

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Student Leadership

Assemblies this week focussed on student leadership and the role of Year Councils and the School Council in representing students across all year groups in the decision making processes at the Academy. Year Council representatives will be elected over the next two weeks to discuss issues, concerns and ideas pertinent to their respective year groups; further elections will then take place to nominate students from each Year Council to sit on the School Council which reports directly to the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team. The Year and School Council will discuss and debate a range of issues over the year ahead and the decisions they make will play a significant role in shaping our future plans and developments.

In addition to the Year and School Councils, the Academy has a Head Girl and Head Boy, Deputy Head Girls and Boys and a group of Prefects who support other students, help manage the school on a daily basis and represent the Academy at important events such as Open Evening.

The Head Girl and Head Boy for this academic year are Tracy Nwanze and Vandis Akukwe and the Deputy Head Girls and Deputy Head Boy are Sara Hamdani, Keira Hill, Sadie Samways and Emmanuel Akubuo.



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The Senior Prefects for the coming year are Ali AIDalaty, Lily Climance, Niamh Horan, Nikita Joshi, Kacey McGowan and Taylor Stelfox.



The other prefects for this year are Sehar Ali, Teresa Arhunmwude, Millie Arora, Pariya Azadmanesh, Billy Byrnes, Louisa Childs, Ellie Craven, Mia Crossland, Ellie Cullen, Shakshi Desai, Connor Downend, Hollie Fazackerley, Paige Fleming, Emily Garner, Sanna Hamdan, Rio Harrison, Bayleigh Jackson, Elizabeth Joel, Hollie Kelly, Macy Lloyd, Olivia Lucas, Jessy Lukusa, Aiesha Mabhiza, Aadam Majid, Lewis McGann, Sal Morreale, Jj Onanuga, Ayushi Patel, Phoebe Plant, Kaci Read, Kenzie Rees, Nidha Rehman, Wiktorja Ruszczyk, Abigail Scally, Jessica Semedo, Emma Shaw, Amy Sheriff, Amelia Silvestri, Quinny Tete Tamukui, Megan Walker, Lily Ward and Hasti Zare.

The Droylsden Academy Cadet Force

As you may be aware, we made a successful bid to the MOD and the Department of Education last year to establish a Combined Cadet Force Unit at Droylsden Academy. After months of preparation and planning, everything is now in place and the first parade of the Droylsden CCF will take place on Thursday this week.



The MOD sponsored Cadet Forces are widely recognised as one of the most successful uniformed youth organisations in the UK. 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 continue to make a significant contribution by changing many young peoples' lives for the better.

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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.

We strongly believe the Combined Cadet Unit will offer fantastic benefits both to our students and to the local community. The Unit will allow our students to develop strong character traits and give them the life skills and self-confidence to take charge of their lives so they are able to reach their full potential at school, at college and in future employment.



Combined Cadet Force

Climbing

A group of Year 11 students started a four week course at the Manchester Climbing Centre this week as part of their GCSE PE course. The students will attend four sessions, from 3.00pm to 6.00pm, and those who complete the course will achieve an accredited climbing qualification which can be used towards their final GCSE practical coursework mark.

Visits to Park View Residential Care Home

As part of their Health and Social Care Course, students will be visiting Park View Residential Care Home in Clayton over the next two weeks. Following their visits, the group will be completing a controlled assessment based on their observations and discussions with staff which will contribute towards their final GCSE grade.



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 27 school weeks left, just 135 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

By now you should all have an idea what you may want to do when you leave Droylsden at the end of this academic year. It is important, however, that you get as much information as you can about the different colleges you can apply to and the courses and qualifications on offer. The table below gives you information about the dates of Open Days and Open Evenings at some of our local colleges. Try and get along to as many of them as you can so that you are really well informed and can make the right choices for your future.

College	Open Days
Tameside College	Monday 30 th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm Saturday 19 th October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Clarendon Sixth Form College	Wednesday 25 th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm Saturday 19 th October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Ashton Sixth Form College	Saturday 28 th September (time to be confirmed) Tuesday 22 nd October (time to be confirmed)
The Manchester College	Thursday 3 rd October (time to be confirmed) Thursday 5 th March (time to be confirmed)
Xavarian College	Saturday 5 th October 10.30am – 2.00pm Sunday 13 th October 10.30am – 2.00pm
Oldham Sixth Form College	Saturday 5 th October (time to be confirmed) Monday 21 st October (time to be confirmed)

There will also be an opportunity to find out more about Degree Apprenticeships at Manchester Metropolitan University on 26th November. The Open Evening at the University will tell you how you can learn and earn by combining workplace experience with a University education. There are no tuition fees and some of the country's leading employers are keen to recruit apprentices onto the programme. Although you will not be eligible to apply for the undergraduate programmes until you are in Year 13, this is an ideal opportunity to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

SUPPORT FOR THE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY

On the 27th September, we will be joining forces with millions of other people from around the World in hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan, the charity which provides support for those suffering from cancer and their families. Staff and students will be able to buy a range of cakes and sweet treats which will be available from stalls around the school as well as taking part in some cake themed games and activities! We hope that as many staff and students as possible will get involved so that we can raise lots of money for this truly worthwhile cause.



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We are also looking for staff and students to bake or donate cakes, organise the games and run the stalls on the day. Please speak with Mrs McCallum next week if you are able to help in any way. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Zainab Ibraheem, Aiden Klijsen and Evan Beecham, all from Year 10, who have been nominated as students of the week.



Zainab has been nominated by the Science Department as she has been working incredibly hard, both in lessons and after school, preparing for her weekly assessments. She is an example to others of how hard work and resilience can lead to outstanding results. Ms Sandiford, her Science teacher, is sure that if she keeps up this hard work, she will achieve a GCSE result of which she can be very proud.

Aiden has been nominated by the Maths Department as he has made a brilliant start to the year. He is completing all the tasks set, and extension activities too, as well as helping others with their work as well. Well done Aiden, with continued effort and this positive attitude, you will achieve the grade you need for College.

Evan has been nominated by the English Department as he has made a fantastic start to his GCSE course. He is enthusiastic, engaged and highly entertaining! Keep up the good work Evan, it is a pleasure to teach you.

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Sports for Schools

As you may be aware, Aldi are running a 'Sports for Stickers' scheme for Primary Schools whereby they can apply for free sports kits and enter a competition with the chance of winning £20,000 to develop a Healthy Living strategy. To take part, schools need parents/carers to collect 'Team GB' stickers which are given to any customer who spends over £30 in an Aldi store. Although high schools are not eligible to take part, we hope to collect as many stickers as possible and distribute them to our five partnership primary schools, Greenside, Fairfield Road, Moorside, Manchester Road and St Mary's in support of their appeals. As such, we would be really grateful for any stickers you may have and would ask that you give them to your child who can hand them in at Student Services. Thank you for your support!



Extra-curricular Sporting Activities

The PE Department will be offering the following extra-curricular activities over the coming term so get active and get involved!

Monday	All students are following their Lesson 6 timetable on Monday
Tuesday	Girls Football (all Year Groups) Year 7 Boys Football
Wednesday	Netball (All Year Groups) Basketball (All Year Groups)
Thursday	Trampolining (All Year Groups) Table Tennis (All Year Groups) Year 8 Boys Football
Friday	Fitness Suite (All Year Groups) Multi Sports Club (All Year Groups) Year 9 and 10 Boys Football

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a visit to the Palace Theatre for Year 11 GCSE Drama students on Friday 20th September to watch a performance of 'A taste of honey'.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 26th September.

Students taking part in the 'Greenpower' Project will race their solar powered go-carts against other schools from across the country, and abroad, at an event in Liverpool on Wednesday 25th September.

There will be a visit to the Lowry Theatre for Year 8 students on Friday 27th September to watch a performance of 'Horrible Histories'.

HPV vaccinations will be given to Year 8 girls in week beginning Monday 30th September. Further information and consent forms will be sent out nearer the time.

'Futures Evening' will be held on Thursday 10th October and will give students in Years 9, 10 and 11 the opportunity to start planning for their post 16 provision.

The Academy will break up for the half-term holiday on Friday 25th October.