

Newsflash

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Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

This year's Academy Production will be.....



18TH, 19TH & 20TH JANUARY, 2022 SEE MISS BURGESS FOR INFO

STEP 1- JOIN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM- UD005WF

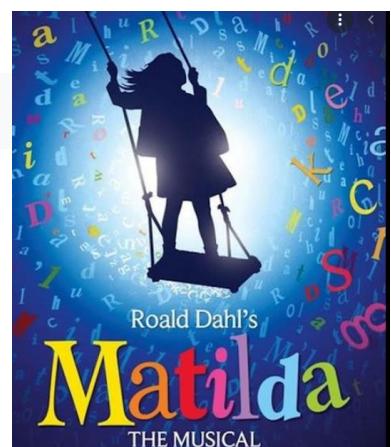
STEP 2 - DECIDE ON YOUR AUDITION (ENSEMBLE OR LEAD)

STEP 3- PREPARE FOR THE AUDITION!

TUESDAY 22ND JUNE- LEAD ROLE AUDITIONS (P4)

WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE - LEAD ROLE AUDITIONS (P4)

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE- ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS



The Cast will be announced in next week's edition of Newsflash!

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Meanwhile, back in the STEM Club Garden...

This week, we prepared the gardens for planting, a much bigger job than we had anticipated! We found lots of potatoes that had started to grow and we have kept them away from the weeds so that we can re-plant them later. As a treat we helped ourselves to some ripe strawberries when we had finished, the fruits of our labour!



All staff are welcome to visit our garden to see what we have done, but we have counted the strawberries and know how many there are!

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Hudson, Mr Bentick and Mr Bushby who have now completed their basic training at Altcar Camp and passed their commissioning interviews with Deputy Commanding Officer Robert Manual of RHQ. They have all now gained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and, as members of the Academy Combined Cadet Force, will help lead and train our contingent.

If your child is interested in joining the Academy CCF, he/she should speak to Contingent Commander Ball or email her at lball@droylsdenacademy.com.

Further information about the CCF can also be found on the Academy Website.



The Linguist Roll of Honour

Congratulations to **Alyssa Evans** and **Evie Quinlan**, both from Year 7, who have been nominated for the Academy Linguist Roll of Honour by their Modern Foreign Languages teachers.

Alyssa, who studies Spanish, has been nominated as she has demonstrated an incredible desire to learn all year and achieved an excellent end of year test performance. Evie, who studies French, has been nominated as she is a dedicated linguist who constantly strives to achieve her full potential.



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Global Masterchef Challenge

Thank you to the Year 8 students who took part in Tuesday's Global Masterchef Challenge. Both teams did a fantastic job in representing their Houses, Albion and Oakfield. Here are some pictures of **Lewis Francis, Sam McCormick, Chloe Lees** and **Brogan Williams** hard at work on their chosen dishes!



And now it's over to Year 9.....

Do you like cooking? Do you have a friend from the same Academy House who likes cooking too? If so, the time has come to showcase your skills by representing your House in the Year 8 Heat of the Academy Global Masterchef Challenge!

What do you need to do to take part?

- You need to decide on which dish you would like to prepare. The dish can be from any country in the world apart from the UK!
- You need to be available for an hour after school, from 2.45pm to 3.45pm on Tuesday 29th June.
- You and your friend, who must be from the same House, will have 45 minutes to prepare your dish.
- You will need to bring your own ingredients, but all cooking utensils will be provided.

Please contact your House Leader to sign up for this event!



Photography

This amazing photograph was taken by **Luke Cocking** in Year 10. We're not sure if you are a Musician Luke but, if you are, you've just designed your first Album cover!

Meanwhile, **Isabelle Whitehead** created the wonderful 'lightopia' photo edits below.....



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...and **Joe McKenna** continues to develop a brilliant portfolio for his 'Light and Dark' project.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Deborah Otabor Osifo** from Year 10 who has been nominated as Student of the Week.

Deborah has been nominated by the Maths Department as she never gives up! Her perseverance and resilience are exemplary and she is a wonderful role model for her peers. Well done Deborah and keep up your commitment and your positive attitude to learning!

Deborah, we hope you will forgive us for using an old photo from when you were younger but we couldn't take an up to date one as you are self-isolating at the moment, along with the rest of your 'bubble'.



CAREERS DROP DOWN DAY

As part of our 'Life Skills' programme, all Year 10 students will be taking part in a Careers Drop Down day on Thursday 1st July when they will have the opportunity to think carefully about, and begin to prepare for, their next steps beyond school and college. Parents and Carers should have received the letter overleaf with information about the day.

LIFESKILLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Careers Drop Down Day and Futures Event



As part of our commitment to preparing every student for their future studies and careers we are holding a Careers Drop Down Day for all Year 10 students on **Thursday 1st July**. During the day students will be involved in a number of activities designed to allow them to think carefully about, and begin to prepare for, their next steps beyond school and college.

The normal timetable will be suspended and students will instead participate in a number of face-to-face and virtual workshops, which will encourage them to think about life beyond school and the things they need to do to prepare themselves effectively for the highly competitive world of work.

Students will be treated as if they are attending an interview or conference. **Students are required to dress for a formal interview situation.** This would include smart clothing (smart trousers/skirt or dress, suit, shirt/blouse, tie, smart shoes (no trainers); of course our school uniform is very smart and perfectly acceptable if they prefer.

The day will consist of a number of activities in which everyone will take part:

- **Positive Mindset**- a face-to-face workshop delivered by 'Made Training', designed to support students in terms of their attitudes to difficulties and challenges that they may face.
- **Interview Skills** – a virtual session to prepare them for future interviews.
- **My Perfect Uni** – a face-to-face session exploring Higher Education life and aimed at all students (both those who may have already considered university as well as those who have not).
- **SACU Workshop** – a virtual session which helps students choose the best Career, UCAS Course or Apprenticeship for them.
- **Aiming High workshop** – a face-to-face workshop delivered by The Talent Foundry which will encourage students to aspire high and not to underestimate their skills and talents

The event will start promptly at 8.30am. Students will be given full instructions, their timetable and a reminder about the expectations for the day. We want to treat everyone as adults and as it goes without saying that we expect immaculate behaviour and manners; I am sure we will not be disappointed.

Please note that the Careers Drop Down Day is compliant with our Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines but may be cancelled at short-notice if there are unforeseen circumstances.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

Yours faithfully

Mr S Jackson
Director of Character and Life Skills

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A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has today written to secondary school and college parents and guardians in England to talk about the importance of regular testing when it comes to keeping covid out of the classroom. A transcript of the letter can be found below.

The Prime Minister announced on 14 June that step 4 of the roadmap would have to be paused for up to four weeks because of the spread of the new variant.

With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to continue regular testing in order to detect cases of coronavirus, stay ahead of the virus and keep covid out of the classroom.

This means that regular asymptomatic testing for all will continue, and we need you and your children who are in secondary school or college to carry on testing at home, twice a week.

As you know, testing has been playing a vital role in our response to the virus. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country.

I want to thank you all for your efforts so far. I know that this has been an enormously challenging time for families, who have faced many pressures over the past 18 months. Your continued support in helping us fight the virus has been vital.

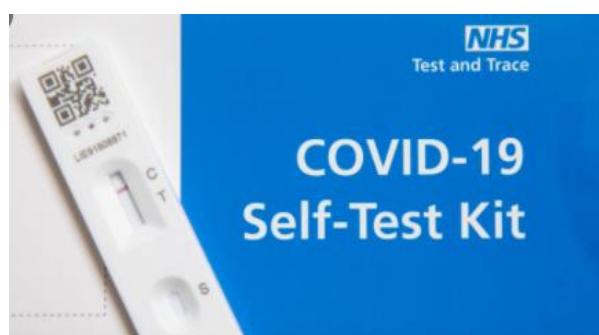
Secondary pupils and college students, households and their bubbles, along with school and college staff have now completed more than 50 million tests since these were introduced back in January. That really is an incredible number and we need you to continue your efforts.

It is wonderful to see so many children back in school and through your actions we can work together to keep everyone safe ensuring we can also keep your children in school with their friends.

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP Secretary of State for Education

THE IMPORTANCE OF LATERAL FLOW TESTS

With increasing Covid infection rates across the country, and in particular in Greater Manchester and the North West, it is crucial that we all test ourselves regularly using the kits provided.



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Please, please, please ensure that your child tests him or herself every Sunday and Wednesday, in line with our school procedures, and then records their result through the Academy website. It is really important that all results are recorded on both the Academy Google Reporting Tool and through the NHS reporting website.

We need to keep ourselves and our families safe and we owe it to everyone in our community to test ourselves regularly.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

An important message from the NSPCC

For the first time, people under the age of 18 who are concerned that a nude or inappropriate photograph of them is online, or could potentially end up there, can now flag up the content using the Report Remove tool on the NSPCC's Childline service's website.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

If a picture or video has already appeared online, they can share the URL and the charity will examine the images. If the pictures break the law, the IWF will work to have them removed. If the content has not yet appeared online but a person is worried it might, the charity can create a digital fingerprint for the picture, known as a hash, which will be shared with tech companies and law enforcement around the world to help prevent it from being uploaded and shared.

For more advice visit our school website Online Safety page at:

<https://www.droylsdenacademy.com/esafety2/3443.html>

Uniform 'Pop Up Shops' at the Academy during the summer holidays

There will be four opportunities to buy uniform from the Academy Pop Up Shop in the Atrium this summer. The four dates are:

Wednesday 21 st July	Monkhouse
Wednesday 28 th July	Top Marks
Wednesday 11 th August	Top Marks
Wednesday 25 th August	Top Marks

On each of these four days, uniform will be on sale at the Academy from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

Please note, if you are visiting the Monkhouse 'pop-up' shop on Wednesday 21st June, they would prefer you to make an appointment. You can do this through at www.monkhouse.com. You can still turn up without an appointment but you may have to wait until they can see you.

Further information about our two official suppliers, **Monkhouse Top Form** and **Top Marks School Wear** can be found below.

Monkhouse Top Form

Monkhouse have two uniform shops in Stockport and Oldham.

Stockport Branch

217 Chestergate
Stockport
SK3 0AN
Tel: 0161 476 7210

Oldham Branch

27 Union Street
Oldham
OL1 1XS
Tel: 0161 627 0417



You can also shop online at:

www.monkhouse.com

Monkhouse also offer a **Click and Collect** service where any uniform you order online can be delivered to the Academy for you to collect.



The image shows a promotional flyer for a 'In School Sell Event' at Droylsden Academy. The top section features the Monkhouse logo and the event title. Below this, a dark blue box contains the school name and 'Pre Booked Appointments Only'. The main body is divided into two sections: a red section on the left with details like date (Wednesday 21st July 2021) and time (10am to 3pm), and a yellow section on the right with instructions for purchasing uniform online or by phone. Arrows point from the website and phone icons back to their respective sections.

Droylsden Academy
Pre Booked Appointments Only

Wednesday 21st July 2021

10am to 3pm

Visit our website monkhouse.com

How to purchase your uniform

ONLINE
To order online, visit monkhouse.com and click shop by school.

PHONE
Call us on 0161 476 7216 to place your uniform and PE kit order today.

Top Marks School Wear

Top Marks School Wear is based in Ashton and has a retail shop at the Ladysmith Centre.

82 Old Street
Ladysmith Centre
Ashton-under-Lyne
OL6 7JR
Tel: 0161 343 2900



You can also shop online at:

<https://topmarksschoolwear.co.uk/category/schools/ashton/high-schools/droylsden-academy/>

An important message from the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

Dear Head Teacher,

As we are now in the summer term and the weather is improving, people are naturally drawn to our outdoor spaces. Many of these outdoor spaces have sites of open water which do not benefit from the professional supervision we may enjoy at beaches.

Many sites do have safety warnings and advise people not to enter the water, but as we know in hotter weather, people are inclined to ignore these signs. In recent years this has resulted in several deaths within the open water sites of Greater Manchester, some of those being young people.



The focus of this letter is your young people, as GMFRS Crews have seen a rise in young people using open water sites in the past couple of weeks and we want to ensure that safety messages are communicated to them in order to give them the information to keep themselves safe.

GMFRS produces a range of safety advice for the summer period, I am sure you are familiar with our annual Safe4Summer campaign.

GMFRS works in partnership with all ten Local Authorities, GMP and United Utilities to provide advice and guidance to keep our communities safe when they are around sites of open water.

In 2020 a dedicated Water Safety campaign was launched; a similar campaign will be launched very soon for 2021 and a range of safety messages will be included in this campaign. You will be contacted about this campaign in the coming weeks.

The social media messages will be shared with schools to forward on using their own groups. Further water safety advice can be found using the below link.

[Water safety - Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#)

Can I please ask that you make your young people aware of the safety messages relating to open water and share the information from the above link throughout your schools?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please email

preventionmanchester2@manchesterfire.gov.uk

if you need any further assistance.



Phillip Nelson
Group Manager
Tameside & Stockport Area
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

JOB VACANCY AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Attendance and Pupil Development Officer

Salary	Grade D, Point 7 to 10 (Actual Salary at Point 7 £14,018.77 – pro rata)
Contract	Term Time only, 30 hours per week
Required	Required for September 2021

The Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and talented individual to join our school.

The main purposes of the job are to provide co-ordination and support, with specific responsibility for pupil attendance and the administration of our rewards and sanctions system of behaviour management.

You must possess excellent communication, organisational and keyboard skills. Previous experience of working within a school would be an advantage. However, full training will be provided for the specific responsibilities.

A commitment to the education of young people and high standards are essential attributes.

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The closing date for completed applications is Monday 5th July 2021 at 12 noon

Application forms and further details can be found from the school website at:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Completed applications can be returned by email to:

admin@mossleyhollins.com

or posted to Mossley Hollins High School, Huddersfield Road, Mossley, OL5 9DP

Mossley Hollins High School is currently in the process of converting to an Academy. This role will be affected by the transfer, meaning that the successful applicant will transfer to the Academy, along with all other school staff. The conversion to an Academy will be undertaken in accordance with the DfE and legal requirements.

Mossley Hollins High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post requires an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)