

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Remembrance Day

On Thursday, the Academy remembered and paid its respects to all those who have laid down their lives in the defence of our country and the freedoms that we, and billions of other people around the World, enjoy. Members of the Combined Cadet Force and our Year 11 Prefects attended a Service of Remembrance in the school grounds whilst lessons were paused around the Academy so that staff and students could join them in two minutes of silent reflection and thanks. Mr Palmer played 'The Last Post' on the Trumpet as a prelude to our two minutes of silence, after which there were readings by **Sam Askew**, who read 'On Flanders Fields', and **Alyssa Norris** who read 'For the Fallen'.

The Droylsden Community has close links with the Armed Services and has, of course, endured its losses and, as such, it was no surprise that our solemn and moving acts of remembrance were impeccably respected and observed by everyone.



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In Memory of Amanda

Staying with the theme of remembrance, a group of close friends held a memorial service for Amanda Selby this week. Amanda tragically lost her life in the summer and is sadly missed by all who knew her and, in particular, by her friendship group. Amanda really was a lovely, kind and wonderful student, and a real asset to our school, and the tree that was planted in her memory this week will be a lasting memorial to the happy times we shared with her at the Academy.



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No place for bullying and discrimination

Thank you to 'Hive' for delivering an engaging and thought-provoking assembly and workshop on the unacceptable, destructive and divisive issues around bullying and discrimination earlier this week. The group delivered their hard-hitting presentation to both Year 8 and then Year 9 as part of our programme to ensure that we all actively support a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination of any form.



Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, the Year 10 GCSE Group started off their new module with a 'tasting session' aimed at widening their knowledge of different foods and exposing their palates to new tastes and flavours!



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LIFESKILLS

Life Skills

Year 11 took part in a 'Drop-Down Day' this week where their normal timetable was suspended and, instead, they attended a series of workshops and presentations on topics around Careers Education and Guidance including 'The Pay Index', 'My Perfect University', Apprenticeships, Study Skills and Mental Health. Students even had the opportunity of a mock interview and some of them attended suitably dressed for the occasion in appropriate 'Interview Dress'. Thank you to all the outside agencies and Droylsden staff involved in delivering this informative, useful and engaging day.

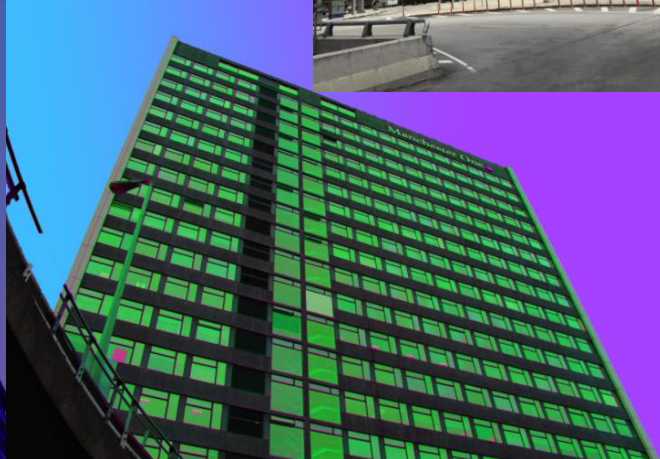
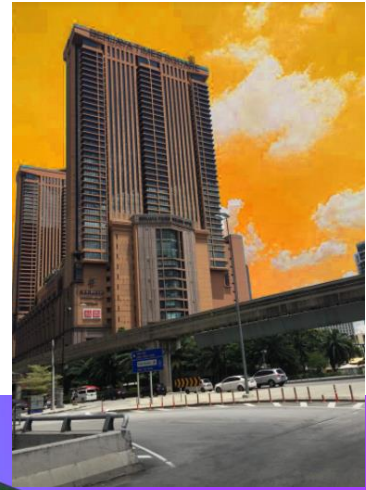


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Photography

Thank you to **Riley McConnell**, **Ethan Stanley**, **Islam Alkhatib** and **Alex Hume** who have submitted the following photographs, from their recent visit to Manchester, which have all been edited in the style of Ted Van Cleave.



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UK Parliament Week



This week, Mr Bushby hosted a number of events to celebrate UK Parliament Week! On Tuesday there was a 'Bake Off' style celebration with students creating 'Big Ben Cookies', on Wednesday we held an online quiz about the workings of Parliament and on Friday we held an election with Albion House representing the Liberal Democrat Party, Oakfield House representing the Conservative Party, Saxon House representing the Labour Party and Victoria House representing the Green Party.

A number of students also took part in a competition to write their own speech in a bid to be elected as Prime Minister! Congratulations to **Ben Howell** from Oakfield who was judged to have written the most persuasive speech. Ben, pictured here, will be in Number 10 by the end of the year!



Thank you to everyone who took part in the online quiz and congratulations on achieving House Points for your respective Houses! Altogether, 104 students took part with 30 students from Albion scoring 30 points for their House and 25 students from Saxon and 24 students each from Victoria and Oakfield scoring 25 points, 24 points and 24 points respectively.

The election, which was held on Friday, ended with the Liberal Democrats in fourth place with 31 votes, the Green Party in third place with 51 votes, the Labour Party in second place with 65 votes and the Conservatives in first place with 78 votes. Congratulations to Oakfield on running a successful campaign!

Finally, the photos below show some of the students who got involved in making 'Big Ben Cookies'!



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Rayah Norris** from Year 7, **Philian Emmanuel** from Year 9 and **Samba Balde** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



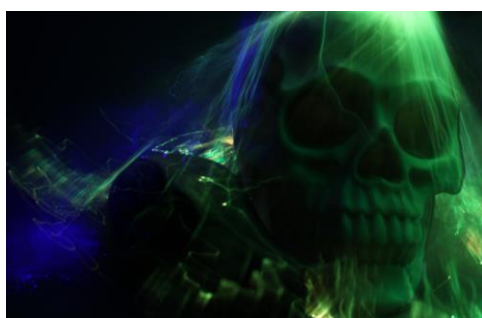
Rayah has been nominated as 'Philosopher of the Week' by Miss Worsley as she always works hard in her Religious Studies and Life Skills lessons, has a great attitude and always goes 'above and beyond' in anything she is asked to do. This week, Rayah took it upon herself to produce an additional piece of work about mental health issues. Well done Rayah and keep it up!



Philian Emmanuel has been nominated by both the Maths and the Science Departments, a fantastic achievement! The Maths Department report that Philian has made an outstanding start to Year 9, that she regularly contributes to class discussion and is always willing to take a 'risk' with her work. They also went on to praise Philian's resilience and determination to succeed and noted that she never gives up until she fully understands what she needs to do. The Science Department said that Philian always works hard and is always ready and willing to help others who are struggling. Miss Warren also commented on Philian's wonderful manners and that she is a true role model for others. What a glowing report Philian!

Samba has been nominated by the English Department as he is impeccably polite, consistently hard working and his work is always full of insight and flair. Samba has produced some very impressive writing and analysis in English this term and Mr Mayell is looking forward to marking this week's T1 assessments. Well done Samba!

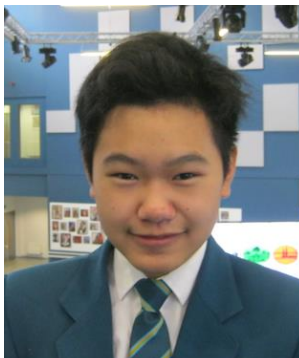
Congratulations also go to **Deonne O'Connor** from Year 11 who has been nominated as Photographer of the Month!



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Table Tennis

Year 9 students took part in an Inter-House Table Tennis Competition last week. Congratulations to **Damola Oseni** and **Lewis Skade** who came in joint 1st place, **Anthony Shi** who came 2nd and to **Reece Dabble** who came in 3rd place.



The Year 7 and 8 Inter-House Table Tennis Competition will run this Friday after school. The competitions are great fun and all the students who take part earn House Points for their respective Houses too.

Those students who impress the PE Department may also get the chance to represent the Academy at the Tameside Table Tennis Championships which will be held here at Droylsden Academy later this term! The Championships will take place over four weeks, starting on 15th November, and we hope to enter four teams for each of the age group competitions. Good luck to everyone who takes part!

Tameside Girls Football Competition

Good luck to **Caitlyn Skelly**, **Anna Nwanze**, **Ella Francis**, **Lavinia Backhouse**, **Neveah Smith**, **Leanne Houghton**, **Marliatou Bah**, **Paige Wolstencroft** and **Tida Badjie Sane** who will be representing the Academy in the Year 8 Tameside Girls Football Competition over the next three weeks. Results and match reports to follow!

GCSE PE Athletics

GCSE PE students are to get the opportunity to train with a specialist Athletics Coach in preparation for their GCSE PE Assessment. The Coach, from the East Manchester Athletics Club, will work on student performance in a range of track and field events before they go on to be assessed. This work will contribute towards 10% of their overall GCSE PE grade. Good luck to all our budding athletes!

Year 11, there are only 21 school weeks left, just 105 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Your Pre-Public Examinations start on Monday 22nd November and it is essential that you revise and prepare thoroughly. Every time you read through your notes, a little more 'sticks' with you, you consolidate on your learning and you reinforce your understanding; the time is never wasted. Your Pre-Public Examination timetable can be found below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 22 nd Nov	am	English Language
	pm	Triple Science: Biology Combined Science: Biology
Tue 23 rd Nov	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non calculator)
	pm	Technology Business Studies
Wed 24 th Nov	am	History
	pm	Religious Studies
Thurs 25 th Nov	am	Computer Science Food and Nutrition
	pm	Digital Information Technology Statistics
Mon 29 th Nov	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Photography
Tues 30 th Nov	am	Maths Paper 2 Spanish (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Spanish (Writing)
Weds 1 st Dec	am	Triple Science: Physics Combined Science: Chemistry
	pm	Sport (Theory Paper)
Thurs 2 nd Dec	am	English Literature
	pm	Geography
Friday 3 rd Dec	am	Art
	pm	Art



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The bread and butter thing.

Introducing The Bread and Butter Thing



- * **Save** over £20 a week on your shopping
- * **New hub opening: 2.30pm, Monday 22nd November**
At Saint Martin's Church, St Martins Close,
Droylsden, M43 7SJ
- * **Get your first order free.**



The Bread and Butter Thing offers weekly groceries at a fraction of high street prices. We're opening our new hub at St Martin's Church, Droylsden on Monday 22nd November.

For £7.50 we offer roughly £35 worth of food each week including fresh fruit and veg, chilled food for the fridge and cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal. We get our supplies from the stuff that you hear about in the news going to waste: it comes from supermarkets, factories and farms.

The food changes daily meaning your bags will change from week to week. Most members tell us that they collect food from TBBT and then 'top up' from the supermarket once they have seen what we provide.

As the bags vary from day to day, some weeks the savings will be greater than others. However, you will always be paying much less than in the shops and have new foods to try. Very occasionally, if food supplies that day are low, we will not have enough for the 3 bags. In this case, we will lower the price. We want you to feel we are making a difference to your weekly food bills.

Give us a try for free. There is no commitment. If you want an order just reply to the weekly text you receive on the day you get it.

It's really easy to sign up to TBBT...

Step 1 - Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: St Martin's

Step 2 - Select the size of order you want to receive: Family - £7.50, Individual - £4, or Large Family - £15.

Step 3 - We'll send you a text every Saturday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10:00AM the next day. We'll deliver your order to St Martin's on Mondays at 2.30pm

Step 4 - Collect and pay for your goods from St Martin's Church, Droylsden.
(Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it
and we also accept Healthy Start Vouchers).



**No joining
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**Cash or
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Students from Years 7 to 9 will be receiving training on the use of CPR and Defibrillators during PE lessons in week beginning 15th November.

Year 7 'Settling-in' Evening for Parents/Carers of Year 7 students will be held on Thursday 18th October.

Flu vaccinations will be available to Year 7 students on 7th and 8th December.

The Academy will be closed to students on Friday 26th November for a Staff Training Day.

The Academy will close for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 17th December at 12.00 noon.

JOB VACANCY AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Mossley Hollins High School

Level 3 Teaching Assistant (Numeracy+)

Salary:	Grade E, Points 11 to 16 (Actual Salary of £15,174 at Point 11)
Contract:	Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours:	30 hours per week
Start Date	Required as soon as possible

Application forms and further details from the school website at:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

The closing date for completed applications is Monday, 22nd November 2021 at 12.00 noon.

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