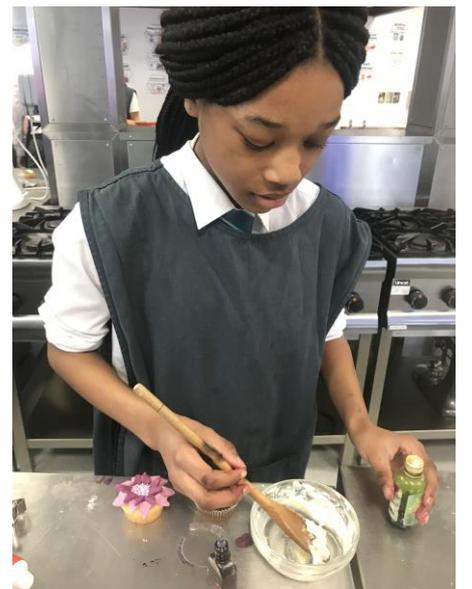
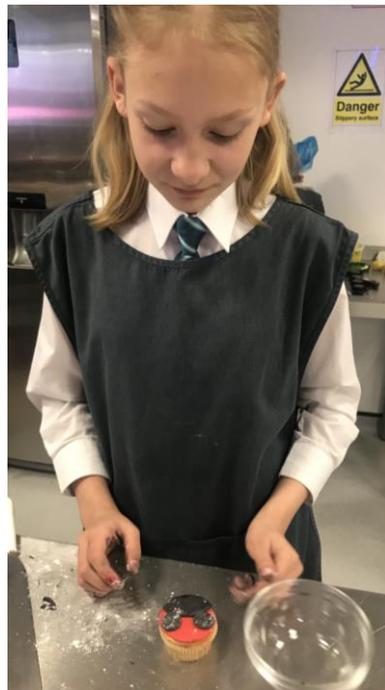


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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Cake decorating in Food and Nutrition

Year 8 students have been working independently on their cake designs and presentation this week with some amazing results!



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Sexual Health Awareness

The 'YOUthink' team visited the Academy this week to talk to Year 9 students about sexual health. 'YOUthink' is Tameside's sexual health intervention and prevention team who work with young people and, as part of their remit, they visit schools to take lessons and lead workshops and discussions.

If you want to speak to a member of Youthink about any sexual health issue or ask a question about the service then they can be contacted on 342 5600, 342 5671 or 342 5672. Alternatively, you can visit them at 31, Young People's Centre, Clarence Arcade, Ashton.



Homework can be fun!

Year 7 students are currently learning about 'Desert Biomes' in their Geography lessons. As part of this unit they have looked at how plants such as cacti are adapted to survive in such a hot and arid environment. For their homework the class then had to use their creativity to produce their own model cacti. The results were amazing with students using a variety of household materials and even baking cake cacti! Isabelle Saw and Sophie Davenport said that they had really enjoyed this different type of homework for a change!



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

All the staff at the Academy would like to wish Year 11 all the very best in their GCSE examinations. We hope that, with continued hard work and thorough preparation and revision, you will have met and exceeded your target grades when you open your results envelope in August.

The GCSE timetable for the remaining examinations is shown below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 20th May	am	
	pm	Portuguese (Listening and Writing)
Tue 21st May	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)
	pm	Geography Paper 1
Wed 22nd May	am	Spanish (Listening and Reading) Urdu (Writing) Chinese (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Triple Science: Physics Paper 1 Combined Science: Physics Paper 1
Thur 23rd May	am	English Literature Paper 2
	pm	
Fri 24th May	am	Italian (Listening and Reading)
	pm	-
Half Term Holiday		
Mon 3rd June	am	History Papers 1A and 1B
	pm	Italian (Writing) Chinese (Writing)
Tue 4th June	am	English Language Paper 1
	pm	Portuguese (Reading and Writing) Music Component 3 (Appraising)
Wed 5th June	am	Spanish (Writing)
	pm	Geography Paper 2
Thur 6th June	am	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
	pm	History Papers 2A and 2B
Fri 7th June	am	English Language Paper 2
	pm	Triple Science: Biology Paper 2 Combined Science: Biology Paper 2
Mon 10th June	am	Food Preparation and Nutrition (Written Paper)
	pm	-
Tues 11th June	am	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)
	pm	-

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Wed 12th June	am	Triple Science: Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 2
	pm	Polish (Listening and Reading)
Thur 13th June	am	Geography Paper 3
	pm	Dance (Written) Statistics Paper 1
Fri 14th June	am	Triple Science: Physics Paper 2 Combined Science: Physics Paper 2
	pm	Further Maths Paper 1
Mon 17th June	am	-
	pm	Further Maths Paper 2
Tues 18th June	am	Statistics Paper 2
	pm	-
Wed 19th June	am	Polish (Writing)
	pm	-

Please remember that Booster Sessions for those subjects still to be examined will continue up until the final exam. Student attendance at Booster Sessions is, of course, compulsory.

There will a programme of revision classes over the half term holiday as outlined below. There is a clear expectation that all students will attend those sessions for the subjects and examination tier that they take. **Please ensure your child takes advantage of these crucial sessions.**

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 27th May	Spring Bank Holiday	
Tue 28th May	Geography Dance	Geography Dance
Wed 29th May	English Language Paper 1	English Language Paper 1
Thur 30th May	Maths Music Technology	Music Technology
Fri 31st May	History Music Technology	History Music Technology
Sun 2nd June	History	



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Sponsored Swim

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



Silent Auction

Last week, your child should have brought home a letter about our 'Silent Auction' which we are holding to raise money for 'Make-A-Wish', a charity that brings to life the dreams and wishes of children suffering with critical illnesses. This could be starring in their own film, being a millionaire for a day or meeting their hero. This is a charity that makes a child's wish a reality at a time when they need it most.

A number of local businesses have donated items or experiences for our fund raising event which we will now auction off to raise money for Make-A-Wish, Manchester.

We have 5 items or experiences that are up for auction. These are:

- A signed Manchester City Match Day Programme
- 5 tickets for 'UK Paintball'. Each ticket gives the holder a full day's entry, all their equipment hire and lunch. One of the ticket holders will also get 100 free paintballs.
- A 60 minute activity session for 10 people at 'One Adventure' in Droylsden. The activity list to pick from includes Axe throwing, Archery, Nerf War, Reactor Cave Maze, Adventure Golf or Laser Tag.
- A 30 minute Go-Karting race, split into two 15 minute sessions, for an adult or a child from 'TeamSport'. A full briefing is included at the start of the event, so no previous experience is required. 'TeamSport' will also provide all the race wear required including the full race suit, helmet and gloves.
- 5 tickets to the 'Skate Station' in Ashton.

These items or experiences will be sold to the highest bidder in the Academy's first 'Silent Auction'. If you are interested in bidding for any of them, then please fill out the form on the back of the letter that your child brought home then drop it off in the box at Students Services.



All bids must be received by Friday 24th May!

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Rory Hand from Year 7 and Liam Greenough from Year 11 who have both been nominated as students of the week.



Rory has been nominated by the Attendance Team having helped them as the Attendance Ambassador earlier this week. Rory was really helpful and very efficient and modelled the Academy values of hard work, politeness and honesty in everything he did. Thank you Rory!

Liam has been nominated by the English Department as he has been working diligently with perseverance and resilience. He understands the importance of his GCSEs and is truly putting in the time and effort to ensure his success by not only staying late at school every night, but also continuing his work at home.

YEAR 8 PARENT TEACHER EVENING

The Academy would like to thank those parents and carers who attended Year 8 Parent Teacher Evening before the Easter Holiday. Altogether 146 students out of a total of 178 were represented by parents or carers on the night, a turn-out of 82%. Feedback would suggest that the evening was very useful for parents, students and staff.

We were pleased that of the parents who filled in an Academy questionnaire during the evening:

- 94% of them agreed that their child enjoys school and was happy at the Academy;
- 100% felt that their child was safe and well looked after;
- 98% felt that their child was making good progress;
- 100% felt that their child was taught well;
- 99% felt that behaviour was good;
- 98% felt that they are kept well informed by the Academy and know what is going on;
- 100% would feel comfortable about contacting the Academy if they had any concerns; and
- 98% would recommend the Academy to other people if asked for their views.

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Whilst the Academy is pleased that 82% of parents and carers were able to attend the Parent Teacher Consultation, and appreciate the phone calls and emails from the parents who genuinely couldn't come, we are concerned and disappointed that 32 of our students were not represented at such an important evening where progress, attainment, strengths and learning areas for development were discussed with subject teachers. Evidence clearly shows that students who are actively supported in their education by parents who attend such events as Parent Teacher Evenings do much better.

Thank you to Quinny Tamukui, Daisy Owen and Tracey Nwanze for staffing reception and signing parents in on the evening.



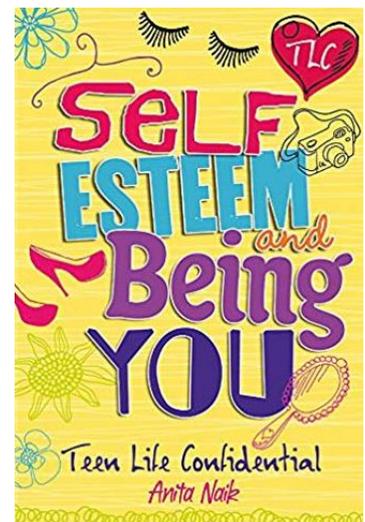
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book of the Week

To help promote Mental Health Week and tie in with its theme of Body Image, this week's book is "Self Esteem and Being You" by Anita Naik. "Do you worry about what other people think of you? Do you hate the way you look? Do you sometimes wonder why you have any friends? If so, you need to kickstart your self esteem! This essential guide will show you how to make friends with a very special person - YOU! It will give you lots of tips on how to think positively about your friendships, your family, your body and your life."

The Library and Mental Well-being

Alongside our amazing collection of fiction and non-fiction books, that deal with subjects such as Self-Esteem, Eating Disorders, Self-Harm and Bullying, there are also a number of Body Positive activities to complete in the library. Come up and speak to Mrs Godrich who will talk you through how to create a Self-Esteem or Positive Self-Talk Journal, fill in an "I Love Me" Tree, develop a



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Weekly Wellness Plan or complete a Self-Esteem Check-up. There are also some fabulous Mindfulness Colouring In Sheets to complete to help calm that racing mind.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Extra-Curricular Dance Club

Miss Morrison will be running a weekly Dance Class for students from all year groups each Tuesday evening in the Dance Studio. Sessions will last from 2.35pm to 3.30pm and everyone is welcome to get involved!

Extra-Curricular PE

The following extra-curricular activities will run over the remainder of the Summer Term. Sessions will start at 2.35pm after Lesson 5 has finished. Why not get involved and get active!

Monday	The Fitness Suite is open for students from Years 10 and 11. Girls Football (All years) Boys Football (Year 7)
Tuesday	Netball (All years) Boys Football (Year 9)
Wednesday	Athletics skills and techniques
Thursday	Athletics: Jump, Throw and Run! Boys Football (Year 8)
Friday	The Fitness Suite is open for students from Years 7, 8 and 9.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Injections against HPV2 will take place for Year 8 girls on Tuesday 21st May. Consent forms have already been completed and returned by parents/carers.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 24th May. The Academy re-opens after the holiday on Monday 3rd June.

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