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THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Droylsden Academy expresses its deepest sympathies following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September 2022. Her dedication to the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and her other realms was unprecedented and we thank her for her service and her selfless duty.

The Queen had an inspiring presence and led the country through some of our greatest and darkest moments with grace and dignity. Staff, Students and Stakeholders at Droylsden Academy will join the country during the period of national mourning, as we await further national guidance.



NEWSFLASH

Welcome to the first edition of Newsflash for this academic year.

For parents and carers of students who have joined us this September, Newsflash is a weekly bulletin that you will receive every Friday which will give you news, updates, reminders and messages from the Academy. Feedback from parents and carers would suggest that they find it interesting and informative and we hope that you will find this the case too.

A copy of Newsflash will be emailed out to you every Friday afternoon with future editions including reports and photographs of trips, activities and events that have taken place during that particular week.

Thank you for reading this edition of Newsflash and we hope that your child will have a happy, successful and rewarding year!

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GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to all our students who worked hard and met or exceeded their target grades this summer. Their performance in this year's GCSE examinations saw a further improvement on our record breaking data for 2019, the last time students sat formal exams, against all the key headline figures and has firmly established Droylsden Academy as one of the top 5 in Tameside in terms of attainment, with results well above the Tameside average. We are now looking forward to the publication of national data which will compare the progress of our students against those from similar schools from across the country.



Well done in particular to the following students who made up our top 10 for Attainment and/or Progress!

Attainment

Diya Mistry
James Mellor
Iqra Zaman
Han Yun Yu
Olivia Loftus
Jenna Anderson
Sebastian Bainbridge-Coombs
Olivia Green
Khadija Javed Bibi
Nikola Brzozowska

Progress

Oluwatoyosi Junaid
Filip Ovcacik
Malaika Iftikhar
Ewan Quinn
Iqra Zaman
Sebastian Bainbridge-Coombs
Diya Mistry
Harry Ho
Esther Yeboah
Nikola Brzozowska



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The following press release was written by a delighted Mr Wilson, Headteacher, following the publication of this year's results.

Droylsden Academy Headteacher Phil Wilson says he is delighted that the hard work of students and staff has paid off as the school celebrates another strong set of GCSE results this year. This was the first time since 2019 that students sat national examinations.

Mr Wilson said, "on behalf of the staff, our Governors and the Tame River Educational Trust, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2022 on their successes. The students have faced an incredibly challenging two years and we should not underestimate how hard it has been at times throughout the pandemic. Our students have shown resilience, maturity, drive and determination and we are very, very proud of them. There have been some outstanding individual achievements and some incredible subject performances. The school is delighted for many of our less financially advantaged students who have performed exceptionally".

Mr Wilson added, "as well as been an incredibly challenging time for students, the last few years have been difficult for parents and school staff. I would like to thank parents and carers for their unwavering help, support and encouragement and I would like to congratulate our staff for going the extra mile, particularly for all the additional teaching hours they have provided for students".
Across the Academy, a record 71% of students secured the national benchmark of the BASICS (at least Grade 4 or above in both English and mathematics). Half of all students achieved strong BASICS passes (Grade 5 and above in both English and mathematics).

This year's results show a continuing trend of exceptional performance in English with students performing well in both Literature and Language. Over 80% of students achieved a standard pass with two-thirds achieving a strong pass. In mathematics, 73% of students achieved a standard pass and 3 in every 5 students achieved the strong pass. There were also very pleasing results in a wide range of subjects in the sciences, humanities, languages, arts, technology and sport. Many students achieved the top GCSE Grades of 8 and 9; this puts those students amongst the very highest performers in the country.

Mr Wilson went on to say, "the Class of 2022 were a fantastic cohort and we couldn't be prouder of them. There was a palpable sense of teamwork with students and staff working together and fully believing in what can be achieved through hard work".

Exceptional academic performance by individual students includes Sebastian Bainbridge-Coombs, Olivia Green, Khadijah Javed Bibi, Olivia Loftus, James Mellor, Diya Mistry, Han Yun Yu and Iqra Zaman. Each of these students achieved a string of the top grades across a range of subjects.

The school is also especially proud of a number of students including Nikola Brzozowska, Harry Ho, Malaika Iftikhar, Oluwatoyosi Junaid, Filip Ovcacik, Ewan Quinn and Esther Yeboah. These students made remarkable progress from their year 7 starting points.

As students arrived at school on results day to collect their envelopes, Mr Wilson said "it is so good to see our students again. Teachers celebrated with students and parents as the results were opened.

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We wish the students well as they embark on the next stage of their education or training. We are delighted for our students and they should be very proud of their achievements.”

Mr Wilson finished by saying, “we remain relentless in our drive to ensure Droylsden Academy continues to build on the successes of recent years. Once again this year we have seen a significant increase in the number of applications for places in September and for the sixth year running our school is heavily oversubscribed with an extensive waiting list”.



AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

Congratulations to all those students who were nominated for Awards at the end of the last Academic Year. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate your progress, excellence, successes and achievements and acknowledging the contribution you have made to the Academy.

In particular, we would like to congratulate **Charlie Boardman** who won the prestigious Headteacher’s Award, **Rory Hand** who won the Peter Ryder PRIDE Award, **Nathan Piggott** who won the Jenny Worsdale Hardwork Award, **Oluwafunbi Oseni** who won the Liz Kendal Progress Award, **Maria Bundache** who won the Manilal Mistry Achievement Award and **Ikram Gudeta** who won the John Lyne Award.



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Congratulations also go to **Neide Barroso** from Year 7, **Oliver Newsam** and **Rachel King** from Year 8, **Philippa Mansell** and **Lucas Turnbull** from Year 9 and **Ikram Gudeta** and **Ken Kayama** from Year 10 who all won the Awards for their respective Year Groups.



Similarly, congratulations go to **Millie Haggerty** who won the Award for Performing Excellence (photographed below in her role as Matilda in last year's Academy production), **Calex Yeung** who won the Award for Sporting Excellence, **Hannah Sykes** who won the Award for Student Leadership, **Lucas Taylor** who won the Excel Student of the Year Award and **Thomas Weaver** who won the Learning Support Award.



Subject awards were presented to the following students for Excellence or Progress over the last academic year:

English: Taalia Allikmaa, Riley Brown, Samuel Askew, Shayne Conlon, Philian Emmanuel, Wahib Mohamad, Maria Bundache and Isabelle Saw.

Mathematics and Statistics: Fabio Lucci, Rafaela Trigueiro, Adam Raies, Joshua Hodge, Violet Hodges-Blackshaw, Oliver Murphy, Dylan Stott, Lucas Taylor and Elisha Holland.

Science: Charlie Morgan, Sarah Mellor, Haya Noor, Muneeba Muneeba, Jaaziah Cowan, Philian Emmanuel, Sam Faulkner, Molly Nash, Starline Asamoah and Ikram Gudeta.

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Computer Science:	Ikir Caka, Aidie Rutter, Oliver Gemmell and Joseph Naylor.
Computing:	Matthew Taylor, Mohammad Matrood, Brogan Carter, Samuel Iwinosa Brat Richard, Jackson Gaskin and Oscar Young.
Business Studies:	Ellie Barton, Priscilla Anyangbeso, Calex Yeung and Bazil Sheikh.
DIT:	Benjamin Shepherd and Samuel Yeboah.
Geography:	Raffya Smagulova, Lora Petrova, Charlie Greenough and Maisy Connolly,
History:	Leyla Francis, Benjamin Howell, Evie Quinlan, Tyrese Latham, Adia Agho, Gift Givens, Mason Thompson and Melissa Gavan.
Religious Studies:	Charlie Morgan, Ethan Green, Jacob Dennerly, Jia Kang He, Ella Kay-Blackwood, Raheela Nastasa, Rory Newby and Kenzi-Rell Rowden-Coley.
French:	Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara, Kaden Prince, Raffya Smagulova, Horia Bundache, Bassirou Samb Gueye, Brogan Williams, Aastha Patadia and Starline Asamoah.
Spanish:	Jack Morgan, Lottie Hayes, Oliver Newsam, Jensen Mares, Violet Hodges-Blackshaw, Joshua Hodge, Kwon Leong and Joseph Naylor.
Art:	Taaliall Allikmaa, Haya Noor, Charlie Morris, Maria Bundache, Stephanie Sargaco, Charlie Boardman, Jamie Stait and Sophie Davenport.
Food and Nutrition:	Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara, Benjamin Robson, Logan Buckley, Islam Alkhatib, Oliver Deakin, Callum Gilder, Teegan Jones-Harrison and Ricards Seregins.
Photography:	Bliss Doyle, Amy McGuire, Alfie Weir and Riley McConnell.
Technology:	Eden Rutter, Ruby Wood, Amber Carney and Benjamin Hamlett.
Design and Technology:	Saira Khanom, Morgan Woollass, Taylor-Louise Wilson and Rylan Douglas.
3D Craft:	Amber Mason and Erin-Amelia Fray.
Sport/Healthy Lifestyles:	Thomas Bradbury, Liam Cameron McClusky, Scarlett Baker, Oliver Newsam, Connor Halton and Rose Taylor.
GCSE PE:	Mason Thompson, Jephthah Adams, Ellie Lucas and Osaid Rajjoub.

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Health and Social Care: Telsia Tallon, Riley McConnell, Ella Kay-Blackwood and Samuel Pasioka-Awosanya.

Music: Louie McLoughlin, Ava Stamper, Liam Tomkinson, Emma Samczyk, Lucas Turnbull, Logan Latchford, Hannah Sykes and Amy Oates.

Drama: Lily Hall, Helana Tocher, Zach Devlin, Yunisa Barrie, Philippa Mansell, Blake Carter, Stephanie Owusu and Laura Lilley.

Attendance/Punctuality: Seth Clarke (Y7), Alyssa Evans (Y8), Success Brat Richard (Y9) and Daniel Mason (Y10).

The following students were also presented with their certificates for achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards in the prestigious UK Maths Trust Challenge, a national competition for the most able mathematicians across the country:

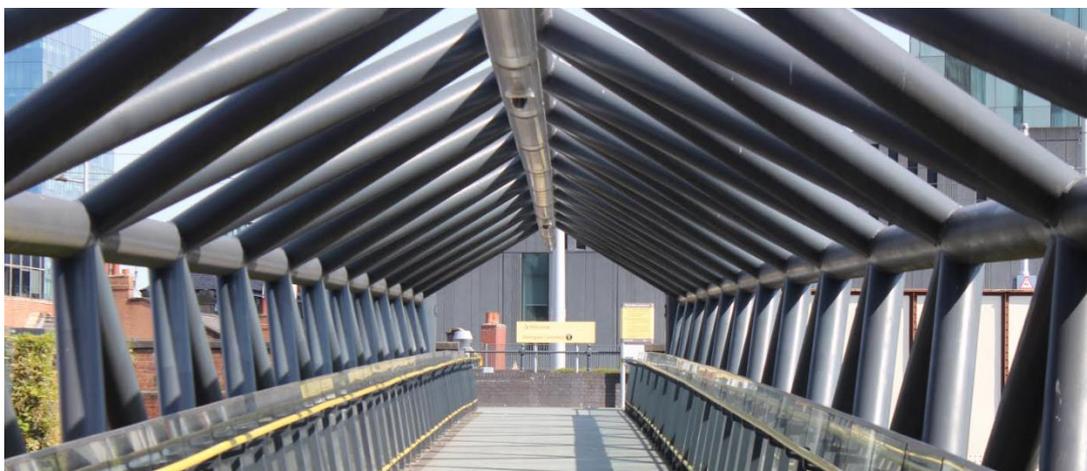
Bronze: Adriano Abang Enow, Kiki Akingbogun, Keiron Ali, Samuel Askew, Hafiz Bowale Sadiq, Arion Caka, Ruby Dodd, Isabella Edwards, Ben Edwards, Marshall Fleet, Callum Gilder, Thomas Hankinson, Freddie Jones, Jia Kang He, Rachel King, Ruben Mistry, Charlie Morgan, Jack Morgan, Jack Nash, Oliver Newsam, Lidia Parker, Evie Quinlan, Adam Raies, Theo Stretton, Max Thompson, Daniel Thompson, Jamie Whitehead and Jia Yu He.

Silver: Chloe Ma, Rayah Norris, Ben Williams and Jack Willott.

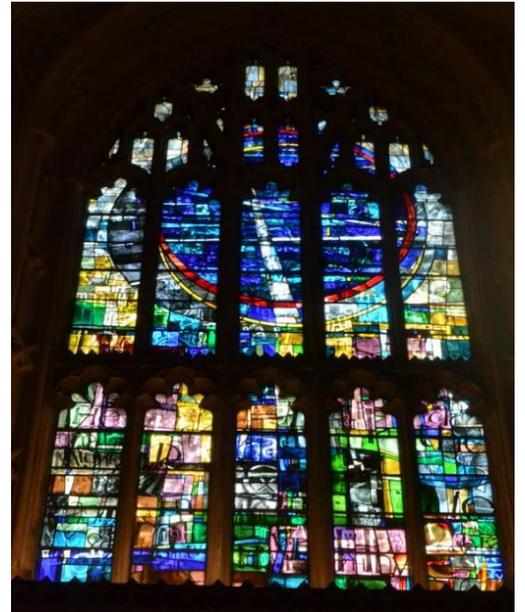
Gold: Aadam Shah.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Thank you to **Matthew Whitehead**, **Quyen Nguyen** and **Paige Gillespie**, from Year 10, for submitting the following photos from their GCSE Coursework Portfolios. The photos were taken on their trip to Manchester at the end of last term.



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THE ACADEMY WEBSITE

A screenshot of the Droylsden Academy website homepage. The page features a large blue logo on the left and the text "DROYLSDEN Academy" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo and text is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Parents, Students, Curriculum, Important Information, News & Events, Recruitment, and Contact Us. The main content area shows an aerial view of the school building and grounds, with a quote: "The quality of teaching is good... It is interesting, engaging and suitably challenging." attributed to Ofsted. A "PLAY FULL VIDEO" button is visible at the bottom of the video player.

We are pleased to announce that our new website will launch next week. We hope that you will like the improved functionality and new features.

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Sport and Performing Arts Co-Curricular Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	Droylsden Voices (7-11)	Ensemble Skills- all instruments (8-11)	Ensemble Skills- all instruments (8-11)	Music Creation- Macs (8-11)	Ukulele & Guitar Group (7-11)
AFTERSCHOOL	Year 9 Music Theory group (3.35-4.10) Practice room drop in (arrange with Miss Burgess) Netball Club (7-11) Girls Rugby (7- 11) Y11 Boys Football	Badminton Club (7-10) Y9 Boys Football	Practice room drop in (arrange with Miss Burgess) Table Tennis Club (7-10) Y10 Boys Football	Year 11 Coursework drop-in (3.30-5pm) Volleyball Club (7-10) Girls Football (Years 7-10) Y7 Boys Football	Y8 Boys Football



REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Price increase for School Meals

You will no doubt be aware of the increases to the cost of food over recent months. We have been able to absorb these increases to this point and the prices of our meals have not increased for several years.

However, to continue in this way would mean we will not have sufficient funds to purchase essential books, learning resources and equipment for our students. Reluctantly, we have been left with no option but to slightly increase the price of a standard meal from £2.40 to £2.50 with effect from Monday 12th September. Other food items will increase by a similar amount. This increase is well below the overall increase in food prices we have seen this year.

We hope you will understand the reason for this necessary cost increase and that you will continue to support your child and the Academy by purchasing our healthy nutritious meals.

Weekly menus will be published in Newsflash and on our school website.

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Cycle Helmets

This is a reminder that Cycle Helmets must be worn if you wish to come to school on your bike. Students who do not bring a helmet with them will not be allowed to cycle home until a parent brings a helmet in.

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You must wear a helmet when riding to or from school on your bike



Students who do not wear a helmet will not be able to cycle home until a parent brings a helmet in

Supporting students with mental health or emotional difficulties

You are invited

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with mental health or emotional difficulties?

Come along and join us at our Parent and carer Support group and find out more about who we are and how we can support each other.

Thursday Morning	Tuesday Evening
9.30—11.30am	6.00—7.30pm
8th September	27th September
13th October	25th October
10th November	22nd November
8th December	

The Anthony Seddon Centre, 12 George Street,
Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 6AQ

Refreshments will be served

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The term and holiday dates for this academic year can be found below:

Autumn Term

The Academy opens for students on Monday 5th September.
We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 21st October and re-open on Monday 31st October.
We will be closed for a training day on Friday 25th November.
We close for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 16th December.

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Spring Term

The Academy opens for students on Wednesday 4th January.

We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 17th February and re-open on Monday 27th February.

We close for the Easter Holiday on Friday 31st March.

Summer Term

The Academy opens for students on Monday 17th April.

We will be closed for May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May.

We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 26th May and re-open on Monday 5th June.

We close for the Summer Holiday on Thursday 20th July.

The following events and activities will take place over the coming half term:

There will be GCSE Geography Field Trips for Year 11 students on the afternoons of Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th of September.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 29th September.

There will be events and activities to celebrate Black History Month throughout October.

Year 8 students will be vaccinated against HPV1 in week beginning 4th October. Further information and consent forms will be sent home prior to vaccinations being given.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 13th October.

Year 9 students will be attending a Life Skills 'Drop Down Day' on Sex and Relationships Education on Monday 17th October. Further information will be sent out to parents and carers beforehand.

JOB VACANCIES AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

Pastoral Behaviour Manager

Pay Scale: Grade F, Point 17 (Actual salary of £21,339)

Contract: Term Time Only

Hours: 36 per week

Closing Date: 18th September 2022

Start Date: As soon as possible

Some students need extra support to be able to succeed in lessons. The successful candidate will work directly with these students and provide mentoring and/or pastoral support to overcome particular obstacles to learning whilst ensuring our values of Politeness, Hardwork and Honesty

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are ingrained in all that we do. If you want to join an excellent team who love seeing students succeed, we welcome your application.

Teaching Assistant – Level 2 (Maths)

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 – 10 (Actual starting salary of £15,804 at Point 7)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 32.5 per week (8.30am until 3.30pm daily)
Closing Date: 25th September 2022
Start Date: As soon as possible

As a Teaching Assistant you will supervise individuals and groups of children in order to accelerate their progress and learning. You will also work with the Director of Special Educational Needs and Learning Support to assist with the planning and delivery of the Key Skills and Catch-Up group workshops and support teachers to ensure such students develop good and great attitudes to learning. There will also be the opportunity to gain your Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification with the Academy.

Interested applicants in either of the above posts should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on our website at

<https://www.tret.org.uk/vacancies/droylsden-academy-vacancies/>

Completed applications should be emailed to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

or posted to Human Resources, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, M43 6QD.

JOB VACANCIES AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Library and Power of Language Strategy [POLS] Manager

Pay Scale: Grade E, Point 11 – 16 (Actual starting salary of £18,852 at Point 11)
Hours: 36 hours per week (term time only)
Contract: Permanent
Closing Date: Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 12 noon
Interview Date: Interviews are likely to be held in week beginning 26th September
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Library Manager to join the English Faculty. The role will involve supporting the development and promotion of the School Library and ensuring that an

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effective reading resource and information service is provided to all students and staff. You will also work closely with small groups of our students, supporting their development of reading skills. The post-holder will also act as Deputy Lead First Aider, providing support with the leadership and coordination of the first aid provision for staff and pupils. Full first aid training will be provided. An NVQ3 level relevant library and information qualifications or equivalent experience is desirable but not essential.

Deputy Head of English Faculty (Maternity Cover)

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR + TLR 2b (£5,021)
Hours: Full time
Contract: Fixed Term Contract
Closing Date: Monday 26th September 2022 – 12 noon
Start Date: 1st January 2023
End Date: 31st December 2023 or until the return of the post-holder

Classroom Teacher of English (Maternity Cover)

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR
Hours: Full time
Contract: Fixed Term Contract
Closing Date: Monday 26th September 2022 at 12 noon
Start Date: 1st January 2023
End Date: 31st December 2023 or until the return of the post-holder

Interested applicants in any of the above posts should complete an Application Form available on the school website at

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to:

hr@mossleyhollins.com

or posted to Mossley Hollins High School, Huddersfield Road, Mossley, OL5 9DP

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