

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Open Evening

We held our annual Open Evening last week when we invited Year 5 and 6 pupils from local primary schools, along with their families and other members of the community, to visit our school. Over 1200 people attended the evening and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments from our visitors. You can read some of these comments below.

Around 300 students gave up their time to attend the Open Evening and help their teachers with displays, activities and performances. They were an absolute credit to their families and to the Academy and many of our visitors commented on the friendly faces and how confident, polite and helpful our students were.

As you may be aware, the current Year 7 is full and oversubscribed and, for the third successive year, we have a waiting list of students who wish to join us. Early Indications from last week are that the Academy will be a popular choice again in 2020.



'Thank you for a most informative and re-assuring evening.'

'This is the only school I'd like my daughter to go to, I love it!'

'Very impressed!'

'The pupils were amazing, they went above and beyond.'

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'Very friendly and great values.'
'All the children were lovely, polite, helpful and informative.'
'Excellent standards and amazing children.'
'Brilliant.'
'My son has really enjoyed himself this evening.'
'Great evening, hope we get a place here.'
'Absolutely brilliant, I'm amazed.'
'Really impressed by what I've heard and seen.'



'Really impressed by the school, really impressed by the values and the work ethic.'
'A really positive Headteacher and great students, great impression.'
'It was good to hear about values and building resilience in kids.'
'Great school, everyone was really, friendly, polite and helpful.'
'My child loved everything about the Academy.'



'I have heard really positive things about the Academy from friends and would like my daughter to come here.'
'Droylsden Academy will be our first choice. It stands out when compared to other Open Days we have attended.'

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'All the staff and pupils were very helpful, we loved it.'
'Very impressed with the progress the school has made.'
'We are very impressed by this school, much more than we thought we would be.'
'Seems like a fantastic school, really pleased with what I have seen.'

'The pupils seem really happy here and they have all said that the Academy is a really good school. My daughter enjoyed sampling the lessons.'
'An outstanding school in terms of management, focus, facilities, pupils and teaching staff.'
'Very impressed and would be very happy for my daughter to come here.'



'The Open Evening has really changed my opinion, the Academy will definitely be our first choice.'

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you from Mrs McCallum to everybody, parents, teachers and students, who made or brought cakes in for the MacMillan Coffee Morning and to everybody who supported the event on the day. So far, we have raised £220 for this really worthwhile cause.



'Horrible Histories!'

A group of Year 8 students visited the Palace Theatre this week to watch a performance of 'Horrible Histories – The Tudors'. It was a brilliant production and, amongst other things, we had to choose the punishment for a Tudor thief, learn a dance to remind us of all Henry VIII's six wives in the right order and dodge the head of Mary, Queen of Scots, after her execution!



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Droylsden Academy Robotics Club

This photograph marks the inaugural meeting of the Droylsden Academy Robotics Club. Today it may be only light sensors and logic gates but tomorrow, the World! Watch out Mitsubishi and Honda, you have been warned!

The group have started off by learning the intricacies of building circuits in preparation for more complex projects when we will construct remote controls units, wireless hackers and Bluetooth robots. We look forward to updating you on our progress!



The Droylsden Academy Combined Cadet Force

There is no better place to start than by learning your drill! By the left.....
Quick march!



Thank you

We received a phone call from a member of the public to say how grateful she was to Ryan Blanchard, one of our Year 8 students, who had found her son's phone. Ryan found the phone near the Etihad Stadium on his way home, opened it and saw a 'missed call'. Ryan phoned the number for the missed call, spoke to the lady concerned and arranged to meet her at a local shop so that he could hand the phone over. The family were really grateful and want to thank Ryan for his honesty and quick thinking!

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GCSE COUNTDOWN

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

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on **Thursday 17th October**. Further information will be sent out next week.

Remember to attend as many Open Days and Open Evenings at our local colleges as you can, so that you are really well informed and can make the right choices for your future. The remaining Open Days for our local colleges can be found below.

College	Open Days
Tameside College	Saturday 19 th October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Clarendon Sixth Form College	Saturday 19 th October 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday 18 th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Ashton Sixth Form College	Tuesday 22 nd October (time to be confirmed)
The Manchester College	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)

ACADEMY SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

Consultation

From September 2020 it will be mandatory for all secondary education providers to deliver the Government's statutory guidance in relation to Relationships and Sex Education and, for all state-funded schools, statutory guidance relating to Health Education.

The Academy's policy on Relationships, Sex and Health Education is open for consultation and can be viewed on the Academy website. We hope that all Parents and Carers will read the policy and we will be grateful for your views. All comments and feedback can be submitted via this link:

<https://forms.gle/mNhJQTivYieY2G9K6>

The consultation period closes on Friday 11th October.

Parents and Carers should also have receive a letter about this consultation.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Marcel Zdunski from Year 8, Isaac Simpson from Year 9 and Ellie Cullen from Year 11 who have all been nominated as students of the week.



Marcel has been nominated by the Science Department as he has shown real determination and resilience in his lessons. He always works hard and has asked for extra help and resources to help develop his knowledge and understanding of the topics we are covering.

Isaac has been nominated by the Maths Department as he has made an incredible start to Year 9. He completes all work in class and always asks for extension work to challenge himself further. He also completes his homework early and to a high standard. Isaac is always confident in explaining his work to the class and enjoys solving difficult problems. Well done Isaac!



Ellie has been nominated by the English Department as she worked diligently on improving her comparison skills for the Poetry GCSE questions. She has persevered and responded maturely and proactively to feedback. This pragmatic approach will ensure her success in May. Well done Ellie, you deserve to do well.

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Parent Governor Election



Dear Parents/Carers

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill the vacancy.

The Parent Governor plays an important role as a member of the Governing Body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for a Parent Governor is four years. Details of the role of the Governing Body and Governor can be found on the Academy website. An induction and ongoing training and development is available to all Governors.

If you would like to stand for election, please arrange for the nomination form at the back of this edition of Newsflash to be completed and returned to the school Reception no later than Friday 18th October 2019.

Nominations must be from parents/carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Parents/carers putting their names forward are requested to provide some brief biographical details (limited to 200 words) suitable for inclusion in the ballot paper.

A Parent Governor must be a parent of a student at the Academy at the time of election/appointment. The eligibility criteria to serve as a Governor are also posted on the Academy website. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason.

If more than one nomination is received an election will be held by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Elgar
Clerk to the Governing Body

Futures Evening

As your child goes through high school it is crucial that they begin to think about life after Droylsden Academy. The employment market is changing rapidly and there is an ever increasing demand for more highly skilled and educated individuals to enter the workforce.

Research clearly shows that earning potential increases significantly for those people who achieve good degrees or high level vocational training.

With this in mind we are holding our annual **Futures Evening** on **Thursday 10th October**. This is an opportunity for you and your child to speak to a number of local colleges, universities, students, employers and training providers who will offer an insight into the world of work and education.

As an additional incentive, there will be a free prize draw for a designer tablet, an excellent tool for online revision, open to all students who attends.

Futures Evening will run from 4.00pm until 7.00pm and you are welcome to drop in at any time and stay for as long as you like.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Jackson and Mrs Pancholi

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'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.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on **Thursday 17th October**. Further information will be sent out next week.

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

Teaching Assistant (Level 2) - Literacy

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Pay Scale: Grade D (Point 7-10)

Contract: Fixed Term (12 months, subject to funding), Term Time Only

Hours: 32.5 per week

Closing Date: 21st October 2019 at 12 noon

Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for a dedicated and passionate Teaching Assistant to join our Learning Support Team.

As a Teaching Assistant you will supervise individuals and groups of children in order to accelerate their progress and learning, working in close liaison with teaching staff and leaders to ensure students catch-up with their learning (enabling them to do well and access the full curriculum).

You will also work with the Faculty Leader Learning Support to assist with the planning and delivery of the Key Skills and Catch-Up group work-shops and support teachers to ensure such students develop good and great attitudes to learning.

Interested applicants 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

or posted to:

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

Nomination Form for the Election of Parent Governor



Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Parent of (student's name):

Year:

Pen Portrait (maximum 200 words)

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of Parent Governor.

I confirm: (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a Parent Governor; and, (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the Eligibility Criteria.

Signature:

Date:

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Academy (Reception) by 18th October 2019.

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