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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

PE Awards Evening

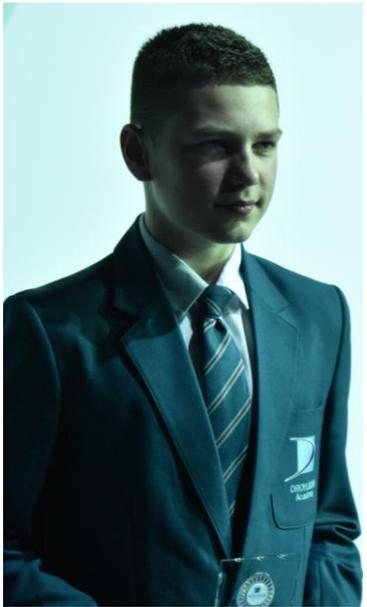
The PE Department held its annual Awards Evening in the week before Christmas to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students. Badges were awarded to students who have represented the Academy over the year and there were awards for the 'Performer of the Year' in each age group. Commendations were also presented for Sports Leader of the Year 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>Mason Thompson Alfie Haggerty Oluwafunbi Oseni Kaiden Barr</p> <p>2018 Winner Mason Thompson</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Ruby Johnson Megan Savage Melissa Gavan Emma Thomas</p> <p>2018 Winner Emma Thomas</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Michael Sarpong Abraham Joel Nana Osei Asabere Booby Alderson</p> <p>2018 Winner Abraham Joel</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Olivia Green Caitlin Beckett Areeka Sheikh Jennifer Astle Wiktorina Mecinska</p> <p>2018 Winner Wiktorina Mecinska</p>

Performer of the Year: Year 9		Performer of the Year: Year 10	
Male	Female	Male	Female
<p>Nominees</p> <p>Devon Johnson Jack Beckett Luca Silvestri Joel Egyri</p> <p>2018 Winner Devon Johnson</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Emma Newsam Lucy Alderson Chloe Lucas Zainab Ibraheem Maisy Smith Mia Walker Taylor Megram</p> <p>2018 Winner Lucy Alderson</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Mikey Ward Scott Frew Emanuel Akubuo Kai Mulqueen Reiss Gore</p> <p>2018 Winner Reiss Gore</p>	<p>Nominees</p> <p>Tracy Nwanze Megan Walker Mia Phelan Elizabeth Joel</p> <p>2018 Winner Tracey Nwanze</p>

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Performer of the Year: Year 11	
Male	Female
Nominees Liam Noakes Riley Conlon Emeka Nwanze Jack Stewart	Nominees Nicole Mulvey Amy McGlynn Daniels Autumn Holmes Mia Linney
2018 Winner Jack Stewart	2018 Winner Nicole Mulvey



Thank you to Millie Arora and Macy Lloyd for taking the photographs at the Awards Evening.

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Sports Leader of the Year	Commendation for Outside Achievement	Commendation for Outstanding Achievement
<p>Nominees Dean Charlton Mia Walker Taylor Megram Emeka Nwanze Jeffrey Lokolutu</p> <p>2018 Winners Mia Walker Taylor Megram</p>	<p>Nominees Mia Walker Johnson Opawole Isabelle Saw Festus Chale Ruby Johnson</p> <p>2018 Winner Ruby Johnson</p>	<p>Nominees Moeez Azhar Jeffrey Lokolutu Finlay Phillips Tracy Nwanze Amelia Silvestri</p> <p>2018 Winner Jeffrey Lokolutu</p>

Masterchef

The final of 'MasterChef' was held in the week before we broke up for Christmas with Maisy Connolly crowned as this year's winner! The three finalists, Maisy, Alfie Haggerty and Daniel Dadashzadeh were allowed to make a dish of their choice and, between them, cooked up Rosemary and Garlic Chicken, Beef Stroganoff and Chicken with a 'special sauce'! The final was the hardest round to judge as the standard was exceptional with all three finalists worthy winners. Congratulations to Maisy who has accepted the invitation to judge next year's Droylsden Academy 'Bake Off' and represent the school at the 'Future Chef' competition 2019.



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Success in the Ring!

Congratulations to Luke Manning on winning the trophy for his age group and on being awarded the trophy for the 'fight of the night' at a recent tournament at his local club. Luke has been attending Fox Amateur Boxing Club for just over two years now and is showing real promise for the future. Well done Luke and keep on training hard!



Assemblies

Assemblies this week have been given by GMP who have talked to students about anti-social behaviour, particularly on the Metrolink system. GMP are visiting all schools to talk about the problem and the steps that will be taken against offenders. As a responsible school we will support the Police in reinforcing this important message and encouraging all our students to behave responsibly in our community.

Visit to Droylsden Library

The Year 7 Reading Group were invited to Droylsden Library by the Neighbourhood Librarians this week in order to learn a little more about some of the great services that are available for young people. After an introduction to their computer catalogue and apps, the students were encouraged to browse the shelves and put together a display for the teenage section aptly called 'As recommended by Droylsden Academy'! It was a very informative session with the reading group coming away feeling a little more connected to the different ways they can access reading material when away from the school library.



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, now that you have returned from the Christmas Holiday, there are only 17 school weeks left, just 85 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

You are now on the final lap of your five years at Droylsden Academy and, for most of you, your future opportunities will depend on what happens over the next six months. **There are no short cuts or easy routes to exam success. Those of you who commit to your studies, work hard and prepare thoroughly will do well; those of you who don't will not.** Take control of your future now.

All parents/carers will receive a letter about a forthcoming revision conference which will take place on **Tuesday 29th January** at the Village Hotel, Ashton. This is a very important day which will cover everything students need to know for their exams this summer. Please ensure that all students return their reply slip to Student Services so that they can attend the conference.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Book of the Week is 'The Fitness Book' by Kelly Thompson.

New Year, new start with resolutions to get fit and healthy and a healthy body, so they say, means a healthy mind too! The Fitness Book is like having your own personal trainer. With contributions by top fitness professionals, it shows you how to build a fun, varied and achievable home exercise routine specifically tailored for you. With easy to follow pictures the book includes cardio, stretching, Pilates, Yoga, swimming, cycling and dance. So much choice with loads of encouragement so make 2019 the year to get fit.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Yassir Hamdani, from Year 7, who has been nominated as Student of the Week.

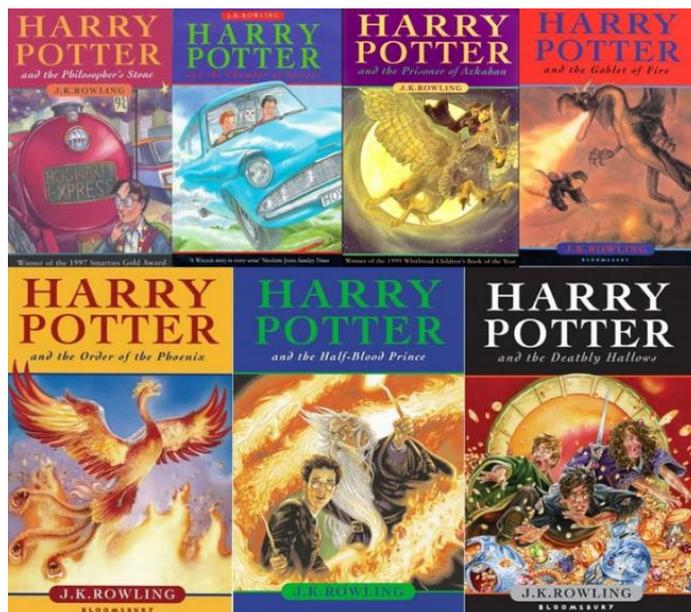
Yassir has been nominated by the Science Department for outstanding effort and contribution in class. Yassir is a dedicated student who gives 100% in every Science lesson and the quality of his work is very impressive. He is able to use scientific terminology correctly and listens attentively in lessons. Well done Yassir and keep up the good work?



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Harry Potter Mastermind!

To celebrate International Harry Potter Night and World Book Day Mrs Godrich is hosting a Grand Harry Potter Quiz on Thursday 7th March at 6.00pm in the Atrium in front of an invited audience. The quiz will be based on the popular BBC Quiz Show ‘Mastermind’ and will see Potter fans of all ages pitting their Potter knowledge against one another. Staff and students alike are free to sign up to take part. Participants and the audience will be encouraged to come along in fancy dress and there will be a prize for the best costume as well as competing for the Harry Potter Mastermind Trophy.



If you want to take part, please come along and see Mrs Godrich in the library for more details and to sign up. All questions will be sourced from the seven Harry Potter books and not from the films.

Purchasing ‘Travelcards’

JUNIOR TRAVEL IS GOING SMART!

From 2nd January 2019, you will need your iGo card for 7 and 28 day tickets (iGo card is smart enabled)

Ticket	Price	Where to buy
1 Day AnyBus* Junior (paper & smart)	£2.90	BUY ON THE BUS
7 Day AnyBus* Junior (Smart ticket only)	£9.50	BUY ON THE BUS, PayPoint
28 Day AnyBus* Junior (Smart ticket only)	£34.00	PayPoint

All you need is iGo. Just load and go!

For more info visit www.systemonetravelcards.co.uk/travelcards
To get your iGo card, visit tfgm.com/igo

GMT will no longer be selling their 7 Day and 28 Day ‘AnyBus’ Travelcards as a paper ticket. Instead, students will need to ensure that they have an ‘Igo Card’ which is smart enabled. Most students who use public transport will have an Igo Card already but, if your child does not have one, then they can be obtained through Greater Manchester Transport. Students will use their Igo Card to load their Travelcards directly.

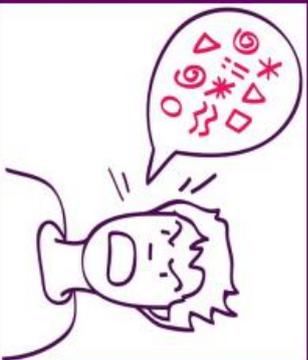
As outlined above, most children will already have an Igo Card as it is an ID Card to prove that they are under 16 and eligible for a concessionary fare. However, if they currently buy ‘System One’/‘Get me there’ Travelcards, they will need to ensure that they now have an Igo Card to purchase the ticket and not just solely for ID.



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**Managing Anger seminar
for families of children with Autism**



Wednesday 30th
January 2019
9.30am —2.30pm

Cherwell Centre
Cherwell Avenue
Heywood OL10 4SY

GMAC Managing Anger Parent Seminar

This is a Free seminar for families of Autistic children.
Refreshments are provided, please bring your own lunch.

Booking is essential

To find out more and book a place on the workshop please
contact:-

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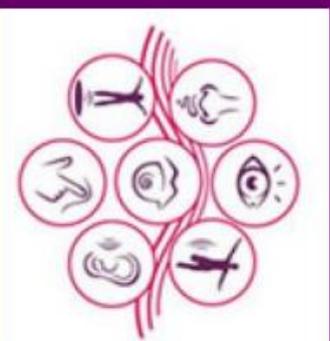
Email: abigail.gibson@nas.org.uk



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**Sensory needs seminar
for families of children with Autism**



Monday 21st
January 2019
9.30am —2.30pm

Swinton Gateway
Centre
Crompton House
100 Chorley Rd
Swinton M27 6BP

GMAC Sensory needs parent seminar

This is a Free seminar for families of Autistic children.
Refreshments are provided, please bring your own lunch.

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Email: abigail.gibson@nas.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Tameside Table Tennis Championships will take place on each Monday evening over this half term starting next week on Monday 14th January.

Year 9 Parent Teacher Evening will be held on Thursday 17th January. Parents and Carers of students in Year 9 will have already received information about the evening in the post and should contact Student Services if they want any help in making their appointments.

The GCSE conference for Year 11 students which will take place on Tuesday 29th January at the Village Hotel, Ashton.

Year 11 Pre Public Examinations will take place in the week beginning Monday 4th February.

Booster injections for Year 9 students will be given in the week beginning Monday 4th February.

The Character Awards Evening for students in Years 7 and 8 will take place on Thursday 7th February.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 15th February.