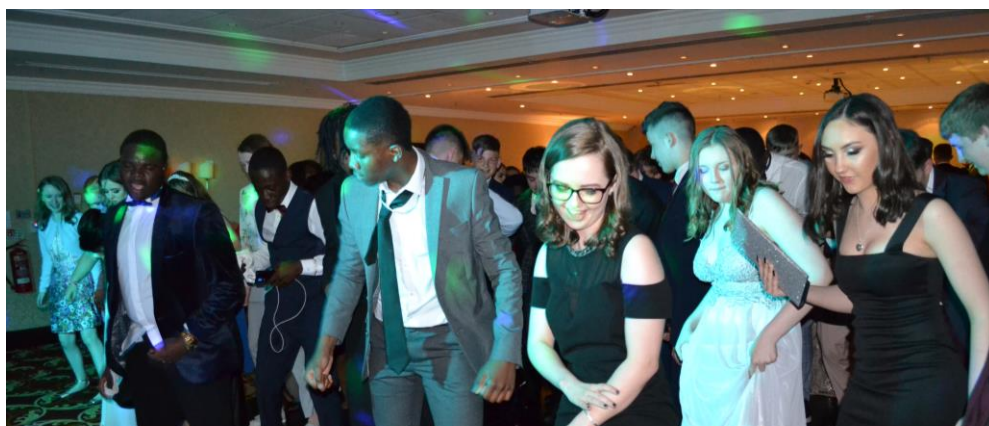


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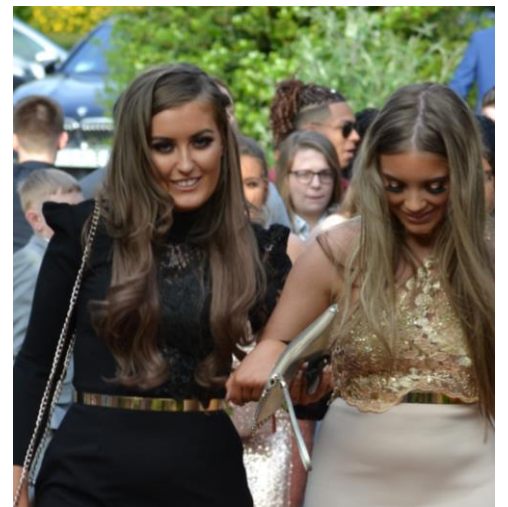
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 11 'Prom'

Last week, the Academy held the Leavers 'Prom' for the 'Class of 2019' at the Marriott Hotel in Worsley. It was a really enjoyable evening and everyone had a night to remember. Congratulations to the 'Prom King and Queen', Dan Shaw and Mollie Kearney, and to Precious Aro and Ethan Murphy who were voted the best dressed female and male respectively. Thank you to the staff who supported the event and, in particular, to Ms Stansfield for all her hard work in organising the evening and making it such a success.



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Year 9 Photography

Year 9 students visit Manchester to photograph some of the City Centre's iconic buildings and landmarks as part of their GCSE course.

Year 10 Geography

Year 10 students studying GCSE Geography visited Fleetwood this week to investigate coastal management. Next week they will visit Wales where they will study river processes including meanders, levees and floodplains.



Year 9 Food and Nutrition

Year 9 have been exploring the nutritional and health benefits of offal. Their favourite recipe was Oxtail Soup with the students enjoying the leftover meat and marrow from the bones!



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Careers Education, Information and Guidance

Year 10 students attended a 'CEIAG' Day this week to find out more about the world of work and the process of recruitment and selection. Students attended workshops and presentations on a range of topics and came prepared in 'business dress' for their own personal 'mock' interview with a representative from business and commerce.



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The Holocaust Educational Trust

Tomi Komoly, a Holocaust Survivor, visited the Academy this week to talk to Year 9 students about his experiences during the 2nd World War. The students have been studying the atrocities of the Holocaust in their Humanities lessons and Tomi's harrowing account of what his family and countless other Jews experienced reminded us all of the terrible consequences of a doctrine based on superiority, prejudice and hatred. We will always remember Tomi's visit and cannot thank him enough for his time.



Captain Lou Rudd MBE

Droylsden Academy was privileged to host a visit from Captain Lou Rudd MBE this week when he shared the experiences of his expedition to cross the Antarctic single handed.

Captain Rudd started his 'Spirit of Endurance' expedition on 3rd November 2018 and completed the 56 day journey, a 920 mile solo unsupported crossing of the Antarctic land mass, without a single day's rest, becoming the first Briton, and only the second man in history, to complete this journey.

It took 41 days to travel from the start point to the South Pole and a further 15 days from the South Pole to Ross Ice Shelf via the Leverett Glacier. Captain Rudd showed the students the pulk (sled) which he hauled across Antarctica, with a start weight of 130kg, his clothing and his skis. The pulk had to hold all of the food and equipment he would need for the expedition as the trip was solo and unassisted so he wasn't allowed to resupply at any point. Careful consideration had to be given to what he would take with him so that Captain Rudd could keep the weight of the pulk to an absolute minimum. This was so important that he decided not to take a change of clothing for the entire trip!



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Captain Rudd shared some of his experiences on his journey including falling of a sheer drop resulting in a spectacular 'face plant' in the snow closely followed by his pulk landing on top of him. He endured temperatures of -57°C and completed the journey in what has been acknowledged as some of the harshest conditions on record with unprecedented levels of snow fall making it even more exhausting to haul the pulk across 920 miles.

At the end of his journey, Captain Rudd realised that bad weather meant he would have to wait a further three days for the aeroplane that would fly him to civilisation and, with every scrap of food gone, things were not looking good. Fortunately, a box of supplies had been buried under one of the aviation fuel drums a year before the expedition had started just in case this situation ever arose so Captain Rudd was saved by a box containing cheeses, meats and coffee!

Since returning from Antarctica, Captain Rudd has been visiting schools to inspire students through sharing the experiences of his epic journey. He really inspired the 200 students who attended his presentation at the Academy and we are really grateful that that he gave up his time to visit us.



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 32 school weeks left, just 160 days in school, until your first GCSE exam!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to William Hunter from Year 7 who has been nominated as Student of the Week.

William has been nominated by the Science Department as he always works hard and to the best of his ability in every lesson. He can always be relied upon to contribute to class discussions and answer questions and plays a full part in class. Well done William and keep up the brilliant work!



FUND RAISING FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

Sponsored Swim

This will take place on Tuesday 9th July, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, at 'Active Medlock'. Please see Mrs McCallum in M12 for further details and your Sponsorship Form. Get involved, get active and help raise funds for the worthwhile charities we are supporting!



'Tesco Bag Pack'

We have been given an opportunity to raise funds for our chosen charities through a 'Bag Pack' at Tesco in Droylsden. The Bag Pack will take place on Sunday 14th July, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please see Mrs McCallum if you can help. You don't have to do the full 4 hour session but any time you can offer would be really appreciated.

Droylsden Foodbank

As we come up to the summer, there will be families around Droylsden, whose children get a free school meal, who are worried about feeding them during the holiday. We would like to help these families if we can and are supporting Tesco with their food collection for the Droylsden and District Food Bank. Any donations will be gratefully received at the Academy and will be dropped off at Tesco on Friday 12th July. Please donate shelf food only which can be stored for a period of time. This includes such products as tinned fruit, dried pasta, breakfast cereals and tinned soup, meat or vegetables.

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COMBINED CADET FORCE

We are now recruiting for the Droylsden Academy Army CCF unit which is scheduled to have its first parade in September 2019. **If your son/daughter is interested in being a Cadet, please ask them to collect a letter from Student Services.**

SUMMER HOLIDAY UNIFORM SHOPS AT THE ACADEMY

Representatives from Monkhouse and Debonair, our two official uniform suppliers, will be at the Academy over the summer holiday on the following dates:

Wednesday 24 th July	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 31 st July	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 7 th August	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 14 th August	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 21 st August	Debonair	10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 28 th August	Monkhouse	10.00am – 4.00pm

You are welcome to visit the Academy on any of the dates above to try uniform on and purchase or order any items that you wish to.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Year 10 Geography Field Trip to North Wales on Thursday 11th July.

Achievement Evening for students in Years 7 to 10 will take place on Tuesday 16th July.

The Academy Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 17th July.

The Academy will break up for the summer holiday on Friday 19th July at 12.00pm.

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