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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Character Awards Celebration

This week we have been recognising and acknowledging the latest group of students who have achieved against one or more of our four 'Character Pillars': Learning, Leadership, Service and Participation. These four Character Pillars are fundamental to our school and students are encouraged to record evidence of how they have demonstrated these strong character traits through our Character Development Programme.



Successful completion of activities related to any of the four Character Pillars earns points towards a prestigious enamel badge which students may wear on their blazer in recognition of their achievements. There are three levels of award for each of the Character Pillars: Apprentice, Graduate and Master, with each one having gradually more challenging success criteria to meet.

Despite the challenges of this year, a further 125 students were recognised and acknowledged for their character development this week. This is testament to the kindness and resilience of our students and their desire to work hard, learn and participate and we are all really proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved at **Apprentice Level** against one or more of our four Character Pillars, Learning (L), Leadership (Lp), Service (S) and Participation (P):

Year 8

Ilir Caka (LPS) Charlotte Morris (P) Lucy Thomas (P) Gracie Thorpe (P) Alfie Wier (P) Matthew Whitehead (P) Success Brat Richard (P) Bradley Gilbert (P) Isabella Heywood (Lp) Chloe Lees (P) Osaid Rajjoub (P) Kyle Sreena (PS) Brogan Williams (LpS) Jessica Clarke (P) Ellie Lucas (P) Neave O'Connor (P) Gift Otabor (P) Awais Akeel (PS) Pricilla Anyangbeso (PS) Adam Feeney (P) Philippa Mansell (P) Georgia Morris (P) Neha Nasrullah (P) Thomas Weaver (P) Lily Abdi (P) Daniel Bancroft (P) Harry Chambers (P) Jaaziah Cowan (P) Jace Kennedy (P) Simon Oboh (P) Jackson Gaskin (LS) Bailey Johnson (P) William Senou (P) Recce Dable (P) Paige Gillespie (LPS) Dylan Hall (P) Dylan Stott (P)

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Year 9

Jessica Barroso (P) Tavon Forrest-McDowell (P) Damiel Ihejirika (P) Demi Metcalf (P)
Oluwafunbi Oseni (P) Keira Walker (P) Melissa Gavan (P) Riley Joyce (P) Zara McLeish (P)
Kelvin Nwanze (P) Amy Oates (P) Scarlet Bird (P) Lucas Taylor (P) Muhammed Aliu (P) Laura
Brzeska (P) Adam Henshaw (P) Lucy McCall (P) Molly Nash (P) Matthew Walker (P) Toni
Walsh (P) Olivia Brennan (P) Kayden Moscrop (P) Emma Thomas (P) Kaiden Barr (P) Nathan
Piggott (P) Eunice Sarpong (P) Marcel Zdunski (P) Cameron Dable (P) Sam Faulkner (P)
Alexander Hume (P) Jayden Massey (P)

Year 10

Albion Behrami (S) Edward Bradley (SLp) Aleena Iqbal (S) Madison Bellis (LS) Lukas Hall (SP)
Leyla Khushbakht (PS) Tyler Knapman (P) Jerabel Osei (PS) Hafsa Waziri (S) Declan Bebbington
(SL) Holly Bennison (P) Liam Foster (P) Olivia Green (SLpP) Ciro Lucci (S) Kate O'Donnell (S)
Lily Prunty (S) Tayla Stewart (S) Esther Yeboah (S) Oluwatoyosi Junaid (SP) Megan Ikin (S)
Ester Nastasa (SP) Hannah Thomas (P) Ivie Agho (LSLpP) Natalie Ainsworth (LS) Lovisa Boakye
(SLpP) Malaika Iftikhar (SP) Valeria Asamoah (SLp) Nikola Brzozowska (SP) Shannon Corbett (P)
Lauren Gilligan (SP)

Year 11

Simone Butler (P) Elliot Davey (P) Zarah Islam (P) Abigail Knowles (P) Taylor Megram (P)
Kacey-Leigh Moscrop (LS) Pelumi Ogumoroti (SLpP) Thomas Russell-McAinsh (P) Sayieda-Jannat
Talukdar (SP) Isaac Wright (P) Katelyn Yemm (P)

Congratulations to the following students from across the Academy who have achieved at **Graduate Level** against one or more of our four Character Pillars, Learning (L), Leadership (Lp), Service (S) and Participation (P):

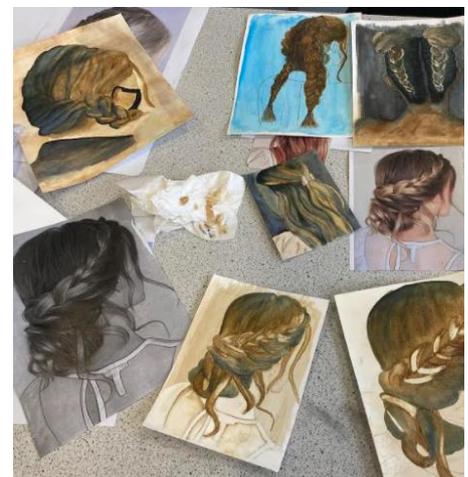
Ikir Caka (L) Befekadeselasse Gudeta (P) Isabella Heywood (LS) Kyle Sreenan (L) Brogan
Williams (L) Jackson Gaskin (P) Rory Hand (P) Molly Nash (LS) Hannah Sykes (LS) Callum
Turner (P) Agape Esayas (P) Diya Jairath-Fernandez (P) Luke Cocking (P) Aleena Iqbal (Lp)
Meerab Nasir (P) Deonne O'Connor (P) Amelia Shaw (P) Leyla Khushbakht (LLp) Amaara
Naveed (P) Hafsa Waziri (Lp) Ciro Lucci (L) Devanshi Shah (P) Tayla Stewart (L) Lovisa Boakye
(L) Malaika Iftikhar (Lp) Nikola Brzozowska (L) Diya Mistry (P) Lucy Alderson (P)



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Art

The Art Department would like to congratulate and thank the Year 11 GCSE groups for their positive attitude, hard work and commitment in their formal assessments which took place last week.



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Photography

Thank you to Miss Hickman for submitting these photo edits from students taking Photography.



Katie Siddall and Molly Nash from the Year 9 GCSE Class have visited the sweet shop this week...



...whilst Layton Matthews (Year 10) has created these wonderfully surreal photos for his coursework portfolio.

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Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile Year 10 students studying GCSE Food and Nutrition made Chicken Soup, made with a chicken carcass, and Droylsden Fried Chicken or DFC! The photos below show **Callum Parker, Jessica Harrison, Layton Bellis** and **Jamie Arora** in action. Watch out Nando's and KFC, you have got competition.



Short Story Competition

You may remember the wonderful winning short stories by **Jaaziah Cowan, Jack Crowther** and **April Wardle**, which won first, second and third prizes respectively in the short story competition and which have been printed in earlier editions of Newsflash. The photos here show Jaaziah and Jack receiving their prizes. Well done again to Jaaziah, Jack and April on your literary talent and creativity!

'Snow day!' by Jaaziah Cowan

When the sun gleamed happily on his eyes, Jason awoke to the sound of cars screeching, but more importantly; the sound of exuberant children. It was a snow day! Even though his bed was warm, he instantly pounced out of it, totally forgetting the stone cold frozen room he was in....

'It's the memories' by Jack Crowther

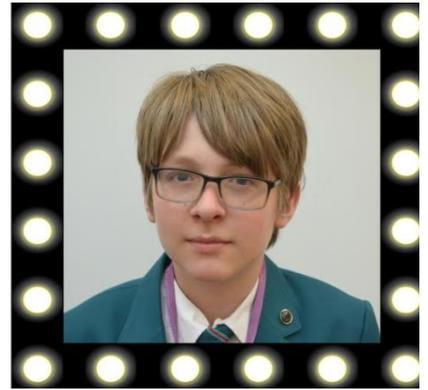
Picture yourself as a young child, patrolling the brown, delicate sand that lay beneath your feet and crumbling with every footstep. The light, foamy wave of the ocean chases you up the beach....



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PERFORMER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Liam Tomkinson** (Year 7) who has been nominated as Performer of the Month by the Music Department. Liam has shown excellent commitment to performance in and out of school and continued with his 1-1 drum lessons online during 'Lockdown'. Liam is making outstanding progress and recently completing a Grade 1 piece after only beginning lessons in September! Liam has also made excellent progress in his Music class and has performed a two handed 12 bar blues, with improvisation, after just 2 lessons. Well done Liam!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Alyssa Evans** from year 7 and **Olivia Green** and **Bobby Alderson** from Year 10 who have been nominated as Student of the Week.



Alyssa has been nominated by the English Department as she works consistently hard in lessons and produces work of the highest quality. She achieved an outstanding mark in her recent T2 Assessment and has also written some wonderful poetry in her spare time! Well done Alyssa!

Bobby has also been nominated by the English Department as he has worked really hard since returning to school and is always willing to contribute his thoughtful ideas to class discussions. Keep up the good work Bobby!

Olivia has received two nominations, a first for Newsflash, from both the Science and Maths Departments. Mrs Egan, Olivia's Maths Teacher, describes her as an excellent Mathematician who completes and enjoys the challenge of the toughest Grade 9 GCSE questions and who always gets involved in lessons. Mrs Egan also commented that Olivia is always polite and helpful and a delight to teach!

Mrs Sandiford, Olivia's Science Teacher, says that she worked extremely hard during lockdown, played a full part in every lesson and completed every key assessed piece of work. This has been really evident since our return to school where Olivia has continued to make excellent progress. Mrs Sandiford also describes Olivia as a polite and positive student and says that she is really proud of her!

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DROYLSDEN DEBATING UNION

A massive congratulations to **Rachel King** (Year 7) for receiving the 'Star Speaker of the Term' Award!

Rachel has displayed fantastic confidence during the Droylsden Debating Union sessions over the last term and has demonstrated strong communication skills and the ability to articulate thoughtful ideas to her peers and the union.

Well done Rachel, we are really proud of you!

Attention Year 7!

Do you fancy the opportunity of following in Rachel's footsteps and achieving the 'Star Speaker of the Term' Award? Do you want to sharpen your speaking skills, build confidence and have fun? If the answer is yes to all of these questions, what are you waiting for?! Come along and join the Droylsden Debating Union - all welcome!

For more information, please sign up to the Google Classroom on **eyetdrn**.

We look forward to seeing you there!



NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONS QUIZ TEAM!

Do you love reading? Can you name all of the Horcruxes in Harry Potter? Do you know the last name of Michael, John and Wendy or Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy? If you are a book lover and like quizzes then Droylsden Academy needs you!

We are looking to put together a team for the National Reading Champions Quiz in June so if you are aged between 11 and 14, love reading, are knowledgeable about books and like to challenge yourself, then join the National Reading Champions Team Google Classroom, using the Class Code **eauprp2**, before we break up for Easter and you may get the opportunity to be involved. After Easter there will be quizzes and coaching sessions for those interested students so we can put in our best reading quizzers for the National Quiz!

You can find out more about the Quiz by watching this short trailer which can be found on YouTube.



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COVID-19 Testing and Reporting

Please read this important information carefully and refer to it during the holiday period and into next term as necessary.

Re-introduction of confirmatory PCR testing for positive Lateral Flow Tests at home

All staff and students have been issued with Lateral Flow Device Kits (LFD) to self-test for COVID-19 at home. From Wednesday 31st March NHS Test and Trace have re-introduced confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction Tests (PCR Tests) for anyone who tests positive using the LFD Kit. The PCR test is to confirm that your positive LFD Test was correct.

If you test positive at home you should book your PCR Test immediately, either online or by calling 119, and the test should be undertaken within 2 days.

As at present, staff and students who have a positive LFD Test result at home, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance. However if their PCR Test result then comes back as negative, this overrides the LFD Test and the member of staff or student, and their family and close contacts, do not need to remain in self-isolation.

COVID-19 Positive Case Reporting During the Easter Holiday Period April 2021

There are three important reporting systems for reporting **Positive Cases** of COVID-19 over the Easter Holiday. In all cases you must report a positive LFD Test taken at home. Please then inform the Academy if your subsequent PCR Test comes back as positive or negative.

The first is for any student who tests positive between Thursday 1st and Monday 5th of April and who attended school during the final week of term.

The second is for any student who attends an in-school Study or Booster Session at the Academy during the holiday, between Tuesday 6th and Friday 16th April, and then tests positive for COVID-19.

The third is for any student who tests positive from Tuesday 6th April but who has not attended an in-school Study or Booster session at the Academy during the holiday.

1. Reporting of a Positive Case of COVID-19 for any student who tests positive between Thursday 1st April and Monday 5th of April and who attended school during the last week of term:

If your child unfortunately tests positive for COVID-19 from Friday 1st April and up to and including Monday 5th April and has been attending school during the week commencing 29th March, **you must** notify the Academy so that we can liaise with Public Health and identify any possible contacts for your child.

To notify a positive case, please visit the Academy website www.droylsdenacademy.com and click on the COVID-19 section where you will find a notification form. Please complete the form, **answering all the questions**, and then submit it. The form will go through to a member of staff who will deal with the case on your behalf. Please note that the notification email account will be operational each day between 8.00am and 10.00am over the Bank Holiday weekend.

2. Reporting of a Positive Case of COVID-19 for any student who attends an in-school Study or Booster Session at the Academy during the holiday, between Tuesday 6th and Friday 16th April, and then tests positive for COVID-19:

If your child attends an in-school session between Tuesday 6th April and Friday 16th April and tests Positive for COVID-19 **you must** notify the Academy so that we can liaise with Public Health and identify any possible contacts for your child.

To notify a positive case, please visit the Academy website www.droylsdenacademy.com and click on the COVID-19 section where you will find a notification form. Please complete the form, **answering all the questions**, and then submit it. The form will go through to a member of staff who will deal with the case on your behalf.

3. Reporting of a Positive Case of COVID-19 for any student who tests positive from Tuesday 6th April but who has not attended an in-school Study or Booster session at the Academy during the holiday.

For positive cases from Tuesday 6th April onwards, please email inform@droylsdenacademy.com. You must include your child's name, the date of their positive test and the date that their period of self-isolation ends. Please note that, in line with Public Health guidance, your child should not then return to school until their 10 day period of self-isolation ends unless their subsequent PCR test comes back as negative.

The Academy will not respond to cases reported after the 5th April until staff return to school on Monday 19th April 2021, unless the student has attended an in-school holiday session as outlined above.

Your responsibility to carry out your routine Home COVID Tests over the holiday

Please remember that all students must continue to routinely self-test for COVID twice a week over the two week Easter holiday and report the results of their tests accordingly. Students should report their test results to the NHS and to school using the links below:

All year groups should report their results to the NHS using this link:

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Students should report their results to the Academy using their Year Group link:

Year 7 <https://forms.gle/sG1TA5kibsaaPA4QA>

Year 8 <https://forms.gle/RG4vA4ZbuoY5eDZ39>

Year 9 <https://forms.gle/ZFkgRYVbvTMAspwDA>

Year 10 <https://forms.gle/Ku6a7sraCRAX8Eo7A>

Year 11 <https://forms.gle/t3SSnTRBcaixJITQ6>

It is vital that all students record the results of their tests in order to keep the Academy as safe as possible for everyone.

In addition, please ensure that students carry out a test on the evening of Sunday 18th April or the morning of Monday 19th April and record their result. This is really important.

Your Year Managers will be monitoring the logging of results and will be in touch should there be an issue.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Smart Watches

Unfortunately, some students have been wearing 'Smart Watches' for school. As everyone should be aware, these are not permitted under our Behaviour for Learning Policy as, like a phone, they can cause a significant distraction in the classroom. This is explained, along with other important information on our expectations, in the Student Planner.

If a student wears a Smart Watch to school, it will be confiscated for one week. If a parent or carer wishes to collect the device earlier, then they can make an appointment with the Year Team or a member of the Leadership Team when they can collect it.

Thank you for your support.

Leavers Hoodies!

Year 11 students can now order their 'Class of 2021' Leavers Hoodies. The cost is £16.00 and there is a choice of 5 colours. All orders need to be in by Friday 30th April. A cost centre has been added to SchoolsComms or, alternatively, cash orders can be given to Mrs Stansfield. Orders can be made on the following Google Form through the link below. This can also be found on the Year 11 Hub

<https://forms.gle/3hXv4t2XuKKq9o1F8>

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Overdue Library Books

With the re-opening of the school next week, the Library Delivery Service will resume again after Easter. However, there are a number of library books that are overdue and need returning. If you have any library books, please can you return them back to school. There are number of book returns boxes being placed around the Academy, including one by the machines for adding cash to your account in the Atrium. There is also a box at each Year Entry Door and a box on the Librarian's Desk. Just pop your book in and Mrs Godrich will deal with the rest.

Please check your child's account

Please ensure that your child has enough money on their account to pay for their meals. A number of students are in the 'red' at the moment and It may be worth checking your child's account on Schoolcomms, just in case, and topping it up if necessary.

Thank you

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