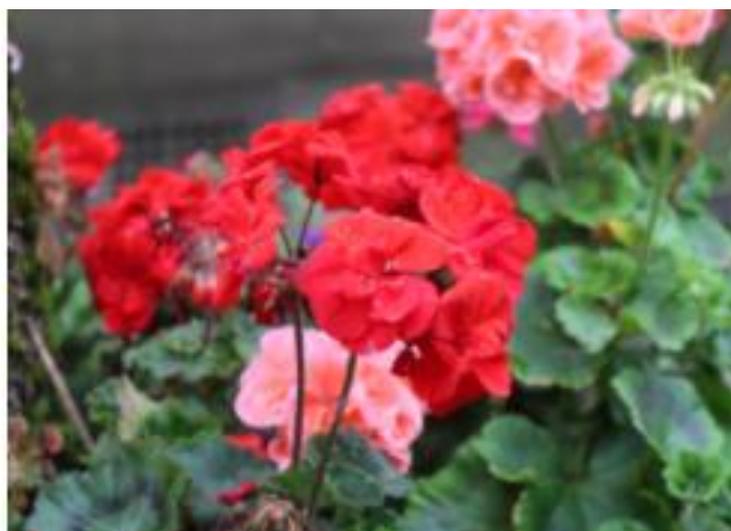
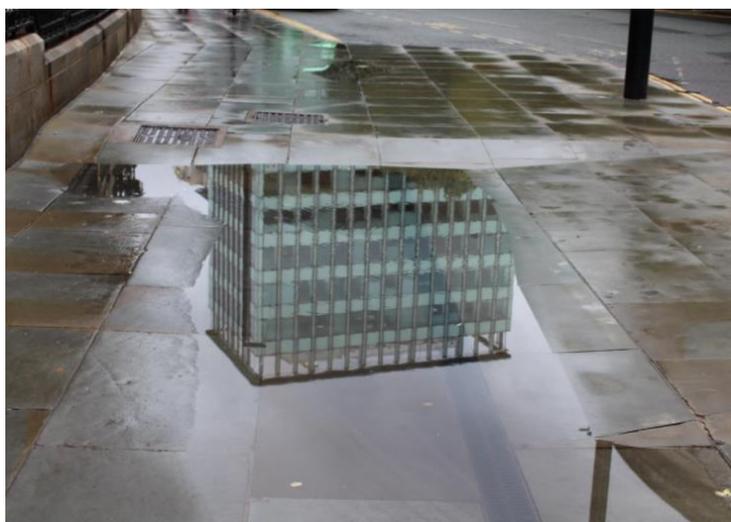


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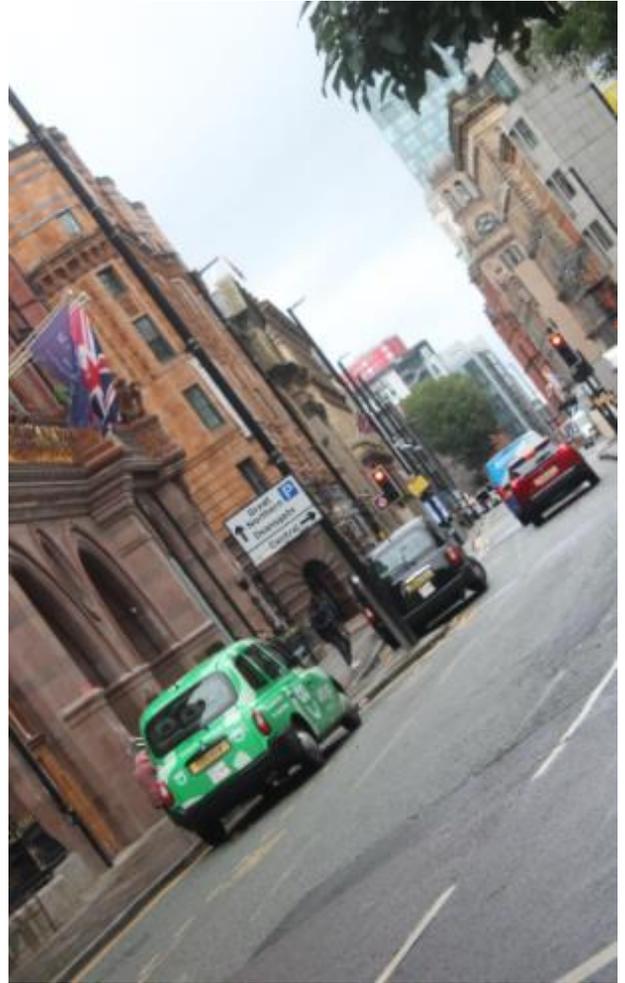
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

GCSE Photography

The Year 10 GCSE Photography Group visited Manchester this week to gather material for their coursework portfolios. Thank you to **Katie Siddall**, **Ethan Stanley**, **Riley McConnell** and **Elisha Holland** for submitting some of their work for publication in this week's edition of Newsflash.



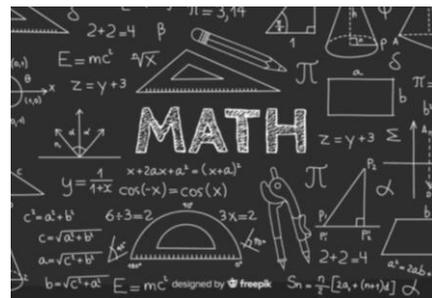
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Mathematics

Year 7 students took part in their baseline Maths assessments this week. Well done to everyone on your effort and application and congratulations, in particular, to our highest scorers listed here. We can't wait to see what you will achieve over the next 5 years!

Jack Morgan	120
Charlie Morgan	115
Ethan Charlesworth	113
Jack Willott	113
Jack Nash	111
Max Thompson	111
Liam Cameron McClusky	110
Alfie Leigh	110



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Year 7 students also took part in their first 'Maths Battle' last Friday! Thank you to **Charlie Boardman**, Junior House Captain for Victoria House, for preparing the following report.

'On Friday 1st October, teams from Victoria, Saxon, Oakfield and Albion gathered in the Maths 'Open Zone' for a Maths Battle. Mr Tiley prepared and asked a series of Maths questions. There were two categories of questions: team questions and 'quick-fire' questions where you had to answer as quickly as you could. After all the questions baffled our brains, the results were as follows:



- 1st Place: Oakfield House**
2nd Place: Albion House and Saxon House Team 2
3rd Place: Victoria House and Saxon House Team 1

So, Oakfield House won the first Year 7 Maths Battle of 2021!

*Congratulations to all the mathematicians who took part and, in particular, to **Max Thompson** who came in first place with the highest individual score. We hope to see you all again soon in the next competition!*

Charlie Boardman



The Origami Society

The word 'origami' is Japanese in origin coming from the words 'ori' meaning folding and 'kami' meaning paper. So far this year, students have made jumping frogs, flowers and butterflies! We meet every Tuesday after school, from 2.35pm to 3.35pm, everyone is welcome and we always have a relaxing and enjoyable time!



The photograph here shows **Ava Stamper, Mollie-Jean Wareham, Jack Willott, Gabriele Moraru, Kiki Akingbogun, Chloe Ma, Alex Givens, Sam Crawley, Isabella Sinclair** and **Oscar Harris** all working on their latest creations!

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The Droylsden Academy Linguist's Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Cole Moorhouse** from Year 7, **Eric Bayo-Vergara** from Year 9 and **Malaika Iftikhar** and **Aleena Iqbal** from Year 11, who have all been inducted into the Droylsden Academy Linguist's Hall of Fame! Cole has made a fantastic start to learning Spanish at the Academy whilst Eric, who studies French, has an excellent memory for new vocabulary and always works hard at completing the challenging 'stretch tasks' in every lesson. Malaika, who is studying GCSE French, and Aleena, who is studying GCSE Spanish, have both made a great start to their final year and always make a positive contribution in class!



Humanities

Mrs Banks's Year 9 Geography Class have been debating the contributions made by humans and nature to 'Global Warming and Climate Change'. The students discussed the possible causes and shared their views, ideas and opinions in a healthy and constructive debate. Thank you to everyone for contributing to an interesting and informative lesson!



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Mr Bushby would like to thank **Thomas Taylor** from Year 9 for bringing in the Medal his Great Grandfather received after serving in World War 1 and a letter of recognition from King George V1 following his contribution to the Home Guard during World War 2. Thank you Thomas, you must be very proud of your Great Grandfather and bringing genuine historical artefacts into lessons really helps to bring the History curriculum to life for both staff and students.

Well done also to **Taira Jabeen** from Year 7 for creating this fantastic Roman Shield, Mr Bushby and Miss Naylor were very impressed!



Futures Evening

Thank you to all the students who attended 'Futures Evening' this week. We hope that the opportunity to meet with a range of colleges and providers to consider your next steps after the Academy, and possible career pathways, was both interesting and informative. For their part, the various representatives who attended were very impressed by the 'buzz' at the event and by your level of engagement, your research, planning and questioning and, importantly, your high aspirations and determination to succeed.

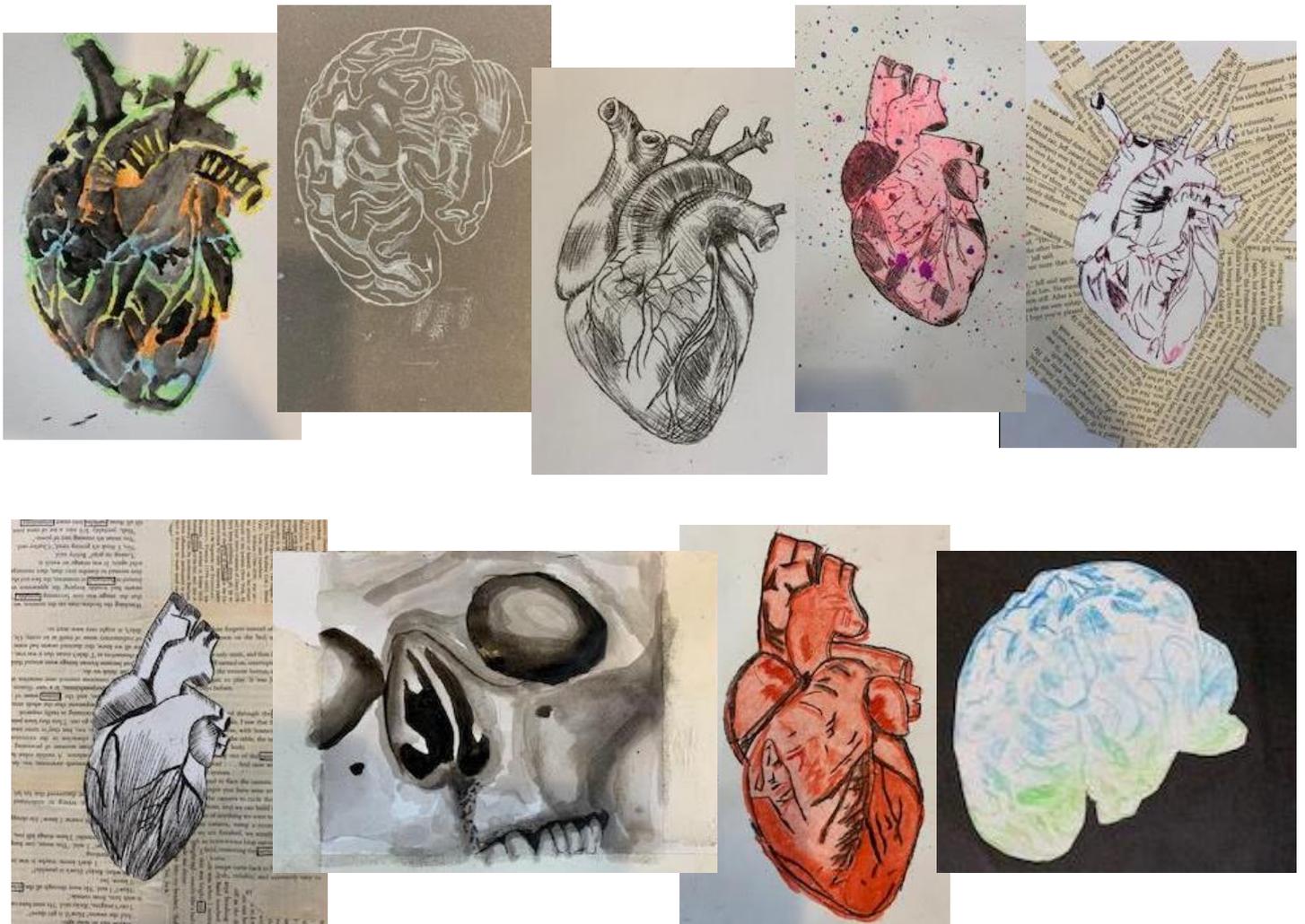


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Art

Mrs Noel has submitted this wonderful selection of observational studies of human anatomy drawn by her Year 10 GCSE Art Class. The students have been experimenting with different media whilst developing their observational drawing skills and we are sure that you will agree that the results really are very impressive! Mrs Noel would also like to thank the group for their hard work and the wonderful start they have made to the year!



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Thank you!

As a follow up to last week's article about **Jephthah Adams** and **Lamech Asamoah-Tannor**, two of our Academy Sports Leaders, who refereed a primary school football game between Manchester Road and St Anne's last week, we received some lovely feedback about their performance.

'Thanks again for picking the two boys to referee the football match. They were absolutely brilliant and represented your school amazingly. They were really decisive and fair to both teams and even the teacher from the other school said how well they did.'

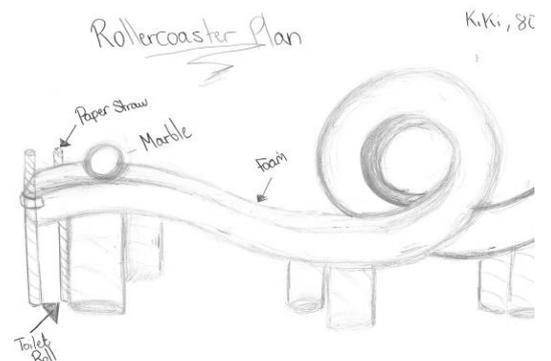
We are looking forward to seeing them on 'Match of the Day'!



STEM Club (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths)

STEM Club members have started to design their 'Roller Coasters' and investigate which factors affect how fast they can go!

The Club meets every Friday night and we look forward to developments. Rough plans today, Disney World and Alton Towers tomorrow!



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Hot of the Press!

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who continued their fantastic start to the league season with a resounding 7-0 win over All Saints Catholic High School last night. It was a fantastic all-round team performance with goals from Keaton Chambers, Aiden Jackson (2), Jephthah Adams (2) and Mason Thompson (2). The win leaves the team with maximum points so far this season.



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 25 school weeks left, just 125 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Key Dates

Make sure that the following important dates are in your Student Planner:

Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will be held on Thursday 14th October.

Your first set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 22nd November to 3rd December.

Your second set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 7th to 18th February 2022.

A second Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will take place on Thursday 10th March



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara** from Year 7 **Caitlin Skelly** from Year 8, **Rory Newby** from Year 10 and **Ella Mekloufi** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.

Akinfemi has been nominated by Miss Hickman from the Art Department in recognition of all the hard work he puts into the subject both in school and at home. Miss Hickman was also really impressed with this pencil drawing by Akinfemi which really does showcase his talent and ability. Well done Akinfemi!



Caitlin has been nominated by the Science Department as she is working incredibly hard and uses the 'Key Facts' sheets to improve her subject knowledge. Caitlin always revises thoroughly and can clearly recall and apply what she has learnt both verbally and in her written work. Caitlin is also a really polite and helpful member of the class!

Rory has been nominated by the English department as he is such a polite and diligent student who always listens to advice and feedback and acts on it immediately to improve his work. Rory's efforts have seen him make real progress in his English classes this year and long may this continue. Currently, Rory is reading the role of the Inspector from 'An Inspector Calls' and shows his understanding of the character through intonation and emphasis on the key ideas of his speeches. He wears the flat cap with pride!

Ella has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is showing true resilience and determination this year and always asks for help and guidance if she needs it. Ella is really driven to succeed and is focused on achieving the best possible GCSE grades. Keep it up Ella, you have made a great start to your final year!

COMMUNITY

'Letters of Kindness'

Why not join the Letters of Kindness Club and help to brighten up someone's day? The Club will run every Tuesday with Miss Worsley, starting on Tuesday 13th October, and, together, we can write to care homes, primary schools and local businesses and organisations and help to put a smile on someone's face. The Google Classroom Code is [oxdm5u5](#) so why not come along and get involved!

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The Afghanistan Appeal

A huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed to the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. The generosity of all involved led to many boxes and bags of food, toiletries, baby products and sanitary products being donated. The collectors from Tameside Council said that this is the biggest donation that they have received and that the items collected will make a huge difference to the refugees that have been displaced, many of whom have arrived in the country with nothing. If anyone still wishes to donate, collections are being held at The Station Pub, Warrington Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XB where donations can be dropped off between 12.00pm and 4.00pm.



A message from 'Reuben's Retreat', Oakfield's House Charity

We have some spooky goings on at The Retreat this Halloween and hope that you may will get involved!

Firstly, we have our Halloween Trick or Treat Hamper. Entries are £2 a ticket with the draw taking place on 25th October so that we can post the Hamper of sweets, treats and Halloween goodies to the lucky winner in time for 31st October! Entries can be made through the link below:

[Trick or Treat Hamper - Reuben's Retreat \(reubensretreat.org\)](http://reubensretreat.org)

Secondly, we have our pumpkin carving competition! Why not carve your own pumpkin and send a picture of it to fundraising@reubensretreat.org by 30th October? Entries cost £2 and can be made through the link below with the winner receiving a selection of Halloween goodies!

[Pumpkin Carving Competition! - Reuben's Retreat \(reubensretreat.org\)](http://reubensretreat.org)

The winner of the competition will receive a selection of Halloween goodies! All funds raised will go towards delivering our beautiful family support services and completing our wonderful Retreat. Thank you for your continued support!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The first of this year's two 11 Parent/Carer Evenings will be held on Thursday 14th October.

Year 9 students will be attending a 'Drop Down Day' on the theme of Health, Sex and Relationships on Monday 18th October.

There will be a visit to the Palace Theatre on the evening of Thursday 21st October to watch a performance of 'Grease'.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October.

JOB VACANCIES AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

Librarian and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Coordinator

Pay Scale: Grade E, Point 11 (Actual salary of £15,252)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 30 hours (6 hours per day)
Closing Date: 17th October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

As our Librarian and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Coordinator, you will lead the management, development and promotion of the Academy Library to ensure that an effective reading resource and information service is provided to all students and staff.

You also will impact directly on the life chances of our students by coordinating the school's provision of careers information and guidance in and by contributing to the strategic direction of our literacy development work. You will work with a variety of external agencies to ensure that our students are equipped for the world or work.

Cleaning Manager

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 to 10 (Actual starting salary £13,952 at Point 7)
Contract: Full Year
Hours: 25 per week
Closing Date: 20th October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated Cleaning Manager who takes great pride in their work and can motivate and lead a team of 12 Cleaners.

As our Cleaning Manager you will supervise the team of Cleaners on a daily basis, as well as manage their annual leave, the cleaning stock and supplies, as well as undertaking some general cleaning duties of your own.

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You will be working in a very lively and friendly environment alongside students aged 11-16 years old.

A flexible and understanding attitude is essential in this position.

The working pattern for this role is 1.00pm until 6.00pm daily.

School Leisure Facility Assistant

Pay Scale: Grade A, Point 2 (£9.68 per hour)
Contract: Full Year
Hours: A minimum of 10 hours per week, evenings and weekends.
Closing Date: 26th October 2021

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and customer service driven School Leisure Facility Assistant who will ensure a smooth booking process for our evening and weekend sports halls and pitch 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. As part of the role of a School Leisure Facility Assistant you will 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.

All necessary training will be provided.

Information about the Academy and the application process for any of the above posts

Droylsden Academy is enjoying a period of rapid improvement; this is a very exciting time to join us as we are building a team of committed professionals who are driven in making our vision of becoming outstanding a reality.

The Academy was recently inspected and Ofsted noted the rapid progress our school is making. The result of this inspection was the **school being judged good in all areas**.

“Pupils behave well, they are proud of their school and take on leadership roles readily”

“The school’s core values of politeness, hardworking and honesty are in abundance”

“Pupils are interested in their learning because teachers have excellent subject knowledge and plan carefully”

Interested applicants for either post should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on the school website at:

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

Completed applications should be returned by email to

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

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or posted to:

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

It is our intention that Droylsden Academy will form a Multi Academy Trust in the near future. This will not alter your employment except that the name of the Trust (not the Academy) will change. You can find more information about this at:

<https://www.droylsdenacademy.com/tret/417608.htm>

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.