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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Success on the Volleyball Court

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams on their success at the Tameside Championships. The Academy entered an A, B and C team in the boy's competition with the teams coming first, second and fourth overall respectively. As winners and runners-up the A and B teams picked up the Gold and Silver Medals with the C team narrowly missing out on the Bronze. The A Team will now go on and represent Tameside in the Greater Manchester Championships.

The Academy also entered an A and B team in the girl's competition with the B team picking up the Bronze medal in third place, just pipping the A team who came fourth on goal difference. Well done to all five teams on representing the Academy and for playing some great volleyball!



Emmanuel Akubuo Dzhan Sali Michael Bawuah Zak Albajouri Lemuel Asamoah Tanner
Aaron Bile Joel Egyri Adnan Alhassan Jessy Lukusa Josh Barton Divine Egharevba Reiss Gore

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Evenly Enobakhare Sana Subhani
Tinu Lawal Zainab Ibraheem



Taylor Megram Mia Walker
Nancy Armoh Britney Akukwe

The Greater Manchester Schools Table Tennis Championships

Having won Gold at the Tameside Championships, the Academy Junior (Years 7 and 8) and Senior (Years 9 and 10) Table Tennis Teams both went onto represent Tameside at the Greater Manchester Championships, held at Salford University, where they competed against the champions from the other nine Greater Manchester Boroughs. In both the junior and senior event, the ten schools were divided into two leagues of five with the top two schools from each group qualifying for the semi-finals. Both the Academy teams qualified from their groups but, unfortunately, were knocked out in the semis, just missing out on Bronze Medals. Whilst they were disappointed not to reach the final, finishing as the fourth best team from across the whole of Greater Manchester is still a wonderful achievement. Well done to all of the players who played some great Table Tennis and were an absolute credit to our school.



Razvan Galateanu Albion Behrmi
Harry Hoban Nana Kwame Asabere
Oluwafunbi Oseni Nana Osei Asabere



Evan Beecham Daniel Galateanu
James Hunston Alex Leonard Walker
Dzhan Sali

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Food and Nutrition

As part of their recent assessments, Year 9 have been working independently on one of our regional favourites, Potato Hash, known better to all of us 'Tater Ash'!



The importance of politeness

Assemblies this week have focussed on the importance of being polite, one of our three core values of Politeness, Hard Work and Honesty. Ms Sherlock who led the assembly talked about what politeness meant to her and to the other staff at the Academy and why we see it as being so important. When Ms Sherlock was preparing her assembly, she had been inundated by staff with some wonderful examples of how the politeness of so many our students brightens up their day and she went on to share some of these with each year group when she spoke to them. Over the next few editions of Newsflash we will acknowledge and publish as many of these examples as we can starting with our first selection below:

*Ms Davis said that **Bradley Akid** always arrives on his bike whatever the weather and always smiles and says "Good Morning". When I say "Have a good day Brad", he always replies "You too Miss".*

*Mrs Arnold said that **Maisy Best, Caitlin Booth, Jack Gilmore, Mussa Gomes da Costa, Maham Khan, Nicole Osawaru, Dinoray Pena Hernandez, Leigh Robinson, Harrison Roden, Demi Scally, Demi Stringer and Conor Whitworth** all help to make Thursday, the day that she teaches them, the best day of the week as they are all so polite and helpful.*



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Mrs Arabashi said that **Jake Tunney** has wonderful manners and always says “Thank you” when he hands his work in. If she sees Jake out in the school grounds he always answers politely and is pleasant and friendly with everyone. He always has a smile and is always ready to learn.

Mr Swingler said that he really appreciates **Dylan McBennett** giving out the Maths folders every lesson.

Ms Stansfield said that **Aaron Ball** always says hello and gives her a big smile.

Ms Mezzone said that **Kodie Thorpe** always thanks her enthusiastically at the end of every English lesson and **Jack Godfrey** is always exceptionally polite.

Mrs Whitehead said that **Chloe Aliceto, Ellie Cullen, James Doherty, Ace Reid and Lumbani Zimba** all have beautiful manners and will open doors and carry things for her and are always as helpful as possible.

Mrs Preston said that **Deonne O'Connor** always has a smile when she walks into class and is always willing to help other students.

Mrs McCallum said that **Olivia Green, Michael Sarpong, Abraham Joel, Karen Manuwa James and Nana Osei Asabere** are always helpful in class and **Ellie McMillan and Ewan Quinn** always wish her a good day.

Mrs Ball said that **Jerabel Osei and Filip Ovcacik** are model students who are unfailingly polite in every dealing she has with them.

Mrs Bugler said that **Salem Alyami** always holds the door open for, always says “Good Morning” and always has that big smile on his face!

Mrs Isherwood said that **Lily McKenna** always thanks her for any help that she receives and always has a smile on her face.

Mrs Abel has taught **Dzhan Sali** for English in Years 7 and 8 and says he is always polite and respectful to everyone even if he doesn't always agree with their point of view. Whenever she sees him around school, he always asks how she is.

Mrs Godrich said that **Marcel Zdunski** always says “Thank you” when he leaves the Library.

Ms Sherlock said that **Elisha Holland** always shows kindness and respect to everyone and is polite to everyone in the school community.

Ms Silva said that **Stephanie Osuwu** is always very polite, always says “Hello” and always apologises if the need arises.

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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 6 school weeks left, just 30 days in school, until the GCSE examinations start.

Please note that there will be a programme of revision classes over the Easter holiday. Some classes have been planned to address the findings of the Pre-Public Examinations and are compulsory, and essential preparation, for those students identified. There is a clear expectation that 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 8 th April	ICT	ICT
Tues 9 th April	ICT	ICT
Weds 10 th April	Maths Music Technology	Geography Music Technology
Thurs 11 th April	Art	Art
Fri 12 th April	Drama	Drama
Mon 15 th April	English	English
Tues 16 th April	English	English
Weds 17 th April	-	-
Thurs 18 th April	-	Dance



Advice on revision techniques and strategies can be very helpful for students and parents and, if possible, you should take a look at this article from the Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/apr/19/students-revise-exams-revision-science>

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The article provides advice about the 'golden rules' for revision and has some interesting ideas about trying different methods of revising for students and exploring different ways parents can support their son/daughter as they prepare for exams. The top tips are:

1. Start revision early
2. Do small chunks of revision... and do this often
3. Make a plan – and stick to the plan
4. Get plenty of sleep and rest between revision sessions
5. Exercise – preferably outside and then you get some fresh air, too
6. Eat healthily – a banana will sustain you for longer than a biscuit!

Clearly, it is absolutely crucial that Year 11 students attend every day between now and their examinations so that they do not miss any of their exam preparation.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kieran Cuddy from Year 9 and Ellie Craven from Year 10 who have both been nominated as Students of the Week.



Kieran has been nominated by the Science Department as he has really impressed his teachers since starting at the Academy last month. He was moved up into a higher set this week and achieved the best mark in the group in his first assessment. Kieran works very hard and makes excellent contributions in class. Well done Kieran.

Ellie has been nominated by the English Department as she has worked really hard and succeeded in surpassing her target grade in her latest assessment. Ellie has a fantastic attitude and her success is very well deserved!

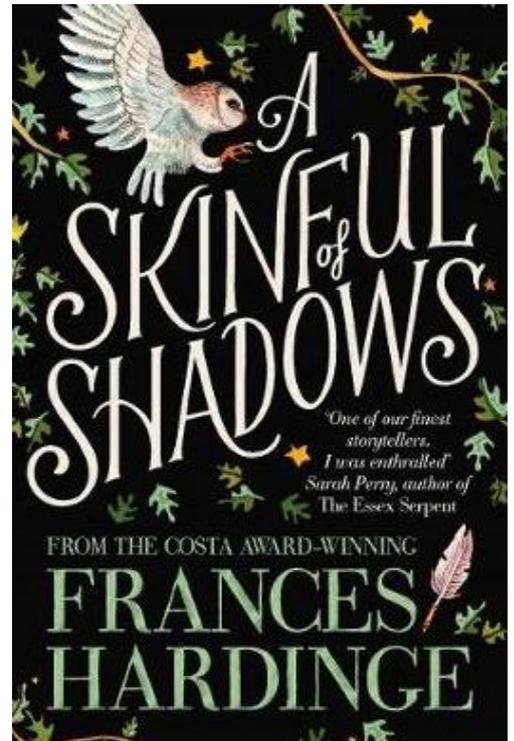
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BOOK OF THE WEEK

The book of the week is 'A Skinful of Shadows' by Frances Hardinge.

The Carnegie/Greenaway Book Shortlists were announced this week. These awards are one of the most prestigious Children's book awards in the World and are run by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in the UK. The list is brilliant this year and our Year 7 Reading Group had a look at all the books in their meeting on Tuesday. One of the shortlisted books is 'A Skinful of Shadows' by award winning author Frances Hardinge.

Sometimes, when a person dies, their spirit goes looking for somewhere to hide. Some people have space within them, perfect for hiding. Makepeace has learned to defend herself from the ghosts that try to possess her in the night, desperate for refuge - but one day a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard. Now she has a spirit inside her. The spirit is wild, angry and strong, and it maybe her only defence when she is sent to live with her father's cruel and powerful ancestors. But as she plans her escape to a country torn apart by civil war, Makepeace must decide which is worse: possession - or death.



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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Lost property..... and the pile is getting even bigger

Once more, we are amassing a huge amount of lost property. If your child has lost a coat, bag, shoes, trainers or an item of clothing, please encourage them to check the collection of lost property at Student Services. Have a look at the photo here, is there anything you recognise?



Please note that we will be disposing of any unclaimed lost property at Easter as we cannot keep on collecting and storing it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE Geography residentials to the East Yorkshire Coast will take place over the weekends of 29th to 31st March and 26th to 28th April.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 4th April.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 5th April.

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Head of Year and Religious Studies Teacher – TLR 2c (£6,646)

We require a Head of Year with a Religious Studies specialism to join our Pastoral Team and Humanities Faculty, commencing employment with us from September 2019.

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR + TLR 2c (£6,646)

Closing Date: Thursday 28th March 2019

Interview Date: Week commencing 1st April 2019

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If you are a teacher who;

- Has an excellent track record
- Has sound subject knowledge
- Is an excellent classroom practitioner
- Is interested in working with a strong and committed faculty within the school

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.

Interested applicants should complete a Droylsden Academy application form available on the school website at <http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy>

Completed applications should be returned to the:

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Religious Studies Teacher

We require a talented Teacher of Religious Studies to join our Humanities Faculty, commencing employment with us from September 2019. Applications from NQT's and those on MPS or UPS are welcome.

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