

Droylsden Academy is a good school

DECLAN MCNALLY

The funeral of Declan McNally took place this week on Thursday 13th February. Representatives from the Academy and many of Declan's friends attended the service with students from across all year groups lining the route along Manor Road and laying flowers as the cortege passed in front of the Academy on its way to The Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabus in Beswick. This solemn and moving tribute and act of remembrance was observed immaculately by all our students and we hope that it brought some comfort to Declan's family on this most difficult of days.

Declan's smile, sense of fun and, of course, his friendship will be missed by so many people as illustrated by the heartfelt comments in our book of condolence, some of which can be found below.

'A huge part of my life, you were my best friend and you always put a smile on everyone's face.'

'Rest in Peace Dec, we will love and miss you forever.'

'Declan, you were such a positive person and our memories of you still make us smile.'

'Miss you so much Buddy.'

'You were always there for everyone, I can't believe that you're gone.'

'Really miss you in Form in the morning with your laughing and joking.'

'Memories, memories, memories, so many memories.....'

'Will miss the things we did together, going swimming, Youth Club and 'BMXing' especially the first time we went down that massive ramp together. So sorry we can't do that together again.'

'You always made everyone laugh and you always cheered people up if they were having a bad day.'



Declan McNally (2005 – 2020)

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Inter-House Volleyball

Congratulations to Oakfield House who won the inaugural Inter-House Volleyball Competition held this week. Well done to everyone who took part or helped organise and run the event and, in particular, to Gad Amakye, Abraham Joel, Michael Sarpong, Festus Chale and Josh Wilson who made up the winning Oakfield team. The team are pictured here with proud Head of House, Miss Worsley!



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'Lifeskills'

In the third of our Lifeskills 'Drop-Down Days', Year 7 students attended workshops and presentations on First Aid and, in particular, on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of Defibrillators in treating Cardiac Arrest. The students found it an interesting, informative and enjoyable session and who knows, one day, the skills that they learnt during the workshop may just save someone's life.



LIFESKILLS



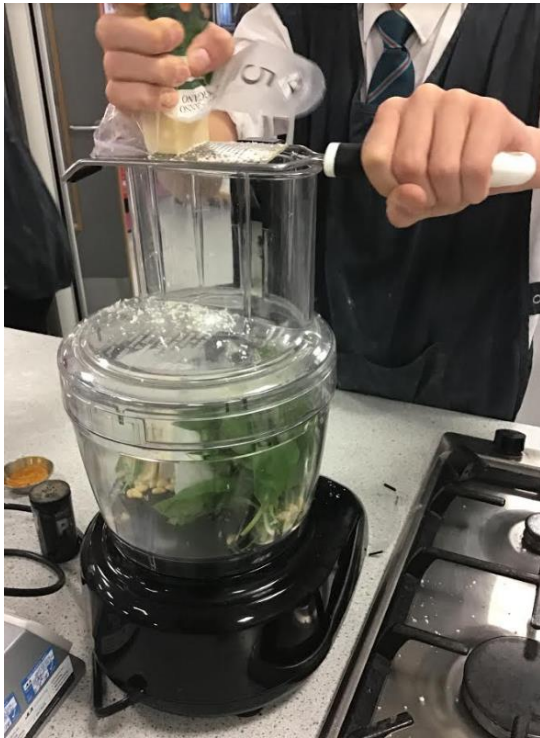
Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition.....

Year 7 students investigated 'raising agents' as part of their Food Science lesson. They used different ingredients and tried to predict and then evaluate which worked were the most effective.



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At Key Stage 4, Year 10 GCSE students have been making pasta and pesto to prepare their own tortellini!



And in GCSE Photography.....

Year 9 students spend the day in Manchester getting ideas and inspiration for their portfolios.



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The following photographs were taken by Olivia Loftus and Joe McKenna.



Leadership Celebration

Members of the Academy Leadership Team meet with students each week in recognition of their achievements, skills, personal qualities or contribution to Academy Life. This week, Mr Mayell had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with a group of students who are demonstrating outstanding progress and attainment.



Charlotte Morris	Keeley Regan	Yassir Hamdani	Janke Badje Sane	Valeria Asamoah
	Hannah Davies	Matthew Neglia		

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THANK YOU FROM MR WILSON

Thank you to all those parents and carers who completed our recent survey. The information you have provided will play a really important part in our self-evaluation and future planning. As key stakeholders in the Academy, your honest views and opinions are crucial to our continuing development and improvement.

Clearly, it is important that students feel safe and happy at school and I was pleased that 97% of you agreed that your child felt safe and that 92% of you felt that your child was happy at the Academy. Whilst the results to the survey were pleasing, we will be talking to a small number of parents and carers to see what more we can do to support those children who do not necessarily feel secure or happy at school.

Student behaviour at the Academy was judged as good at our last OFSTED Inspection and, again, I was pleased that 90% of respondents agreed with this too. Clearly, managing, encouraging and ensuring good behaviour in a large school is essential, and an absolute pre-requisite to high standards of progress and achievement, and I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of our parents and carers for their absolute support in ensuring high standards.

In terms of progress and achievement, I was pleased that 94% of parents and carers feel that we have high expectations of and for their child and that 90% felt that their child was doing well. It was also pleasing to note that 94% of our students felt that they were taught well when they completed their survey. Clearly, we will continue to do all we can to inspire and engage all our students so that everyone has the appropriate provision and opportunity to achieve their potential.

Finally, I was pleased that 95% of parents and carers would recommend the Academy to others, an important measure of your confidence in our school. Again, whilst this represents a very high level of parental satisfaction, we will be looking at how we can improve further and gain the confidence of all our parents and carers.

If any parents indicated that they would like to speak with a member of the Leadership Team, then someone will contact them over the next week or so. Thank you again for your support.

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 12 school weeks left, just 60 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

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.



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THE 'TENNER CHALLENGE'

Mr Tiley and Mrs Godrich launched the Tenner Challenge to Year 8 students during Form Time this week. The Tenner Challenge is a National Enterprise Challenge where groups of students are pledged £10 from the 'Tenner Bank' as start-up capital to set up their own business and get it off the ground.



Each group has a month to come up with an idea of a product or service that they can sell and then set up their business and gain first-hand experience of what it's like to be an entrepreneur! Whilst the aim is to make as much profit as they can, students are encouraged to think ethically and sustainably too. Any profits will go to our nominated House Charities so students will also be making a positive contribution to society in choosing the charity they would like to support.

The Challenge starts on Monday 24th February and will be run during Form Time. There will be an Awards Ceremony at the end with prizes for the groups which make the most profit. Good luck!

SCHOOLGATEWAY MAKES IT EASY!

Schoolgateway

Dear Parents/Carers,

We launched School Gateway at Droylsden Academy in July 2018, a parent engagement app that allows you to pay for trips, communicate with the school and view your child's achievements at anytime from anywhere.

All school related **communication, newsletters, timetables, attendance figures, payments for lunches and trips** will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download. Simple.

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information Droylsden Academy already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to school at admin@droylsdenacademy.com.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here:

<https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

Kind regards,

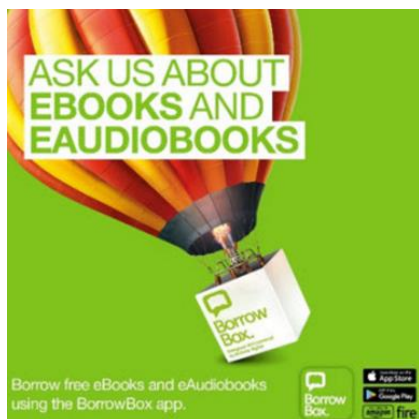
Mr R Pilkington

IT Manager

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Borrowbox



You may remember from past editions of Newsflash that, earlier this year, we launched the 'BorrowBox' app with Year 7 students.

Students with 'Borrowbox' can download e-books and audio e-books free of charge onto several devices. If a student is reading a book on BorrowBox on their phone or tablet at home, they just need to login to their account on a school computer and they can carry on where they left off! There is also no need to worry about returning library books when they are due as the app automatically returns the book to the library itself!

Students can also access all of the other resources available online from their library, including 'PressReader' for newspapers and magazines and 'Britannica Online' for research and homework, as well as checking the catalogue for physical books and looking at their own account.

We are now launching 'Borrowbox' with Year 8 and hope as many of them as possible will sign up. To download the app and join the scheme, students must be a member of their local Library. Library application forms are available from your local Library or from Mrs Godrich in the Droylsden Academy Library. Parents should complete the form with their child and must sign it. Applications can't be processed without a signature from a parent/carers. Once completed, application forms should be returned to Mrs Godrich who will send the forms off for you. Your child's Library card will then be sent to the Academy and he/she will then be able to download the 'Borrowbox' App. Easy!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A group of Year 11 students will depart for a GCSE Residential Revision Weekend at Borwick Hall on Friday 14th February.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 14th February.

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 27th February. Parents and carers of students in Year 8 should have received further information about the evening in the post this week.

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The Tameside Hack!

READY HACKERS?


Tameside HACK is a FREE coding competition for 11-18 year-olds in Tameside.

HACK a solution to a digital challenge to win great prizes!

09:30 - 16:00
18th - 19th February 2020
Tameside College, Ashton-under-Lyne


SIGN UP NOW at
[tamesidehack7.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.tamesidehack7.eventbrite.co.uk)

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CHOOSE HACKER AVATAR

PROCEED TO HACK?



HACKER 1 - SELECT

Creativity
Determination
Logic
Teamwork

HACKER 2

Creativity
Determination
Logic
Teamwork

HACKER 3

Creativity
Determination
Logic
Teamwork

HACKER 4

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JOB VACANCIES AT THE ACADEMY

Cleaner

Pay Scale: Grade A (Point 1 – 2), £9.24 - £9.42 per hour

Contract: Permanent

Hours: 12.5 hours per week

Closing Date: Monday, 17th February 2020

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a reliable, hardworking and dedicated Cleaner to join our team.

As a Cleaner you will maintain the cleanliness and safety of the school environment.

The shift pattern for this role is:

Date	Log in	Log Out	Total Hours
Monday	3:30 PM	6:00 PM	2:30
Tuesday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Wednesday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Thursday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
Friday	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2:30
TOTAL			12:30

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Teaching Assistant Level 3 (On Board Centre Assistant)

Pay Scale: Grade E (Point 11 – 16), Actual Salary £17,807 - £19,673 per annum
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 36 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday, 24th February 2020
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

Our On Board Centre (OBC) is a room situated in our Learning Support Department which provides a wide range of support for students to allow them to thrive academically and be successful in school. It was recognised by Ofsted in our most recent inspection for the excellent support it provides.

Students are referred to the On Board Centre by the school's pastoral team for a variety of reasons; for example, because they are experiencing health issues (physical or mental) which are making it hard for them to be in class, because they have experienced something difficult or upsetting outside of school or because they are struggling to manage aspects of their behaviour.

Students will work for a set period of time in the OBC and, while there, they complete work set by their class teachers under the supervision and guidance of the OBC Team - expectations of students when working in the OBC are the same as they are elsewhere in the school and we insist on very high standards.

We are looking for the right person to join this team in supporting and managing students in the On Board Centre, liaising with class teachers and other staff in school to ensure that, during their stay in the OBC, students work hard, remain safe and receive the support they need to resume their learning back in class.

If you are someone who;

- has experience of working with young people to support their education
- is resilient, positive and can work as part of a team
- is interested in supporting young people to overcome barriers and succeed at school

then this is the ideal opportunity for you.

For more information and details on how to apply for either of these posts, please visit:

<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

Completed applications should be returned by email to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

or posted to:

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

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.

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