

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Cup success

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Football Team on progressing through to the next round of the Tameside cup with a 3-1 victory against Longdendale. The boys dominated the game and played some excellent football with goals from Fares Albeleli, Damola Oseni and Hayden Griffiths. The team's next match will be a league fixture against Laurus Ryecroft next week. Well done on a great performance boys!



Relationships, Health and Sex Education

You may remember that, last week, Year 9 students took part in a 'Drop-Down Day' when they attended a series of workshops and presentations on Relationships, Health and Sex Education instead of their normal lessons. The sessions covered a range of really important topics including 'Healthy Relationships', 'Media Impact', 'Consent and Risks' and 'Sexting and Safety' and were led by specialist outside groups 'Tough Cookies', 'YouThink' and 'Odd Arts'.



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Feedback from students this week has been very positive with 97% of the year group saying that they found the sessions really useful. The students went on to say how enjoyable the day had been, how it was far better than they had expected and how much they had learnt. They were also very impressed by the team of facilitators who delivered the workshops.



For their part, the facilitators commented on the exceptional behaviour of the students and spoke highly of their involvement and engagement. The facilitators, who work in many schools across Greater Manchester, also said how much they had enjoyed working with our students and that they would like to work at the Academy again.



Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition....

Year 9 students have been working on their presentation skills this week with some fantastic results. Let's hope the dishes taste as good as they look!



The Combined Cadet Force

The CCF have been practicing 'Drill' this week and will march in Sunday's Remembrance Day Parade before placing the Academy's wreath at the Droylsden Memorial.



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'Urban Art'

Year 10 GCSE Art students visited the Northern Quarter in Manchester this week to gain inspiration for their coursework portfolio on 'Urban Art'. The group saw some wonderful examples and took lots of photographs which they will now use as a source of ideas back at the Academy.



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Leadership Celebration

Members of the Academy Leadership Team meet with students each week in recognition of their achievements, skills, personal qualities or contribution to Academy Life. This week, Mrs Lloyd had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with Agape Esayas, Molly Nash, Max Gee and Eryn Rowan, four of our particularly able students.



Watch this space!

Congratulations to Thomas Bowers who has just been offered a place at the Institute of British and Irish Modern Music to study for a Diploma in Music Production and Live Sound Events. This is a great place to start off a career in production and live music and who knows where we will see Thomas next.... Leeds, Reading, Glastonbury, the BAFTAs, the Royal Albert Hall!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, you are 9 weeks into your final year there are only 21 school weeks left, just 105 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Your Pre-Public Examinations start on Monday 18th November and it is essential that you start to revise for them over the half term break. If you are really committed to achieving GCSE exam success then you will put time aside each day to read through your notes 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.

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The timetable for your Pre-Public Exams is detailed below.

Date	Morning session	Afternoon session
Mon 18 th November	English Literature	Digital Information Technology Religious Studies
Tues 19 th November	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator) BTEC Music	English Language
Weds 20 th November	Physical Education Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	Computer Science Drama
Thurs 21 st November	Photography Food and Nutrition (Practical)	Art
Fri 22 nd November	Dance (Written) Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	Combined Science: Biology Triple Science: Biology
Mon 25 th November	History	Geography
Tues 26 th November	French (Listening and Reading) Spanish (Listening and Reading)	French (Writing) Spanish (Writing)
Weds 27 th November	Food and Nutrition Dance (BTEC and GCSE)	Art
Thurs 28 th November	Statistics	



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the invitation for nominations for the role of Parent Governor, the Clerk to the Governing Body can report that one nomination was received by the deadline of Friday, 18 October 2019.

As only one nomination was received, there will be no need to hold an election and the Clerk is pleased to advise parents and carers that Kerry Edwards has been appointed as the new Parent Governor, effective from 24 October 2019, for a period of four years. Further information about Kerry can be found in her 'pen portrait' over the page.

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Kerry Edwards

I have had the privilege of being born, bred and educated in Tameside before going on to get my teaching degree in the Lake District. I am a passionate educator who has taught at Greenside Primary for 17 years, and have changed roles to specialise in children's nurture, emotional wellbeing and mental health for a further five.

Since completing "Working together to safeguard children" training, I am also becoming more involved in that crucial aspect of school life – safeguarding.

My deep rooted belief is that all children are unique and have a special gift. I relish the challenge of working to support and encourage every one of them through their journey at Droylsden Academy. I believe I can bring experience, empathy, motivation and a wealth of knowledge to the role, alongside a friendly, approachable manner.

My most important role in life, however, is that of proud mum to three children (and a puppy!) who are all in secondary or further education in Tameside. As well as spending cosy nights in as a family, I am never happier than when I have my nose in a book, a volleyball in my hand or music blaring in my ears.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ethan Stanley from Year 8 and Millie Roberts from Year 10 who have both been nominated as students of the week.



Ethan has been nominated by the Science Department as his attitude to learning is fantastic! He is extremely resilient and will always persevere until he gets the correct answer. Similarly, he always gives 100% in class and is a pleasure to teach. Well done Ethan and keep up the good work!

Millie has been nominated by the English Department as she gives every task her full effort and also shows real resilience. She is approaching her GCSE course in a mature and positive fashion and tackles everything with a smile on her face! Unfortunately Millie was absent today so we have had to use an old photograph from the archives!

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Save the Children



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Children around the World deserve protection, support and care which is why Save the Children work in over 100 countries to provide better healthcare and education and to keep children safe from violence and war. On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November, the Academy will be holding a fundraiser to support the organisation with the important work that they do.

We want raise as much money as we can through a cake bake and a raffle and hope that everyone will support us in our appeal. Raffle tickets will cost £1 and cakes between 50p and £1 depending on what takes your fancy! **Your support will really be appreciated and will really make a difference to the lives of others.**

Extra Curricular Activities!

The table below shows the activities on offer from the Sports and Healthy Lifestyles Faculty over this half term. All students are welcome, why not get involved and get active!

SPORTS & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Volleyball Mr Lees and Miss Sanderson	Girls Football Manchester City	Netball Miss Stoakley & Miss Jackson	Trampolining Miss Stoakley	Fitness Suite KS4 Mr Ali
	Y7 Boys Football Mr Lees	Basketball Manchester Giants Coach	Table Tennis Mr Rick	Multi Sports Club Miss Sanderson
	Fitness Suite KS3 Mr Eade and Miss Jackson	Period 6 Health and Social Care	Period 6 PE and BTEC Sport	Y9 & Y10 Boys Football Mr Rick
		Y8 Boys Football Mr Lowe		

Attendance Christmas Draw

Remember.....

100% attendance and excellent punctuality over the the half term gets you in the 'Grand Christmas Draw' where you could win one of these great prizes!

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| 1 st Prize | A Mountain Bike and helmet |
| 2 nd Prize | £75 Voucher |
| 3 rd Prize | £50 Voucher |

Good luck everyone and remember, you've 'got to be in it to win it'!



'Click and Collect' with Monkhouses

Please could parents using the 'Click and Collect' service from Monkhouses, please write the name of their child in the 'Special Instructions' box on the order form. This will make it easier for the Academy to ensure that the uniform is given to the correct student on delivery.

Bike Helmets

Keeping students safe is our main priority. To do that, we need to ensure that they look after themselves whilst in school and on the way to and from school. We are, therefore, insisting on the following after half term:



After several incidents (and in line with the Highway Code and guidance from the British Medical Association) all students must wear bike helmets if they choose to ride their bike to and from school. The consequences of not wearing a helmet are potential deadly. We will not allow students to ride their bikes home unless they are wearing a helmet. If a student does not have a helmet, parents will be asked to bring one to the Academy or to collect their child's bike. Clearly, with the darker evenings now approaching, we would also expect students to have bicycle lights and some form of reflective clothing or reflective material on their bike. Please help us to keep all our students safe.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 11 students studying GCSE Art will be visiting the Northern Quarter and Ancoats on Saturday 9th November to look at 'Street Art'.

Year 11 students studying GCSE Photography will be visiting Salford Quays in the early evening on Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th November to take landscape photographs at night for their coursework portfolios.

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The Academy will be holding a 'Settling In' Evening for parents/carers of Year 7 students on Thursday 14th November.

Pre-Public Examinations for Year 11 students will take place from Monday 18th November to Thursday 28th November.

Awards Evening for the 'Class of 2019' will take on Thursday 28th November.

The Academy will break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 20th December at 12.00pm.