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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

'Lost in the Wilderness'

This week saw two evening performances of 'Lost in the Wilderness' a project devised, created and managed by over eighty Year 7 students who had opted to take the Creative and Performing Arts Pathway through the Academy Electives Programme. The students took on a wide range of roles from creating the set to publicising and marketing the production and performing on the evening itself. The show had everything from singing and dancing to a performance of extracts from the Shakespeare play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and everyone involved should be extremely proud of their contribution.

The Electives Programme is an integral part of the Academy's Co-Curricular Programme and Ms Burgess, who leads to the Creative and Performing Arts Pathway, hopes that opportunities such as this will encourage our students to develop as passionate, imaginative and confident learners and performers. Thank you to Ms Burgess and her team and to Year 7 for a great performance!



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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition

Congratulations to the thirty students who successfully completed the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition after spending three days walking and camping around the Cheshire and Derbyshire countryside.

The three days saw sweat and tears, but lots of laughter, as the resilience, fortitude and stamina of the group were tested to the limit! They did, however, get there in the end and Mrs McCallum, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator, is incredibly proud of their achievement. She also hopes the students have now had time to take their boots and rucksacks off and have a good night's sleep!

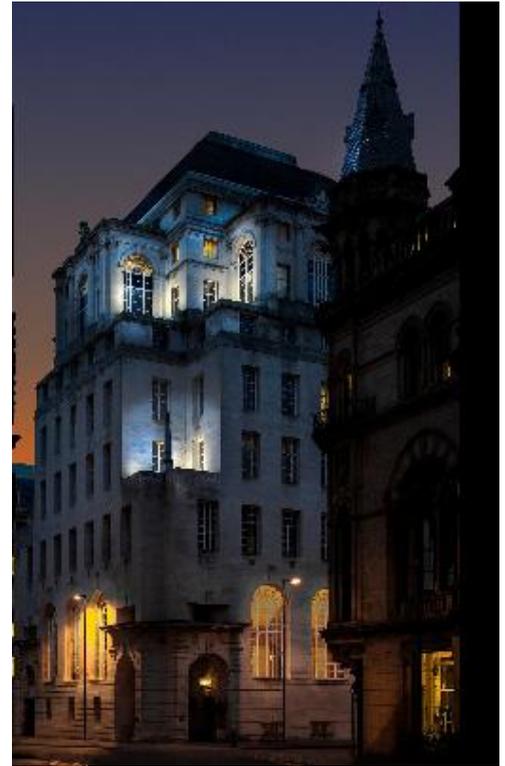


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Developing our links with Hotel Gotham

You may remember from previous articles in Newsflash that we are linked to 'Hotel Gotham' as part of a programme developed by the Hospitality Sector and designed to encourage students to consider careers in the Hotel Industry, Catering or Events. This week, two lucky groups of Year 9 students who are studying Food and Nutrition or Business Studies had the opportunity to visit the Hotel, have a tour of the facilities and enjoy a gourmet dining experience! They were served their meal in 'Club Brass', the VIP Suite on the top floor of the Hotel with views overlooking Manchester and really were treated like Very Important People!

During the visit, **Jackson Gaskin** was also presented with an Afternoon Tea Voucher as his prize in a competition set by Hotel Gotham in which students had to describe their perfect hotel. Jackson and his family will now enjoy another fine dining experience over the holiday!



Thank you Hotel Gotham for a great experience and certainly one which has inspired our students!



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Well done Jack!

Congratulations to **Jack Fortun** who came second in a competition, open to students from across Tameside, to create a new logo for 'Tameside Hack'. Jack who is in Year 8 narrowly lost out to the eventual winner, a student starting an Art and Design A Level Course, by just two votes. Jack can be seen here receiving his prize, a set of Sony Headphones, in his Computer Science lesson. Well done Jack, we are proud of your achievement!



Character Awards Evening

This week, we held our Character Awards Evening where students from across the Academy were acknowledged for achieving against one or more of our four 'Character Pillars', Learn, Lead, Serve and Participate. These four Character Pillars are fundamental to our school and students are encouraged to record evidence of how they have demonstrated these strong character traits through our Character Development Programme.



Successful completion of activities related to any of the four Character Pillars earns points towards a prestigious enamel badge which students may wear on their blazer in recognition of their achievements. There are three levels of award for each of the Character Pillars, Apprentice, Graduate and Master, with each one having gradually more challenging success criteria to meet.

Around 100 Year 7 students achieved against one or more of our Character Pillars at Apprentice Level with **Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara** meeting the criteria for all four, **Talia Allikmaa** and **Katelyn Edwards** meeting the criteria for three and **Neide Barroso**, **Logan Bramwell-Moore**, **Brogan Carter**, **Paul Egharevba**, **Jamie Ellis**, **Bobbie Merriman**, **Lidia Parker**, **Lilly Corbett**, **Samuel Myerscough**, **Eden Rutter** and **Bobby Sherrat** meeting the criteria against two of them. A special mention should also go to **Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara** who achieved the criteria for Service and Participation at Masters Level too, a fantastic achievement for a student in Year 7.



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The vast majority of students from Years 8, 9 and 10 have already achieved against one or more of our Character Pillars at Apprentice Level and many more of them were recognised at this week's celebration. We would, however, like to acknowledge the achievements of those students who achieved at Graduate and Masters Level against one or more of our Character Pillars as detailed below. In each case the letters L (Learning), Lp (Leadership), S (Service) and P (Participation) indicate the Pillar or Pillars that students met the criteria for.



Year 8

Graduate Level

Blessed Agbonlahor (L), Katelyn Edwards (L), Lennon James (L), Priscilla Joel (L), Lewis Maddocks (L), Ben Hamlett (L), Mia Hopkinson (L), Michael Uchekwuku Chale (Lp), Jesse Eastham (L/Lp), Ben Lees (Lp), Alwiya Mansur (L), Caitlin Skelly (L), Samuel Askew (L), Olivia Mansell (L), Zach Devlin (L/P), Jia Yu He (L), Rachel King (L), Oliver Newsam (L), Emma Samczyk (L), Muhammad Ibrahim Ali (L), Chau Hoang (P), Macella Mares (L), Geraldine Morton (L), Aadam Shah (S), Daniel Thompson (L) and Poppy Walton (L)

Masters Level

Aadam Shah (P/S)

Year 9

Graduate Level

Philian Emmanuel (L), Lucy Lowe (L), Baydon Cullen (S), Harrison Hilton (L), Riley O'Connor (S), Desire Okaduwa (L/S), Tom Cronshaw (L), Lexie Norris (L), Haadi Waseem (L), Tallulah Connolly (L), Olivia Buckley Wild (L), Jackson Gaskin (L), Oliver Legg (L), Chemen Omar (S), Paige Richardson (L), Lucas Turnbull (S), Paige Gillespie (L) and Corey Leith (L)

Masters Level

Chemen Omar (L), Lucas Turnbull (P) and Daisy Wagstaff (L)

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Year 10

Graduate Level

Rory Hand (S), Nana Kwame Asabere (P), Millie-Jo Bayley (S), Olivia Tout (L), Ahmad Chikhmous (L), Daniel Dadashzadeh (L), Megan Savage (L), Isabelle Saw (L), Matthew Walker (L), Esayas Agape (S), Kwon Leong (L/P), Milly Madden (L), Gracie Plant (P), Calex Yeung (L), Kayleigh Cunningham-Clarke (P), Madison Hemsall (P), Nathan Piggott (L) and Mason Thompson (L)

Masters Level

Melissa Gavan (L/S), Elisha Holland (L), Molly Nash (L), Hannah Sykes (L/S), Maria Bundache (L), Andrew Chen (L), Esayas Agape (L), Gracie Plant (L), Calex Yeung (S/Lp), Eunice Sarpong (L), Lily-Mai Shearer (S) and Marcel Zdunski (P)

Year 7 Parents Evening

The Academy would like to thank those parents and carers who attended last week's Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening, we hope that meeting your child's teachers was useful and informative. Thank you also to **Aastha Patadia, Kelvin Nwanze** and **Sam Faulkner** who staffed Reception throughout the evening, signing in parents and carers and welcoming them to the Academy.

Of the parents who filled in an Academy questionnaire during the evening:

- 96% of them agreed that their child was happy at school;
- 97% felt that their child feels safe at school;
- 99% felt that the school ensures student behaviour is good;
- 100% agreed that the Academy had high expectations of their child;
- 95% felt that their child was doing well;
- 93% agreed that the Academy lets them know how their child is doing;
- 100% felt that there was a good range of subjects for their child to study;
- 97% agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities; and
- 95% would recommend the Academy to another parent.



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Preparing for our futures

Last week, Year 10 students spent two days thinking about and preparing for life after Droylsden Academy. On Thursday, they attended 'Taster' sessions at Tameside or Clarendon College, where they sampled different courses, activities and workshops, and, on Friday, they attended a 'Drop Down Day' where they found out about the different Post 16 Courses and Qualifications on offer and attended sessions on GCSE preparation and looking after you mental health throughout the stresses and strains of Year 11.

Our students really enjoyed both days and, on Thursday, the staff at Tameside and Clarendon College gave excellent feedback on their engagement and behaviour, commenting that Droylsden was the best school that they have worked with! The photos here show students collecting their 'goody bags' at Clarendon College.



Thank you!

Our Year 9 Prefects had lunch with Mrs Arnold this week as a thank you for leading the Year 6 Induction Day at Manchester Metropolitan University.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Joshua Whitehead** from Year 7 and **Indi-Ann Rowden-Coley** from Year 10 who have both been nominated as Student of the Week.



Josh has been nominated by the English Department as he has been working extremely hard in lessons and has produced some excellent assignments. He also took the part of Renfield from 'Dracula' in reading lessons and performed brilliantly, much to the enjoyment and amusement of the class! Well done Josh on your oracy and acting skills and on your hard work and positive attitude!

Indi has been nominated by the Science Department as she always works very hard in every lesson and puts a huge amount of effort into learning her key facts each week. Her commitment to making sure that she is prepared for any task or test will definitely pay off in the end! Well done Indi and keep it up!

HEALTHY EATING AT THE ACADEMY

The Catering Staff follow all the Government recommendations in the 'Eat Well Guide' and always try to serve healthy, tasty, enjoyable and nutritious meals and snacks for students and staff. On the menu this week they served up spaghetti bolognese, tuna pasta pots, cottage pie and veg, mixed fruit, cheese omelette, jerk chicken, tandoori chicken and vegan pancakes with strawberry coulis! The catering team all hope that everyone has a lovely summer and they look forward to feeding you again in September!



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An update from Oakfield House

Thank you to Mason Thompson, Jephthah Adams, Liam Peppard and Mollie Clarke for leading Oakfield as our House Captains this year. They will be handing their roles over to the following students in September, following their successful applications to lead the House:

Osaid Rajjoub	Senior House Captain
Brogan Williams	Vice Senior House Captain
Samuel Askew	Junior House Captain
Millie Haggerty	Junior House Captain



Amanda Levanaviciute House Charity Ambassador

Thank you also to all the staff who have led, managed and organised events and activities this year for our students to take part in. Students achieve Participation Points by taking part in these events and activities and the House with the most points will be announced on Wednesday!

House T-Shirts

If you have ordered and paid for a House T-shirt, they will be available to collect from Student Services on Monday 18th July. There are some spare T-shirts that will be available for £6 and these will be sold on a 'first come first served' basis.

Thank you to those students and staff who have purchased a House T-shirt, the money raised will go to the worthwhile charities that we support.

We look forward to seeing you displaying our House colours with pride!



The 231 Bus

Please note that the 231 School Bus that takes students home from Droylsden to Ashton each evening will be withdrawn from September as, with fewer than 10 students on each journey, there is insufficient demand to keep the Service running.

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Lunchtime at the Academy

Please note that, from September, we will be returning to one lunchtime sitting for all year groups which will run from 1.00 to 1.35pm. This will replace the current arrangements where there are two lunchtime sittings for Years 7 and 11 and Years 8, 9 and 10 respectively.

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Our new Trust, Tame River Educational Trust, plays host to training and placements in very strong schools (Mossley Hollins High School, Ofsted Outstanding, and Droylsden Academy, Ofsted Good) and we are working in partnership with other schools in Tameside. Bursaries are available!

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