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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### **More sporting success!**

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 Boys Volleyball A, B and C teams who all competed in the Tameside Boys Volleyball Championships prior to the Easter Holiday. The A team won the Gold Medal after winning all of their games with the B and C teams finishing in a very creditable fourth and fifth place respectively. The B team were actually in Silver Medal position with 10 seconds of the final game to go but were beaten by 1 point on the final ball of the game, a result which moved them down to 4<sup>th</sup> place. The standard of volleyball from all three Droylsden teams was outstanding. The Year 7/8 A team will now join the Year 9/10 in representing Tameside, as Tameside Champions, at the forthcoming Greater Manchester Schools Volleyball Championships next week.



A Team: Dylan Smith, Nana Osei Asabere, Emmanuel Bawuah, Gad Amakye and Michael Sarpong

B Team: Daniel Ihenjinka, Nana Kwame Asabere and Oluwafunbi Oseni

C Team: Mason Thompson, Samuel Faulkner, Lamech Asamoah-Tannor and Thomas Wilson

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## Geography Field Trip to the East Coast

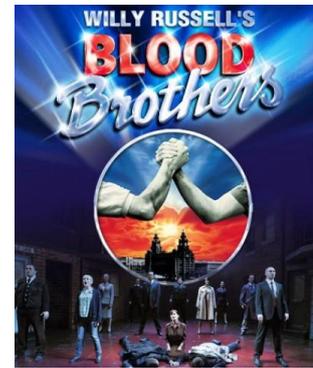
Year 11 GCSE Geography students set off on a residential fieldtrip to the East Coast of Yorkshire before the Easter Holiday. They stayed at the YHA in Beverley and, over the weekend, visited Flamborough Head to study caves, arches and stacks and the formation of headlands and bays and wave-cut platforms, the cliffs at Aldbrough and then Mappleton and Hornsea to look at coastal defences, erosion and management. A second group depart for the East Coast this weekend so we hope the sun shines for them too!



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## Blood Brothers

Year 10 Drama students visited the Lowry Theatre over the Easter Holiday to watch a performance of 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell, one of the plays that they are studying as part of their GCSE course.



## Combined Cadet Force

Preparations are now well underway for the launch of the Droylsden Academy Combined Cadet Force in September. The following members of staff have now been appointed to their roles and we hope to start recruiting Cadets later this term:

Ms Vicki Hamilton	Contingent Commander (CC)
Mr Roy Blick	School Staff Instructor (SSI)
Ms Lorraine Ball	Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV)
Mrs Rebecca McCallum	Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV)

Corporal of Horses Simon Jury has attended the Academy to commence staff training. The initial session focused on 'Skill at Arms' and staff were introduced to the inoperable Drill SA80 rifle. Staff were taught about the different parts of the weapon and then given the opportunity to present arms for inspection. Staff training will now take place every Wednesday.



The MOD sponsored Cadet Forces are widely recognised as one of the most successful uniformed youth organisations in the UK and operate in many of the country's top independent, grammar and comprehensive schools. By providing a safe place for young people to develop through undertaking challenging activities, underpinned by the values and standards of the Armed Forces, the Cadet Forces make a significant contribution to changing many young peoples' lives for the better.

Research commissioned by the MOD, the Combined Cadet Force Association and CVQO suggests there are numerous benefits associated with a Combined Cadet Force Unit in school including developing skills such as leadership, self-discipline, communication and confidence, all of which are valued by cadets, parents, educational organisations, and employers.

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## Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening

The Academy would like to thank those parents and carers who attended Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening before the Easter Holiday. Altogether 109 students out of a total of 144 were represented by parents or carers on the night, a turn-out of 76%. Feedback would suggest that the evening was very useful for parents, students and staff.

### **We were delighted that of the parents who filled in an Academy questionnaire during the evening:**

- 100% of them agreed that their child enjoys school and was happy at the Academy;
- 100% felt that their child was safe and well looked after;
- 100% felt that their child was making good progress;
- 100% felt that their child was taught well;
- 94% felt that behaviour was good;
- 100% felt that they are kept well informed by the Academy and know what is going on;
- 94% would feel comfortable about contacting the Academy if they had any concerns; and
- 100% would recommend the Academy to other people if asked for their views.

Whilst the Academy is pleased that 76% of parents and carers were able to attend the Parent Teacher Consultation, and appreciate the phone calls and emails from the parents who genuinely couldn't come, we are concerned and disappointed that 35 of our students were not represented at such an important evening where progress, attainment, strengths and learning areas for development were discussed with subject teachers. Evidence clearly shows that students who are actively supported in their education by parents who attend such events as Parent Teacher Evenings do much better.

Thank you to Jihad Khan, Shakshi Desai and Tracey Nwanze for staffing reception and signing parents in on the evening.



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## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, there are only 3 school weeks left, just 15 days in school, until the GCSE examinations start.**

Thank you to all the staff who ran revision classes and study sessions during the Easter Holiday. Feedback from students would suggest that they found them very useful.

All students have now been issued with their examination timetables and GCSE study packs. It would be really useful if parents and carers familiarised themselves with this information and encourage their child to use the materials and resources at home.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kayleigh Cunningham-Clarke from Year 7, Diya Mistry from Year 8 and Jake Mason from Year 11 who have all been nominated as students of the week.



Diya has been nominated by the Science Department as she has a natural flair for the subject and can think through problems logically and systematically. Combined to this is Diya's positive attitude and the pride she takes in her work both in school and at home. Diya is an exceptional student and she achieved one of the highest grades in Year 8 on the recent E1 examination. A great achievement for a hardworking student who is an absolute pleasure to teach.

Kayleigh has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is a model student who is always ready to learn. Kayleigh always completes all the work set to the best of her ability and she often completes extension tasks too. Her presentation is also always excellent. Kayleigh is making good progress in her Maths lessons and the Maths Department are sure that this will continue through to Year 11.

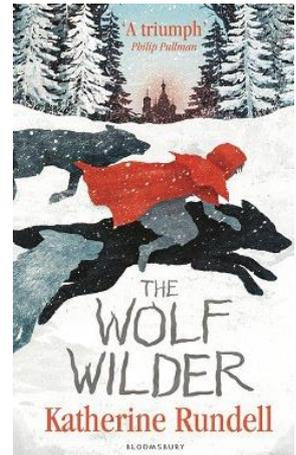
Jake has been nominated by the English Department as he is revising diligently for his GCSE examinations. Jake has been in school every evening, some nights until 8.00pm; his commitment and hard work are exemplary and will certainly pay off in the final examinations this summer. Well done Jake, you deserve to do well.

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## BOOK OF THE WEEK

The book of the week is 'The Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell, an intoxicating mix of fairy-tale and history! The following review has been written by Maria Bundache from Year 7.

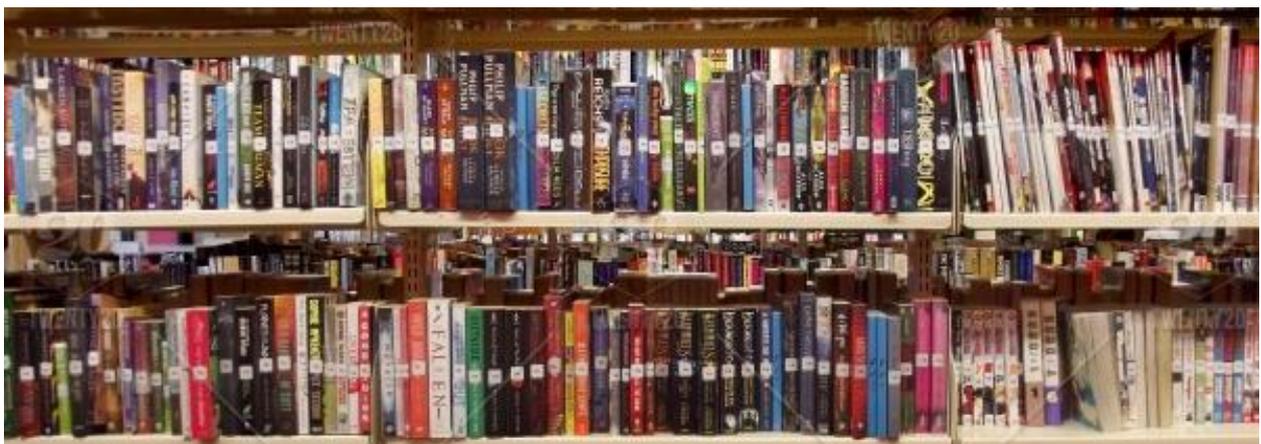
The author gives a vague idea of what this celestial book will be about in the first few lines by describing the main character and setting. As you slowly turn each page, you are able to imagine heavenly landscapes such as a smoky night sky like smeared charcoal with silver gold splashes of glitter as if some entity has thrown a moth-eaten blanket over the earth. The blazing stars and the radiant moon symbolise the holes in the blanket that have been eaten away.



The book talks about a youthful girl named Feodora, known as Feo, and her spectacular and enigmatic adventures with seraphic wolves. After being brutally threatened by a fierce army general, Rakov, Feo and her unimpeachable mother do all they can to keep "Wolf wilding" their secret. Although Feo has some heart breaking, traumatising and disturbing experiences, she tries to make the best of her rather unhappy life and continues to train wolves which brings her true satisfaction and happiness.

## BOOK SALE

It is that time of year again for the 'Grand Library Book Sale'! All monies raised from the sale of pre-loved library books will go back into the library and its activities. Books start at 10p and there are some great deals to be had. Pop along at break and lunch to peruse the tantalising titles that are on offer! The Sale will end on 24<sup>th</sup> May.



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## Changes to the School Day from September 2019

The Academy Governing Body, Senior Leadership Team and staff have been discussing changes to the school day which we would like to implement at the start of the next academic year in September. It is intended that these changes will ensure that all our students experience a broad, balanced and rich curriculum that prepares them thoroughly for the new GCSE specifications and provides them with the opportunities to develop into healthy young adults with strong character traits and the best chances of academic success.

As part of the consultation process, Mr Wilson will speak with all students next week and all parents/carers will receive a letter in the post. The letter will give you further information about the planned changes. The letter will also explain how you can give your views as part of the consultation process or ask any questions you may have.

## British Sign Language



**Are you aged 50 or over?**

**Are you interested in learning  
British Sign Language?**

**Do you live in one of the following ward  
areas of Tameside?**

**Denton South, Waterloo or Newton**

**If so, we can deliver FREE training in your  
area**

(If you have a free room that we could use please let us know)

**For more information, please contact:**

**Email: [handstocommunicate@hotmail.com](mailto:handstocommunicate@hotmail.com)**

**Telephone: 07732802437**

**Or Facebook: Hands to communicate**



## Lost property

You may remember that, at the end of last term, we had a lot of unclaimed lost property. This has now been donated to the Tameside Women's Refuge by the GMP Ashton.



**GMP Ashton** ✓ @GMPAshton · 13h  
Thanks to [@DroyAcademy](#) for donating their end of term lost property clothing items. These have been given to the Tameside Women's Refuge by PCSO's Schofield and Hall, and will be used by the women and child residents.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Academy will be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Parents/carers of Year 8 students should have received a letter with further information about the consultation evening over the last week.

Injections against HPV2 will take place for Year 8 girls on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Consent forms have already been completed and returned by parents/carers.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The Academy re-opens after the holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

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**ASSISTANT CARETAKER**

**Band B: Point 3 – Point 4 (£9.61 - £9.81 per hour)**

**Part Time: 2pm – 6pm Monday – Friday (full year)**

**CLOSING DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – 12 noon**

**INTERVIEW DATE: to be confirmed**

**The Role**

We require a reliable, flexible and professional Assistant Caretaker to provide efficient and effective support to the Academy to ensure that the general appearance of the building and surrounding areas are maintained in accordance with the required standards.

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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:

**Human Resources Department, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden M43 6QD**

## LETTINGS SUPERVISOR

**Salary - Grade E (Point 11 – 16) - £11.26 - £12.44 per hour** (negotiable depending on level of experience)

**HOURS OF WORK: 15 hours per week (evenings and weekends) (full year)**

**CLOSING DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – 12 noon**

**INTERVIEW DATE: to be confirmed**

We are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic Lettings Supervisor who will promote and ensure the smooth and professional running of our Lettings Team and facilities.

The main purpose of the role is to supervise the lettings operation and to provide a high quality customer service role for evening and weekend bookings at the Academy.

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## Post: Lettings Assistant

**Hours of work: A minimum of 10 hours per week (Evenings and weekends - full year). The opportunity for more hours will be available.**

**Salary: Grade A (Point 2) - £9.42 per hour**

**Closing Date: 26th May 2019 – 12 noon**

**Interview Date: to be confirmed**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic Lettings Assistant who will provide a customer service role for evening and weekend bookings at the Academy.

The main purpose of this role is to ensure that customers who use our leisure facilities are made to feel welcome and that the areas used are always in a clean and safe condition. To deal with queries relating to lettings, both face to face and over the telephone, ensuring that all users of the premises complete the required paperwork upon entry and on exit of the premises. As a designated key holder you will have the responsibility of ensuring that the building is opened and secured before/after use.

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Please note, we may close this job advert earlier than the advertised closing date if we receive sufficient applications.

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Completed applications should be returned to [rbrown@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:rbrown@droylsdenacademy.com) or to:

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