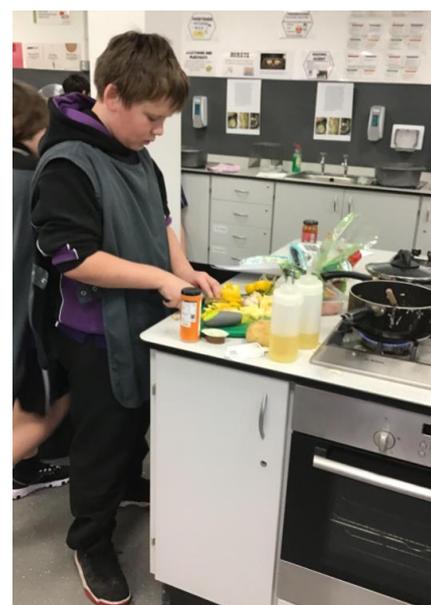


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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Food and Nutrition

Year 7 students have been completing their first T1 assessment in Food and Nutrition in which they have had to plan and prepare a savoury dish based around the 'eat well' guidelines. They have all done really well and prepared some challenging but healthy, tasty and well-presented meals. Well done Year 7, we will evaluate your culinary masterpieces against the assessment objectives next week!



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## The Virtual Art Exhibition for the 'Class of 2020'

Each year, the Art Department hosts an Exhibition to showcase some of the wonderful work produced by the Year 11 cohort, for that year, for their GCSE portfolios. Although we cannot hold the Exhibition this year, you can view a Virtual Gallery on the Academy Website and see some of the amazing pieces of work created by a very talented group of students. Some of the work can be viewed below along with the opening address from Mr Wilson and from the Art Department.

*'2020 has been a wholly unprecedented year but we are delighted that the effort, determination, application and skill demonstrated by each of you, studying on either the GCSE Fine Art or Photography course, is being recognised here.*

*Whilst we were not able to hold our Annual art Exhibition, we do believe this serves as a fitting record of what you all achieved and it is something tangible which you will be able to look back on in years to come.*

*We feel immensely proud of what you have achieved, you all embraced your individual strengths and produced high quality work which is unique to you. Your work explores a wide range of materials, techniques and thought provoking subject matter and you should take great pride in seeing what you have created.*

*So a huge thank you from the Art department for all your hard work!'*

Mrs Dunnington, Mrs Noel, Miss Hickman and Mr Acton



**Federica Annesi**



**Derrisha Acheampong**



**Phoebe Plant**



**Millie Arora**

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*'On behalf of the Governors, staff, students and parents of Droylsden Academy, please can I say a huge well done to the Artists and Photographers from our 'Class of 2020'. We are incredibly proud of your talent, skill and dedication and you should be proud of the stunning work that you have produced.*

*Please can I also recognise the expert guidance that has been provided from our dedicated team of teachers. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunnington, Mrs Noel and Miss Hickman who gave up so many hours to nurture and develop the talent of our students.*

*The work on display in this exhibition is a fitting reminder of the artistic talents of the Class of 2020.'*



**Connor Gerrard**

**Mr Wilson**



**Joan Hasso**



**Jiamin Jiang**



**Dareene Khashman**



**Ryan Piggott**



**Abigail Scally**



**Emma Shaw**



**Wiktoria Ruszczyk**

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### **Another Award for Rory!**

You may remember from Edition 11 of Newsflash that **Rory Hand** had been recognised as Ashton's Young Achiever for 2020, in recognition of everything that he has done to help others and in support of his local community. Hot on the heels of this award is another accolade with Rory and his brother Conor receiving a Tameside Citizen's Award in recognition of their fund raising activities. The following transcript below is taken from the email that Rory and Conor received from Andrew Gwynne MP.



*Dear Rory and Conor*

*You may be aware that I have been seeking nominations for Citizen's Awards to recognise the efforts of local heroes who have gone above and beyond for the people in their communities.*

*I am delighted to say that you have been nominated for your fantastic fund raising efforts for Tameside Hospital and Marie Curie.*

*I want to personally thank you for your phenomenal effort and, while restrictions on meeting in person still apply, I am arranging a virtual presentation ceremony where I will be able to chat to award winners. The Press will also be invited to attend.*

*This will take place online on Saturday 228<sup>th</sup> November. I really hope you can attend. I will post your certificate to you in advance of the meeting.*

*I'm really looking forward to meeting you*

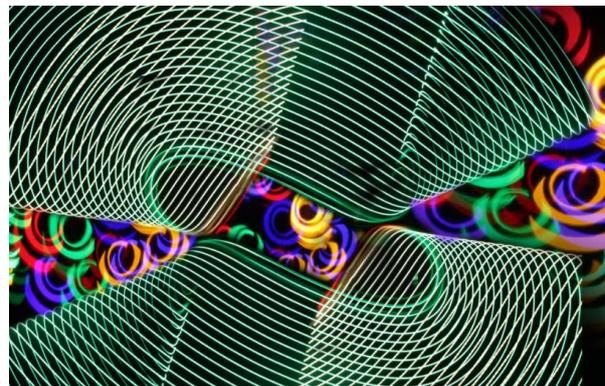
*Best wishes*

*Andrew Gwynne MP*

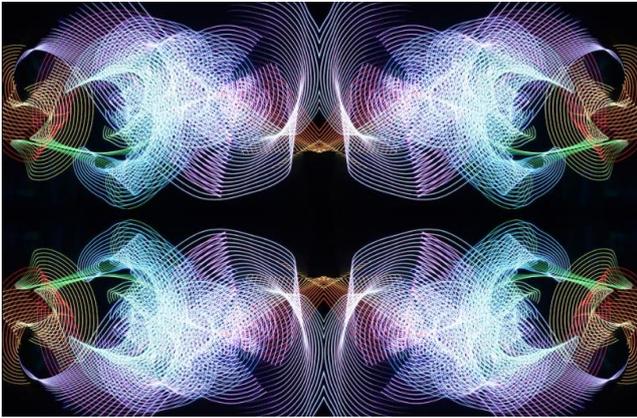
Rory and Conor received their awards last weekend and, as always Rory, we could not be more proud of you and everything you do in support of others.

### **Photography**

Thank you to Miss Hickman for submitting these three photographs which have manipulated images created through light painting. The photographs were taken by **Vina Ali**, **Taylor Bowd** and **Louise Harrison**.



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## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, there are only 17 school weeks left, just 85 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

By now, you should have received the results of your Pre-Public Exams. Whilst we hope and expect that many of you will be very pleased with your results, there will, inevitably, be some who are disappointed. One of the main purpose of the Pre-Public Exams is to enable you to plan the remainder of Year 11, to build on what you know and understand and to identify areas that you still need to work at.

The Pre-Public Exams will also have shown some of you that there are no short cuts and that the only way to guarantee success is through hard work and thorough preparation. The important thing for all of you is that you learn from the experience, and any mistakes you may have made, and give yourself the best possible opportunity to succeed next summer.

## XELLO CAREERS PLATFORM AND GMACS

The Greater Manchester Apprenticeship & Careers Service forms part of the Mayor of Manchester's commitment to ensuring that every young person has access to information on future careers opportunities and that no-one is left behind. By providing easy access to a 'one stop shop' with information on all post-16 opportunities for study and training, including Apprenticeships, GMACS is designed to give all students a clear direction for their future.

The site is also the gateway to Xello, a service for schools which helps personalise learning and equip students with the knowledge and skills to get ahead in today's labour market. The vision is a future where all pathways to colleges, apprenticeships, university and, ultimately, employment is brought together in one place where information can easily be accessed and shared. GMACS and Xello can be accessed via the following links.

<https://gmacs.co.uk>

<https://login.xello.co.uk/>



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All students have been assigned a new online lesson as part of their home-learning on Xello. Details of this have been shared directly with students via email and the students' Google Classroom Hubs. The deadline for completion of the assignment is **Friday 22nd January**.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Esther Yeboah, Sam Amaniampong and Jerabel Osei**, from Year 10, and **Lauren Nield** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Student of the week.



Esther, Sam and Jerabel have all been nominated by the Maths Department as they have all completed additional GCSE Exam Papers in their own time. The three of them exemplify our values of hard work, politeness and honesty and Miss Sheridan, their teacher, is confident that they will achieve the grades they deserve.

Jerabel has also been nominated by the Science Department as she has been working extremely hard to access the GCSE content for the 'Higher Tier' Paper. Jerabel always gets involved in class and is a model student who embodies our values and expectations and everything that the our school is about.

Lauren has been nominated by the Science Department. Lauren has always been a hard worker, but this year she is developing into a very accomplished scientist too and making excellent progress. It is lovely to see her confidence levels increasing as she sees her grades improving. This week, Lauren has achieved the top grade possible on her GCSE Chemistry paper and Ms Sandiford, her science teacher could not be prouder! Well done Lauren!

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## PLEASE SUPPORT LIBBI'S FUND RAISING APPEAL

**Libbi Hannah** has been baking some wonderful ginger bread festive treats and making some lovely Christmas Cards in support of the Ronald Macdonald House Charities.

Throughout this week, and over the rest of this term, ginger bread biscuits will be on sale at 50p each, and homemade cards can be purchased for £1.

So what are you waiting for? Orders are being taken on Libbi's behalf by Mrs Silva and can be placed through her email address on:

[msilva@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:msilva@droylsdenacademy.com)



Mrs Silva will then deliver your order to you.

Please do your best to support Libbi in raising as much money as she can for this worthwhile cause.



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities™**  
United Kingdom



## LETTERS OF KINDNESS

Over the last few years, students from the Academy have visited Park View Care Home in Clayton to carry out research for their course in Health and Social Care. Miss Worsley is now hoping to develop this link further and set up a club where students will use Google Classroom to send 'letters of kindness' to the elderly residents that will hopefully provide some support and happiness through this difficult period of enforced isolation and beyond. Miss Worsley also hopes that the club will help embed the important values of kindness, empathy, service and community amongst our students.

The club will run through Google Classroom every Wednesday evening, after 3.00pm, using the Google Classroom code [oxdm5u5](#).

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If you are interested in joining the club, then you must get a letter from Miss Worsley and then return the completed permission slip once it has been signed by a parent or carer.

Why not get involved, put a smile on someone's face and help spread a little happiness?



## CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Droylsden Academy is carrying out a consultation on its admission arrangements for **September 2022**.

Admission arrangements are the overall procedure, practices and oversubscription criteria used in deciding the allocation of school places. The consultation is being carried out by the Governing Body of Droylsden Academy who are the school's Admission Authority.

### **Proposed Changes**

From September 2022, Droylsden Academy is proposing that an additional criteria is added to its oversubscription criteria where preference would be given to children of staff employed at the school. This criteria will apply when a parent has been employed by Governors as a member of staff on a permanent contract for two consecutive years or, at the time at which the application is made to the school, the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. As detailed below, this criteria would apply at point 5 of the Academy's oversubscription criteria.

### **Proposed oversubscription criteria for admissions from September 2022 onwards**

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions' number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below.

After the admission of students with statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named on the statement, the criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. Looked After Children.
2. Children and families with exceptional medical or social needs.
3. Sibling: This will apply where there are brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application, who will still be attending at the time of admission, i.e. in the September when

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the student is admitted to Year 7. Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school.

Sibling criteria may apply where, at the time of application, an older sibling is expected to be on roll when a younger child starts at the Academy. If the older sibling unexpectedly leaves the school after an offer has been made to a younger child the offer of a place would not be withdrawn on these grounds (see Note 3).

4. Children attending named partner primary schools at the time of application. Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school.
5. Children of staff: This will apply where
  - a) A member of staff has been employed by the Governors of the school on a permanent contract for 2 consecutive years or
  - b) At the time at which the application is made to the school, the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. All other applications on distance. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applications where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, the place will be allocated to the student that is nearer using walking distance as measured using the Local Authority's school admission data mapping software.

## **Consultation**

The consultation on these proposed changes will run for six school weeks from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Please send any comments you may have in writing or by email to:

**Mr. R Wakefield**  
**Student Services Manager**  
**Droylsden Academy**  
**Manor Road**  
**Droylsden**  
**M43 6QD**

**[bwakefield@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:bwakefield@droylsdenacademy.com)**



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### **Dropping off and collecting students by car**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December we will be opening the Lewis Road pedestrian entrance for students in Years 8, 10 and 11. As such, it would really ease congestion around the Academy if parents who bring children in these year groups to school could drop them off on Lewis Road rather than at the front of the school. The gate will be open every day from 8.00am to 8.30am in the morning and from 3.35pm to 3.50pm on Monday evening and then 2.35pm to 2.50pm from Tuesday to Friday. We would be really grateful for your support with this.

Thank you

### **Report on COVID-19 cases for week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

There has been three reported cases of COVID-19 in the Academy this week, two students from two different Year 9 Bubbles and one student from Year 8. The 49 Year 9 students identified as contacts are now self-isolating, 17 of them until 8<sup>th</sup> December and 32 until 11<sup>th</sup> December, returning to school on 9<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> December respectively. The 28 Year 8 students identified as contacts are now self-isolating until 11<sup>th</sup> December, returning to school on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **The 'Winter Cyber Challenge'**

Following on from the success of the last competition, the GMP Cyber Crime Unit are running another mobile-enabled competition with Cyber Security Challenge UK from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December called the 'Winter Cyber Challenge'.

This competition will feature a different cyber challenge each week covering areas such as cryptography and firewall configuration along with information and questions about the Computer Misuse Act 1990. There will be an opportunity to win prizes each week and all those who finish all four activities will also be entered into a grand prize draw after the final challenge.

Participants must be 18 years or under on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and a UK resident. If you are under 13, you will need the consent of your parent or carer to take part.

There are four competition challenges which will run from:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> December to 7<sup>th</sup> December
2. 8<sup>th</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> December
3. 15<sup>th</sup> December to 22<sup>nd</sup> December
4. 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December



To find out more about the event and to take part just search for 'The Winter Cyber Challenge'

Good luck everyone!

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## The Great Christmas Takeaway by Active Tameside!

Have a meal on us this Christmas! Active Tameside are offering free takeaways to help Tameside families in the run up to Christmas. The meals will be available on the following evenings:

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December



You can choose to have your meal delivered between 5.00pm and 6.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm or 7.00pm and 8.00pm and can choose from the menu options below:

- Chicken curry and rice
- Mince and vegetable hotpot
- Vegetarian pasta (vegan option also available)

All meals will be prepared fresh at Tameside Community Cafes and will be delivered cold in microwavable containers which can be heated up at home. Written instructions for re-heating will come with each meal bag. Active Tameside will have five vans, all staffed by volunteers, delivering across all four Tameside localities and serving up to 250 meals each night.

To book your meal, please

[download our application form here](#)

and return it to

[christmastakeaway@activetameside.com](mailto:christmastakeaway@activetameside.com)

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# TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<p><b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> </p> <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<p><b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> </p> <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<p><b>RETAIL</b> </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p><b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> </p> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION</b> </p> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p><b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> </p> <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<p><b>ACCOMMODATION</b> </p> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<p><b>PERSONAL CARE</b> </p> <p>Open.</p>
<p><b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> </p> <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<p><b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> </p> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<p><b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> </p> <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<p><b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> </p> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<p><b>TRAVELLING</b> </p> <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<p><b>EXERCISE</b> </p> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p><b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> </p> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p><b>LARGE EVENTS</b> </p> <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

