
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November                      Year 7 and Year 8 lunchtime Inter-Faith activities.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November                      Whole school online quiz.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November                      Year 7 to Year 10 after school Inter-Faith & Remembrance.

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## UK Parliament Week



# UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Do you fancy yourself as the next Boris Johnson? Or do you think you could do a better job?

Why not write a speech imagining that you are standing to be the next Prime Minister and asking the people of the UK to vote for you?

Remember to include your views and opinions. Remember to use rhetoric.

All speeches should be handed or emailed to Mr Bushby at [wbushby@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:wbushby@droylsdenacademy.com) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

All speeches submitted will earn house points and the best speech will be published in Newsflash.

**This could be the start of an amazing career in Politics!**

## Times Tables Rock Stars

The competition is open to students from Years 7 to 10, further details from your Maths teacher!

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

# ENGLAND ROCKS 2021

PLAY **NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>**  
FROM 7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY

**1-HOUR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON PER DAY**

ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL

PLAY IN **ANY** GAME TYPE

ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:  
[TTRockStars.com/page/ENGLANDROCKS2021](http://TTRockStars.com/page/ENGLANDROCKS2021)

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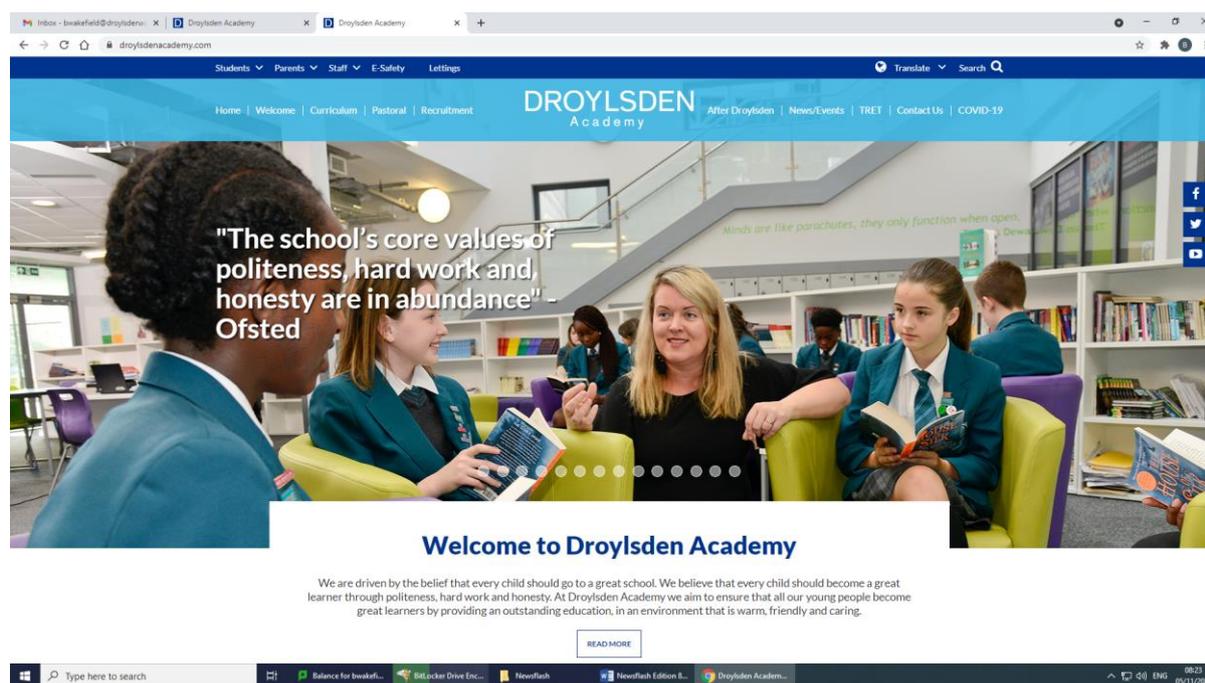
### Website Focus Group

We want to update our website and ensure that it is accessible, relevant and easy to use.

We hope that parents/carers of our students will get involved by helping to review our current website and suggesting ways in which it can be developed and improved.

If you would like to join our Focus Group, please e-mail us at [admin@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:admin@droylsdenacademy.com) with the subject heading 'Website Focus Group' and we will be in touch!

Thank you



### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

There will be an introductory meeting for Year 9 students wanting to take part in the Bronze Award on Tuesday 9th November at 2.35pm. The meeting will take place in M15 and it is important that you attend if you want to take part. You will find out more about the Award and what you have to do, as well as having the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Mrs McCallum and Mr Bentick hope to see you there.



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## **A letter to Parents and Carers from the Education Secretary, Nadhim Zahawi**

Dear Parents and Carers

It remains my top priority as Education Secretary to protect education and make sure children are spending as much time as possible in the classroom.

Last month, the UK Chief Medical Officers recommended that the government extends the offer of a single dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to all 12-to-15-year-olds. This has been approved as safe and effective for this age group by the UK medicines regulator, the MHRA.

It is estimated that this country's world leading vaccination programme has saved more than 120,000 lives. Vaccinations are building a wall of defence across the country and it is important that as many young people as possible take up the offer so we can continue to keep these defences strong.

Young people aged 12 to 15 can now book an appointment using the [NHS book a vaccination service](#). **Where possible, appointments should be booked outside of school hours to avoid missing school.**

Getting the vaccine is one of the best things young people can do to protect themselves and those around them – and I want to encourage you to consider the new option for them to have their jab at a vaccination centre locally.

Having the vaccine makes us all less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on and so will be important in ensuring children can do the things they love like seeing their grandparents during the Christmas holiday. Young people who get COVID-19 will miss school, and may spread it to others. That is why we are encouraging you all to support your children to get vaccinated.

The school-based COVID-19 vaccination programme has already vaccinated nearly half a million young people and visited thousands of schools. Further information about vaccinations for 12-15-year-olds can be found at the NHS website [here](#).

Together, we will beat this virus and protect the education of our children.

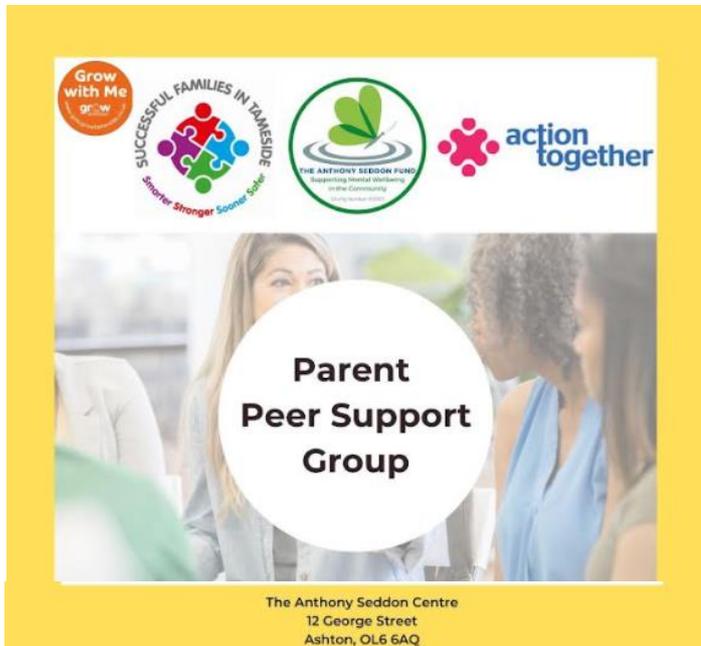
Yours faithfully

Nadhim Zahawi  
Education Secretary

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## Parent Peer Support Group

This group is facilitated by The Anthony Seddon Fund, the Tameside Parenting Team and Action Together and provides parents/carers with the opportunity to talk about their experiences, share resources and more importantly, provide a safe space to in which to have a 'cuppa' and a chat.



The poster features a yellow background. At the top, there are four logos: 'Grow with Me grow', 'SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES IN TAMESIDE Summer Stronger Social Skills', 'THE ANTHONY SEDDON FUND Supporting mental wellbeing in the Community', and 'action together'. Below the logos is a photograph of three women talking. A white circle is overlaid on the photo with the text 'Parent Peer Support Group'. At the bottom, the text reads: 'The Anthony Seddon Centre 12 George Street Ashton, OL6 6AQ'.

Our Parent Peer Support Group  
is on the 2nd Thursday of the month  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
and  
the 4th Tuesday of the month  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

The group is suitable for parents/carers who have children under the age of 18 who are experiencing mental health issues or living with a mental health condition

Please book via reception: 0161 376 4439  
reception@tasfund.org.uk

## The Dangers of 'Tram Surfing'

### **School Engagement Tram Surfing Danger Awareness Campaign**

On the Metrolink Network – Tram Surfing is an alarming trend that can be seen across Greater Manchester.

The term "Tram Surfing" is where individuals are sighted travelling on the outside of the tram, either at the front or rear of the vehicle or positioned on the auto couplers which connect the double units, when travelling at speeds of up to 50mph which is of course incredibly dangerous for those taking part in these activities.

Individuals put themselves at risk of falling off the tram or auto coupler as it moves away from the platform, increasing the risk of injury to themselves and others.

The resulting injury could be minor but could also be life changing or even be fatal if the tram was on a faster section of the line or the individual was hit by another tram.

The consequences of these behaviours have an ongoing affect to those who are involved in these activities, with the effects being felt by drivers, parents, family and witnesses.

KAM staff continue to be vigilant and ask if you see anyone Tram Surfing to report it to either the driver, TFGM and GM police.

Please support KAMs awareness in highlighting the dangers to our young communities, to help support and encourage public transport health & safety and deter anti-social behaviours out on the Network.



Please watch this short video for more information <https://vimeo.com/636021669>

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a visit to the Opera House on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, for students studying GCSE Performing Arts, to watch an evening performance of 'Waitress'.

Students from Years 7 to 9 will be receiving training on the use of CPR and Defibrillators during PE lessons in week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 7 'Settling-in' Evening for Parents/Carers of Year 7 students will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Flu vaccinations will be available to Year 7 students on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The Academy will be closed to students on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November for a Staff Training Day.

The Academy will close for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.