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NEWSFLASH

As parents and carers of students in Years 8 to 11 will know, Newsflash is usually packed full of information and photographs covering trips, activities and events from that week along with the latest news and results from our extra-curricular clubs and any sports matches and competitions we have taken part in. Unfortunately, with the current restrictions in place, many of these are on hold as we observe the new protocols and procedures that we must follow.

We will, however, still be bringing you our weekly Newsflash and will, instead, focus a little more on what is happening in lessons along with any news items of interest. We hope that you will still enjoy your weekly edition and that it will not be too long until normal service is resumed!

IN THE ACADEMY THIS WEEK

Food and Nutrition

In Food and Nutrition, students prepare Fresh Fruit Salad and Apple Crumble using local produce. Rumour has it that the apples and pears are from Mrs Arnold's garden!



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Meanwhile in Maths....

At the end of last term, 115 of our students from the Year 7 and Year 8 Excel Maths Groups had a go at the United Kingdom Mathematics Challenge, a prestigious national competition for the most able Mathematicians from across the country. Students finishing in the top 30% nationally achieve a Bronze Award, students in the top 20% achieve a Silver Award and students in the top 10% achieve a Gold Award. The Mathematics Department received the results just before we broke up for the summer and have asked that they are now published in Newsflash so that we can acknowledge our students' successes!

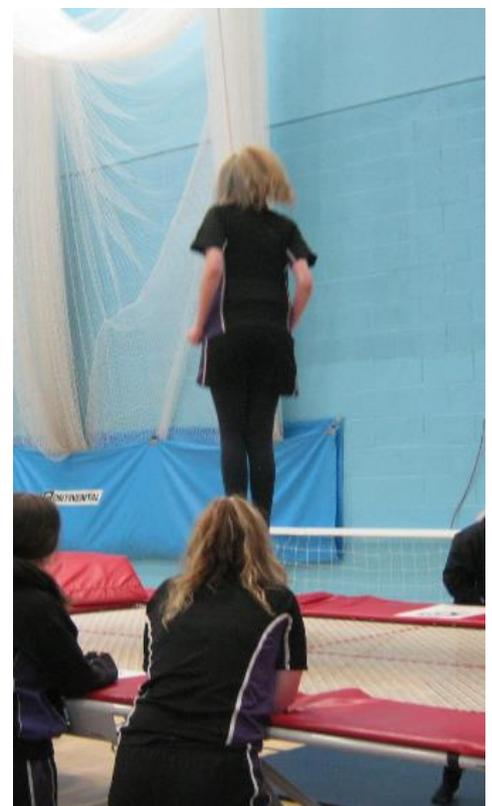
Congratulations to **Kyle Sreenan, Ilir Caka, Joshua Hodge, Ella Kay-Blackwood, Chemen Omar and Osaid Rajjoub**, who were all in Year 7 when they took the test, who all achieved Bronze and to **Corey O'Neill and Eric Bayo-Vergara** who achieved Silver. Eric also achieved the highest mark across the year group.

Congratulations also go to **Yassir Hamdani and Aastha Patadia**, who were in Year 8 when they took the test, who both achieved Bronze, **Joseph Davenport, Diya Jairath-Fernandez, Milly Madden, Molly Nash, Amy Oates, Eunice Sarpong and Lucas Taylor** who all achieved Silver and to **Maria Bundache, Aidie Rutter and Ahmad Chikhmous** who all achieved Gold! Ahmad also achieved the highest mark across the year group. Well done to all our students who took part as well as our Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards winners.

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....And in P.E.

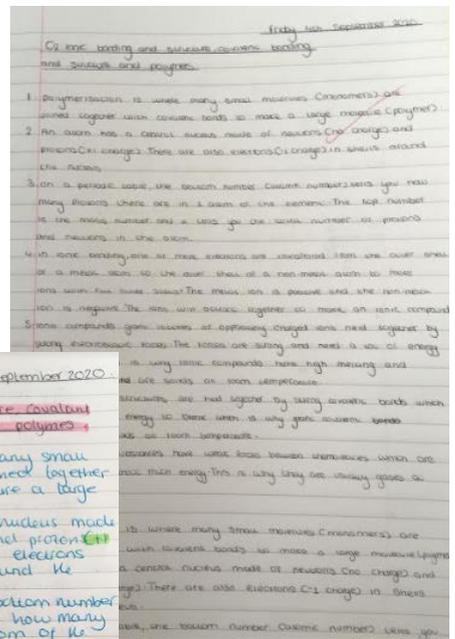
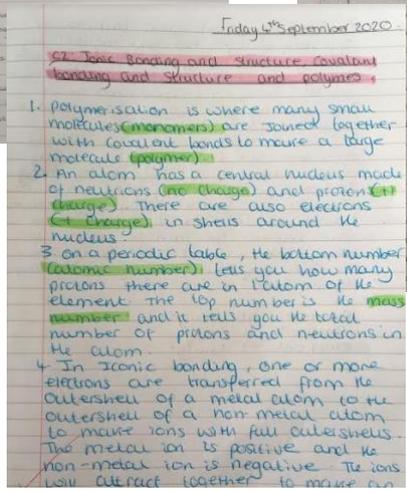
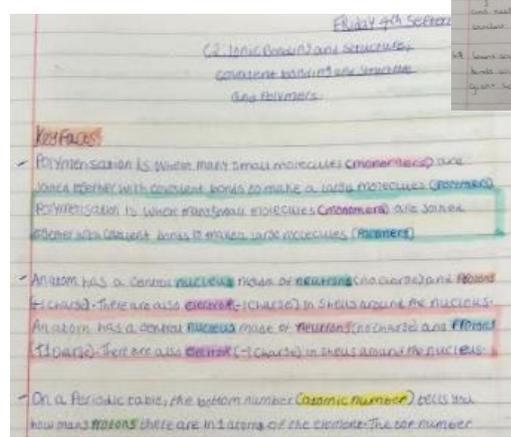
Year 10 students have been trampolining and playing Table Tennis!



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Science

Away from the Sports Hall, Year 10 students have been making their 'key fact' sheets on Ionic bonding!



....And finally in Art!

Taylor Bowd has been light painting!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 28 school weeks left, just 140 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Remember the route to GCSE success is a marathon and not a sprint. Your GCSE grades will depend on your hard work and commitment throughout the year and not last minute revision the week or night before an exam.

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By now you should all have an idea what you may want to do when you leave Droylsden at the end of this academic year. It is important, however, that you get as much information as you can about the different colleges you can apply to and the courses and qualifications on offer. Try and get along to as many 'Virtual' Open Days or Events as you can over this term so that you are really well informed and can make the right choices for your future.

INFORMATION FROM MRS PANCHOLI, YEAR LEADER FOR YEAR 7

School Email Accounts and Google Classrooms

All year 7 students should have now been given an email address and password for their school email account. During their first Computing lessons of the week they will be shown how to use their login details; one of the first things they will be prompted to do is change their password. They will also be shown how to use Google Classroom so that they can join virtual classrooms when they need to. They will also be invited to join the Year 7 Student Hub.

The School Gateway and payment for school dinners

All parents should now have received a letter explaining how to use the School Gateway to add dinner money to their child's account online. As a school we are moving towards becoming a 'cashless school' which will help reduce the contamination and transmission risks in using cash and avoid issues around lost money. We would ask that all parents now use this system to top their child's account with lunch money if their child purchases school dinners.

Lanyards

Your child has now been given a coloured Lanyard. This is an extra safety measure so that staff can easily identify which bubble each student belongs to and therefore which zone they go to when outside at break or lunch. We suggest that lanyards are kept with their face masks so that they aren't lost. We would also suggest that they are worn in such a way that some colour is showing, for example on their blazer button or button hole, on their belt loop or hooked through their planner when they are carrying it around. The lanyards unfortunately do not have the 'quick snap' safety fastening so by wearing them, they are less likely to be lost.

The first full week!

Year 7 have now completed their first full week. They've settled in really well and deserve a big well done. There have been lots of new experiences for them this week; lots of new people, routines and lessons and they've really risen to the change and challenge. A huge well done and thank you from me.



Mrs Pancholi (Year Leader)

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Oscar Young**, from Year 8, and **Toyosi Junaid** and **Nathan Heavyside**, both from Year 10, who have been nominated as Student of the Week.



Oscar has been nominated by the English Department for his resilience and starting the year really well. He has been well organised, and engaged and has managed his learning really well. He has also been really helpful in class as a book monitor.

Nathan has been nominated by the English Department as he is has been making some wonderful contributions in lessons since we came back. The presentation of his work is also immaculate and his manners are beautiful. Great work, Nathan!



Toyosi has been nominated by the Science Department as she too has made a fantastic start to the year. She has worked hard from day one contributing to discussions, being one of the first to answer questions and always modelling the Academy values of politeness, hard work and honesty. She prepared well for her first weekly assessment by writing out the key facts and taking great pride in her presentation. Her result this week was fantastic and demonstrated how hard she has worked. Well done Toyosi!

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Mr Bushby, from the Humanities Department, would also like a special mention for **Sam Askew** from Year 7 who produced an excellent storyboard about Romulus and Remus for his homework



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Finally, the Maths Department would also like to give a special mention to the following students who have made a great start back to the year.

Mrs Egan would like to say well done to **Mark Hughes** for completing all the work set to a really high standard, getting involved in class discussion and being a well mannered and polite student. She would also like to give a special mention to **Callum Smith**, who has an excellent work ethic and has asked lots of questions, and to **Demi-Leigh Street** who is a pleasure to teach and who, like Mark and Callum, has produced some really good work.

Ms Barratt would like to congratulate **Rocco Coleborne** who has made a really positive start to his lessons this year and has been a superb assistant in the classroom by helping to organise and give out the equipment. for me giving out sheets and equipment.

Finally Mrs Lloyd would like to give a special mention to **Zac Albajouri**, a talented mathematician who has made a really promising start to Year 10.



SCHOOLS GATEWAY

The Academy is moving towards becoming a 'cashless school' which will help reduce the contamination and transmission risks of using cash and also avoid issues around students losing their money. We would ask that, wherever possible, payments for school meals and any future activities or events are made through Schools Gateway.

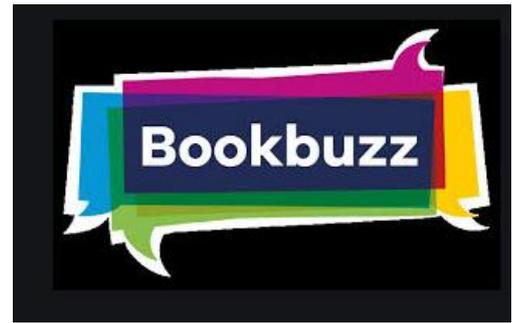
Payments can be made through the Gateway on line or at 'Pay Point' centres which can be found in many local shops. We would ask that all parents now use this system to top their child's account with lunch money if their child purchases school dinners.



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Year 7 'Bookbuzz'

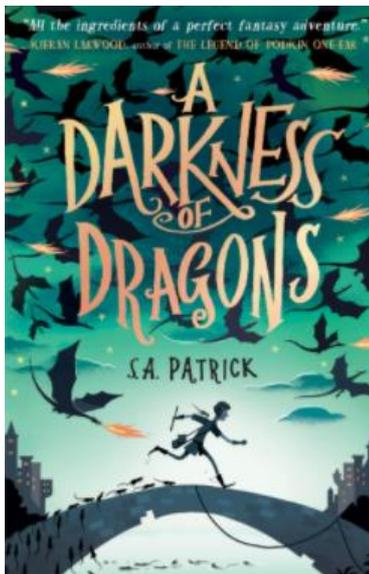
The Academy is taking part in the BookTrust 'Bookbuzz' programme which aims to get children reading. All Year 7 students will choose their own book, which they can keep, from the 16 Bookbuzz titles available. Bookbuzz is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading.



Each year, BookTrust reaches 3.9 million children across the UK with books, resources and support to help deliver a love of reading. To find out more about BookTrust visit booktrust.org.uk. We know that some children will be facing extra challenges this year after the coronavirus outbreak and we hope that Bookbuzz will encourage your child to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity!



Over the next few weeks, Year 7 students will be visited by Mrs Godrich, our Librarian, in their English lessons to view the books and make their selection. The books will then be delivered to school before Christmas. There is no cost to the student, the books have already been paid for by the Academy. Some of the titles will be featured in Book of the Week over the coming weeks.



Book of the Week

Our first Book of the Week, one of the Bookbuzz titles available, is 'A Darkness of Dragons' by S.A. Patrick, an adventurous quest involving magic, dragons and long lost-secrets!

In a world where playing music has magical powers, everyone lives under the shadow of the evil Piper of Hamelyn, who once lured away one hundred dragon children with a forbidden song. When apprentice piper Patch is caught playing the same song, he is thrown into prison. There he meets Wren, a girl cursed to be a rat, and promises to help her break the curse. But this promise leads to a daring journey, a life or death quest and the discovery of a dangerous secret that's linked to the Piper of Hamelyn's ultimate, terrifying plan.

Face Masks

Please remember to wash your child's face mask regularly and remind your child to bring it to school every day.

As face masks are now a specified part of school equipment, any student who arrives without their mask will be issued a correction (detention) and will be supplied with a surgical disposable mask that they can wear for the day.



Travelling on public transport

Unfortunately, we received a complaint from a member of the public that a group of Droylsden Academy students were not wearing their face masks when travelling on the Metrolink.

Wearing a facemask is a legal requirement, one that is designed to help protect us all from Covid19. Please remind your child of their responsibilities to help keep everyone safe.

If asked to view CCTV footage from any tram, we will, of course, give our full co-operation and support to Metrolink.

You can help maintain a better, safer environment on the tram by following a few simple rules...



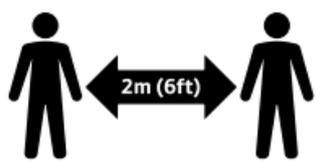
PROTECT

You must wear a **face covering** on public transport to protect yourself and your fellow passengers, unless you're exempt.

If you don't wear one, transport staff or police could stop you from travelling and you could even face a fine. If needed, you can collect a face covering from Travelshops, ticket offices or from a TFGM member of staff.

If you see someone travelling without a face covering, they may be exempt, so bear this in mind and be respectful of other passengers.

Don't forget to **wash hands regularly** and carry hand sanitiser if you can.



PATIENCE

Space on Metrolink will be limited due to **social distancing guidelines**, which are in place where possible on tram, on platforms and in stations.

You may have to wait, so please be patient.



COVID Symptoms

Whilst students cannot afford to miss any time from school, they must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has any symptoms of COVID-19. In these circumstances, families should make the school attendance team aware and then follow the latest health advice.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Baseline assessment tests in English and Mathematics will take place for students in Year 7 in week beginning Monday 14th September.

We will be celebrating European Language Day on Friday 25th September.

Year 11 students studying GCSE Food and Nutrition will be taking their practical assessments in week beginning Monday 5th October.

Year 8 and 9 HPV 'Catch-up' injections for those students who have missed them will take place in week beginning Monday 12th October.

Year 9 students will take part in a 'drop down' day on Sex and Relationships Education on Friday 25th October.

The Academy will close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 25th October.