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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Ashton's Young Achiever for 2020

Congratulations to **Rory Hand** who has been named as Ashton's Young Achiever for 2020 in this year's Awards Ceremony. This is no surprise to those of us who know and work with Rory at Droylsden; he is a model student, and a real asset to the Academy, who demonstrates our core values of politeness, hard work and honesty on a daily basis. The excerpt below is taken from the programme notes for the Awards.

'Congratulations to Rory. Our Young Achiever Award Winner is an inspiration. Rory is an avid fund raiser, whether it be through sponsored walks or running his Disney page on Facebook, offering advice to his members all over the World. Through 2020, he has undertaken a 'Swimathon' for the Marie Curie Foundation and a 150 mile Sponsored Walk for the Tameside Hospital Covid-19 Appeal. This is a particularly awe-inspiring achievement as Rory has hypermobility in his legs and hips. Rory also has a number of other disabilities, including anxiety issues and PTSD, but, inspired by heroes like Captain Moore and Joe Wicks, he decided to do an NHS Fundraiser of his own.'



Rory also won this year's Droylsden Academy Community Award for helping and supporting others and making an outstanding contribution to his school. These character traits have also been showcased through 'lockdown' where Rory has helped people with their shopping or by taking their dogs for a walk.

Well done Rory, this Award is a testament to your hard work and dedication to helping others in your community.'

Rory, we are very proud of you!

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The Excel Learning Hub

During the lockdown and school closure before the summer, Mrs Lloyd opened the Academy Excel Learning Hub which aimed to encourage some of our particularly able students to take on a challenge. Suggested activities included such things as teaching yourself a new language, learning about computer coding or even studying modules from an Open University Course! Mrs Lloyd was delighted with the response and this week, twelve students who rose to the challenge will all receive their 'Infinite Learning' Badges! Well done to the following students:



Malakai Garner	Charlotte Morris	Georgia Morris	Menal Aamir	Kacey-Leigh Moscrop
Shannon Corbett	Daryl Bradbury	Diya Mistry	Olivia Green	Robert Hill
Corey Whipday-O'Neill	Shemiah Acheampong			

Malakai, Menal and Georgia taught themselves French, Charlotte studied Korean, Kacey-Leigh studied German, Daryl studied Spanish, Olivia studied Polish, Robert studied Japanese, Corey studied Welsh and Shemaiah studies Dutch, whilst Diya wrote a French Revision Guide and Shannon engaged with an Open University module on 'The Politics of Racial Violence'.



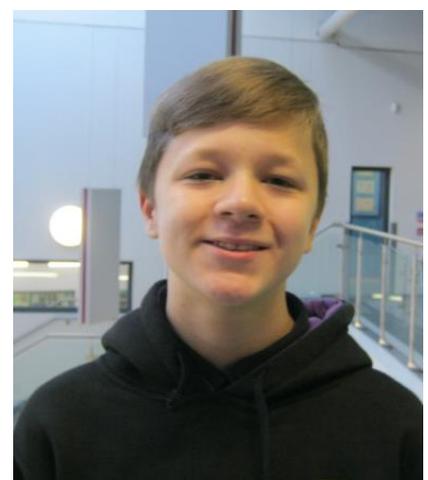
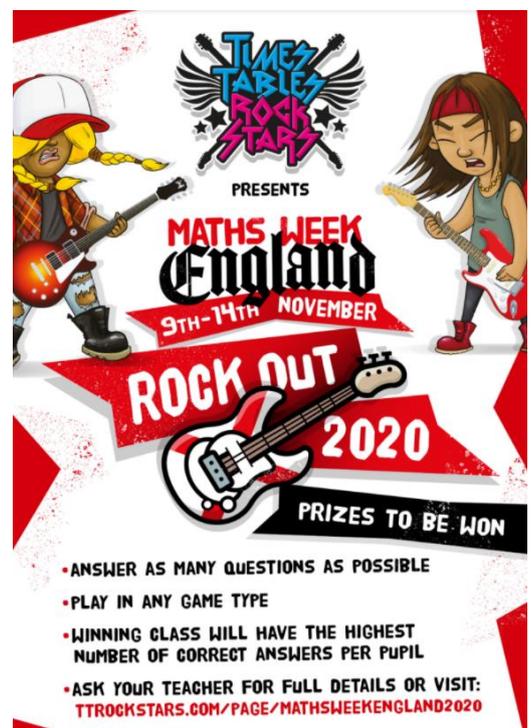
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Times Tables Rock Stars Competition

Well done to all the students in Year 7 who took part in the national 'Times Tables Rock Stars' Competition earlier this month, an online challenge where students were tested on their times tables and were awarded points for all the answers they got right. Students who took part were awarded House Points for their respective Houses. They also competed against each other and other students both locally and nationally!

Although we didn't win the national competition, our students did us proud and hopefully enjoyed the challenge too. Congratulations, in particular, go to **Oliver Newsam** who achieved the highest Droylsden Academy score, **Adam Raies** who came second and **Jake Johnson** who came third. The Form Group with the highest average score was 7S, with 7D taking the runner up spot and 7O coming third.



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The Academy House with the highest average score was Saxon, followed by Oakfield in second place, Albion in third and Victoria in fourth.



Well done to everyone who took part!

Food and Nutrition

Plenty of smiles in the kitchen again this week where Year 9 students developed their pastry skills and made pasties.



We think you will have to agree that the finished products look absolutely delicious!

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Photography

These photographs were digitally manipulated by **Isabelle Whitehead** on her GCSE Photography course. We hope we don't bump into her when there's a full moon!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 19 school weeks left, just 95 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

We hope that your Pre-Public Examinations have gone well this week. These are really important exams and we hope that you are revising and preparing thoroughly for them. **It is worth remembering that, for the Year 11 cohort that left this summer, their final grades were based directly on their performance in their Pre-Public Examinations.** The timetable for your remaining exams can be found below.

Date	Morning session	Afternoon session
Mon 23 rd November	Religious Studies Engineering	French (Reading and Writing) Spanish (Reading and Writing)
Tues 24 th November	Computer Science	Business Studies
Weds 25 th November	English Literature	Health and Social Care



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Poetry

CHRISTMAS POETRY COMPETITION!

Get that creativity flowing with the Christmas spirit by getting involved in this year's competition. To enter, you need to write us a wonderful Christmas poem!

PRIZES TO BE WON!



Your poem needs to:
Have a Christmas theme
Have 3 verses



Be given to your English teacher with your name and form on by Friday 27th November

INSIDER TOP TIPS...

- Use a simile or metaphor
- Be original
- Write something heart-warming or funny
- Maybe some onomatopoeia for those sounds of Christmas
- Use some adjectives to create an image
- Use some repetition to make it memorable
- Read other Christmas poems to get some ideas
- Think about the sound and rhythm of words too

SHHH



GOOD LUCK - AND REMEMBER
GET YOUR POEM TO YOUR
ENGLISH TEACHER BEFORE FRIDAY
27TH NOVEMBER!



Technology

Technology will also be running a Christmas competition that is open to both students and staff. All you need to do is come up with an original and creative design for a Christmas Mug. The image must be a design you have created yourself and it must be festive.



Design sheets can be collected from Mr Jones from Monday 23rd November and the deadline for submitting your entry is the 11th of December.

A winner will be chosen from each year group and from the staff with all winning designs being printed.

ACT EARLY AND PREVENT

A new safeguarding website has been launched, www.actearly.uk, to support family and friends who may have concerns that a friend or loved one might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

Research shows that family and friends are best placed to spot the signs that someone might be vulnerable. If they ACT Early, then their friend or loved one can get the support they need before the situation escalates into something more serious. Please access the website and ACT Early if you ever have any concerns.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Oliver Legg** from Year 8 and **Oliver Banks-Lorne** from Year 10 who have both been nominated as student of the week.



Oliver, from Year 8, has been nominated by the Maths Department as he is making excellent progress. Oliver completes all his work to a high standard and seeks extension work at every opportunity. He is also always willing to help others and guide them. Thank you Oliver and well done!

Oliver, from Year 10, has been nominated by the Science Department as he has made real progress since the start of the year. Recently he has been tackling some very complicated chemical equations and is now doing so with skill and confidence. Keep it up Oliver, Ms Sandiford, is really impressed!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Library Deliver Service and Reading Lists

The new Library Delivery Service is working really well. Many students have reserved a book online via the Library Catalogue and the first books have been delivered to Year 8 this week. Each year group has had a reading list especially curated by Mrs Godrich and these can be accessed from the 'Reading Cloud' Homepage link.

Click on the 'Reading List' link and the lists for your year group should appear. There are also some subject specific lists for History that have been put together by Mrs McCallum. Students who loan any book from the main reading list for their year group can earn a Pride Point for Independence. Any loaned from the 'Hot Shots list' for their year group will earn 2 Pride Points for Excellence. After Christmas, Mrs Godrich will be introducing a reading incentive scheme where the more books you read from the list, then the bigger the reward you will receive! Keep your eyes peeled for news around school and in Newsflash.

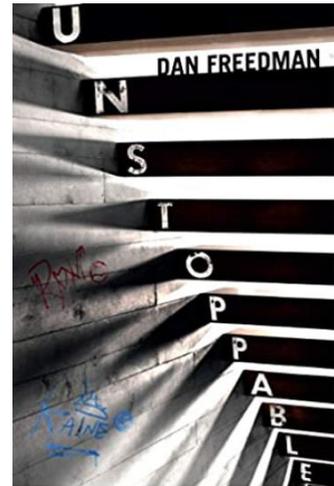
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Book of the Week

To launch the Reading Lists, this week's book comes from the 'Launch Pad' list. These are books for those who are a little reluctant to pick up a book out of choice, but that could 'launch' the reader into another World and hook them into the pleasure of reading for ever!

This week's book is 'Unstoppable' by Dan Freedman and would be ideal for anyone who was a fan of the CBBC series 'Jamie Johnson'.

Fourteen year old twins, Roxy and Kaine, have only one thing in common. They HATE each other. Kaine is loud, brash and brilliant at football. Roxy is heading for tennis superstardom. When tragedy strikes, their worlds are ripped apart. Can they come together before it's too late?



'Unstoppable' has also featured as the Children's Book of the Week in the Times when the book was described as a 'thrilling page-turner'.



Lockdown Boredom Busted

Are you feeling the pinch during our second lockdown? Is boredom creeping into your evenings and weekends? If so, please check out the 'Creative Care Kit for Young People' created by the great minds of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Being creative has been proven to help with your mental and physical wellbeing, which both need taking care of in these chaotic times. If you fancy a foray into the world of craft just follow the link below:

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/3020/creative-care-kit-young-people.pdf>

HAVE YOUR SAY

Thank you to all the families who recently shared their thoughts on what they felt was working well and how we could further improve our new systems. We would really like to hear from you again, on how you think things are going in school now. Do you have any more useful feedback for us? We would really like to hear from both parents and carers, as well as students, about the experience of attending school in a 'COVID safe environment'. We would encourage you to reflect on what you think we have done well and what we could do better. Please email your comments to us at:

Haveyoursay@droylsdenacademy.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

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AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

In the absence of a formal extra-curricular sports offer in schools across the country, the Youth Sports Trust have developed a series of online sessions which are free and easy to join in with. The sessions start at 5.00pm each evening and have a different theme every day. All sessions are delivered by real athletes too!



These themes for each evening are outlined below:

- **Adventure Monday** - This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room
- **Tuesday Play** - Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active
- **Wild Wednesday** - Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges
- **Thinking Thursday** - Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition - whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends
- **Fun Friday** - A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

The After School Sports Club can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

Why not give it a go and get involved?

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

PE Kit

As you are aware, during the current restrictions, we are not using the PE changing rooms and students must attend school in their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.

PE kit includes a PE top, PE shorts, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and an optional Academy 'hoodie' or , Academy fleece. Students may also wear black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeved top or sweatshirt as well as, but not instead of, their PE kit. **If they choose to wear tracksuit bottoms or a long sleeve top or sweatshirt, then their PE kit, including shorts, must be worn over the top of these clothes at all times.**

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Tracksuit bottoms or tops and sweatshirts may have a small logo but sports clothing with large logos or stripes are not permitted. Students who do not follow these uniform rules will be sanctioned in accordance with our Uniform Policy. Examples of suitable tracksuits and tops can be found here.



Thank you.

Research Project

Students and Academics from Loughborough University are carrying out a research project into the use of private tuition. They would like to speak to both families who have used a private tutor before and families who have not used a private tutor before. To take part in the research, the family must have a child who currently in Years 10 to 13. Further information can be found below.



LEVERHULME
TRUST

Families in North West England needed for nationwide 'Tutored Childhoods' study

Researchers from Loughborough University would like to chat with families in the North West about their use of private tuition — including those who *don't* use private tuition.

We would like to chat with one parent and one young person (Years 10-13, attending a state school) from each family. This will take place via phone or video call at a time suitable for you.

Each participant receives a £25 gift voucher. For more information about how to take part, please text/WhatsApp Sam via **07384 344216** or email S.Whehall@Lboro.ac.uk.

Information from the NHS

The NHS in Greater Manchester has produced a quick [reference guide](#) that has tips for dealing with some of the most common childhood ailments and when to ask for help. The [NHS website](#) also has a wealth of information and advice on a whole range of symptoms and illnesses. And local pharmacies can offer advice and suggestions for over the counter medicines that may help. [Your GP practice](#) is still there too. For your safety, you will need to contact them by phone or online to begin with so they can decide if a face to face appointment is needed. You can access NHS 111 by phone or [online](#) (only for children aged over 5 years) if your practice is closed.

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Taking care of common childhood ailments at home: a quick reference guide for parents and carers

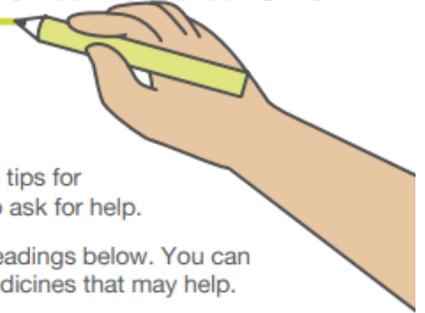
It can be worrying when children are ill, especially if you're not sure what to do.

Often taking care of your little one at home is the best thing to do. This guide has tips for dealing with some of the most common childhood ailments at home and when to ask for help.

For more information and advice go to www.nhs.uk or click on the links in the headings below. You can also ask your local pharmacy for advice and suggestions for over the counter medicines that may help.

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DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

- Often caused by a stomach bug and should stop in a few days.
- Keep your child at home for at least 2 days so they don't pass it on to others.
- Make sure they get plenty of rest and encourage them to keep sipping water.
- A pharmacist can advise on over the counter medicines if you think they're dehydrated.
- Contact your GP practice or 111 if diarrhoea lasts for more than 7 days, or they are vomiting for more than 2 days.



TUMMY ACHE

- Most tummy aches are nothing serious and will go away after a few days.
- A pharmacist can provide advice on what might be causing the pain and suggest over the counter medicines that could help.
- Contact your GP if the pain gets much worse quickly, will not go away or keeps coming back, or your child is struggling to swallow, losing weight, weeing more or less often, or has severe constipation.
- You're unlikely to need the Emergency Department (A&E) unless your child's tummy ache is severe and came on very suddenly, or it hurts when you touch their stomach.
- Children often have a sore throat with a cold or other virus.



SORE THROAT

- Even if its tonsillitis, antibiotics aren't usually needed.
- Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to help with the pain and encourage your child to drink lots of water and get plenty of rest.
- A pharmacist can offer advice and over the counter medicines to ease a sore throat.
- It will usually get better by itself but contact your GP if a sore throat lasts longer than a week, or your child has a high temperature (over 38°C).



TONSILLITIS

- Tonsillitis is usually caused by a virus, so most children won't need antibiotics.
- Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to help with the pain and encourage your child to drink lots of water and rest.
- A pharmacist can offer advice and over the counter medicines to ease a sore throat.
- Contact your GP practice if there are white spots on the throat or if symptoms don't clear up within 4 days.



EARACHE

- Earache is common in children and is usually caused by an ear infection.
- Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to help with the pain.
- Try a cool or warm flannel on the ear to ease discomfort.
- A pharmacist can offer advice and suggest over the counter medicines that may help.
- Contact your GP if your child has a high temperature (over 38°C), swelling around the ear, fluid coming from it, a change in their hearing or if the pain doesn't go away after 3 days.



HIGH TEMPERATURE

- A high temperature (over 37.8°C) is one of the symptoms of COVID-19. Book a test via www.gov.uk and stay at home while you wait for the result.
- Lots of viruses can cause a high temperature so it could be due to a cough, cold or other childhood illness.
- Paracetamol can help to lower your child's temperature and make them more comfortable.
- Make sure they drink plenty of water and rest.
- Try sponging or bathing your child with lukewarm water.
- Contact your GP if your child has a rash, isn't eating, may be dehydrated, paracetamol doesn't help, or they still have a temperature after 5 days.
- Always contact your GP if your child is aged under 6 months and has a temperature.



RASH

- Many things can cause a rash in babies and children, and they're often nothing to worry about.
- If you're worried, contact your GP, particularly if your child seems unwell and has a high temperature (over 38°C).
- Go to the Emergency Department (A&E) if the rash doesn't fade when you press a glass against it.



CUTS AND GRAZES

- Most cuts and grazes are minor and can be easily treated at home by stopping any bleeding, cleaning the wound and covering it with a plaster or dressing.
- Minor wounds should start to heal within a few days.
- Your local pharmacist may also be help with minor injuries.
- Contact your GP if you think it could be infected.
- You're unlikely to need the Emergency Department (A&E) unless you can't stop the bleeding, your child's wound is very large, or you think there could be something in it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pre-Public Examinations for Year 11 will be taking place from Monday 16th November to Wednesday 25th November.

The Academy will break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 18th December at 12.00pm.

JOB VACANCY AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Midday Welfare Assistant

6 hours 15 minutes per week (worked over 5 days)

Term-time only

Salary – Grade A (Point 1-2)

Actual Salary at Grade A, Point 1 - £2,593.52

Required – as soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Midday Welfare Assistant. The successful candidate will be part of a team, responsible for the supervision of students throughout the lunchtime period.

Application forms and further details from the school website

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

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Mossley Hollins High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post requires an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)

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