

LETTER FROM MR WILSON

Welcome to this week's edition of Newsflash.

Senior Prefects for the next academic year

I was delighted to be involved in the selection process for the Senior Prefects last week. The quality of the interviews and presentations was exceptional and choosing the Senior Student Team proved to be very difficult. Congratulations, in particular, to Paige Charlton and Ethan Prince, who were appointed to the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy respectively, and Basma Ali and Thomas Clarke, who were appointed to the positions of Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy respectively. Congratulations to all the other students who were appointed as Senior Prefects and Prefects too; you routinely represent the Academy values of politeness, honesty and hard work on a daily basis and we know that you will be excellent examples and role models for others. Further information about the Prefect Team will be included in next week's edition of Newsflash.

The Class of 2016

Our current Year 11 students attended their Leavers' Assembly earlier this week. It was a very enjoyable morning and it was with a mixture of sadness, laughter and embarrassment that we looked back at the last five years. I hope that they have all enjoyed their time at the Academy and will look back at their five years here with pride and many happy memories. Similarly, and most importantly, we hope that they will all achieve excellent GCSE results and enjoy future success at college and, for many of them, university. The Year 11 Prom tonight will give all of us a final opportunity to celebrate the 'Class of 2016' and I am sure we will have a really enjoyable and memorable evening. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to pass on everyone's best wishes to all our Year 11 students for a bright, happy and successful future.

Working towards success

Although leaving the Academy and taking the next step may seem a long way off for students in Years 7 to 10, the time will soon pass. Excellent attendance, hard work and a real commitment to progress and achievement are essential if they are to open up future opportunities when they, in turn, leave us and move on. The seeds of future success are not sown in Year 11 when students begin their final year, but in Year 7 when students first start at the Academy or, indeed, earlier when they start in Reception at Primary School.

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The Class of 2021

The new intake of students for Year 7 joined us for two transition days this week. There were lots of smiling faces and hopefully all of the students enjoyed meeting their new Tutor and Form Group, their Induction and Graduation Day at Clarendon Sixth Form College and their first lessons at the Academy. I'm sure I will get to know them all very well and I hope they have five happy and successful years at Droylsden. Thank you to the Year 10 students who helped run the two transition days and make the new intake feel so welcome.

Thank you also to the parents and carers of students in the new intake who attended the Induction Evening on Wednesday. Students usually only achieve their potential if there is a constructive and positive partnership between home and school and I look forward to your absolute support over the years to come.

Thank you for reading Newsflash and, as usual, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 33 school weeks left, just 165 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Year 10 students will get the results of their Pre-Public Examinations over the next week or so. We hope that they have gone well and that your child is pleased with his or her results.

GCSE Controlled Assessments have taken place in Science for Year 10 students this week and we hope that they too have gone well.

GCSE Controlled Assessments will take place in Catering for Year 10 students next week.

HEADTEACHER'S CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students who were invited to attend this week's Headteacher celebration of achievement:

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| Lily Climance | Moeez Azhar | Angel Eyaife-Eyaife | Liam Cook |
| Christopher Eagle | Sophie Mountfield | Kia Mulqueen | |

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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 9 students watched a performance about 'Extremism' by the GW Theatre Company earlier this week and then took part in a follow up discussion and question and answer session. The play was very powerful and thought provoking and the students engaged fully in the follow up discussion with some excellent questions and observations. The Theatre Company were really impressed by our students and said that this was the best school they had performed for so far.

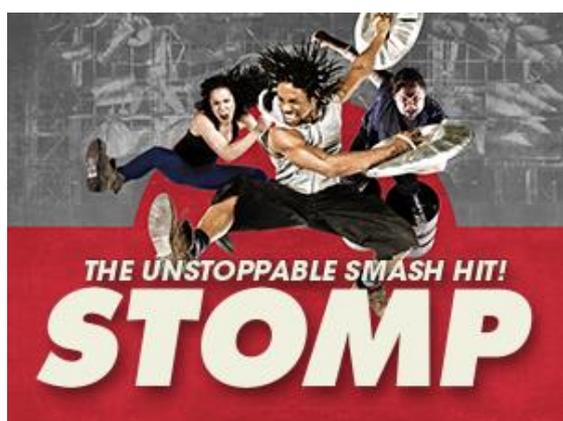


Year 11 students attend their Leavers' Assembly.

The Academy holds the Year 11 Prom at the Marriott Hotel in Worsley. Photos of the Prom will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.

The Expressive Arts residential trip leaves for London. The three day trip will include visits to the West End to watch productions of 'Stomp' and 'Aladdin' as well as a site seeing tour of the Capital City.

GCSE Business Studies students visit Tesco, Greggs and Martins to find out more about the management and operations of these leading retailers and food outlets.



The new intake for the next academic year spends two Induction Days with us, one at Clarendon Sixth Form College and one at the Academy, in preparation for September.

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TIMES TABLES 'ROCK WRANGLE'

Around 50 schools entered the Times Tables 'Rockstars Rock Wrangle' at Trinity Academy in Halifax last week. Droylsden Academy was represented by our own Excel Team of Amelia Silvestri, Ellie Cullen and Kelsie-Leigh Lord who had to pit their mathematical wits against the competition in a random, rapid fire and instant response times tables shoot out. Winning teams went through the heats with the qualifiers for the final competing for a helicopter ride over Halifax. Although Amelia, Ellie and Kelsie-Leigh didn't win the competition they put up a great effort and were brilliant ambassadors for our school.

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HOMEWORK MATTERS!

Homework allows students to reinforce and consolidate on learning in the class room. It ensures that they understand what they have covered in school and gives their teacher valuable feedback.

Our parents have said:

"I often talk with my children about the homework they are doing and ask them to explain it to me. I find this really useful as I can check whether they understand the work they are covering or not. If they don't understand the homework or can't do it, then it probably means that they haven't understood what they did in the lesson. If it is a subject that I know something about, I will try and help them but if I can't then I write a note for their teacher in their Planner."

"The MyMaths website is really good for checking that my son understands what he is doing in school. As the website marks the work straight away I know whether he has got the right answers or not. If he has got a few wrong, I encourage him to look at the examples and try again."

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POSITIVE STEPS

Remember 'Positive Steps' are now holding Careers Advice drop-in sessions every Wednesday lunch time. The sessions are open to students from all year groups so why not go along and find out about courses and careers which may be of interest to you?

MATHS' PUZZLE

Last week's puzzle

In an exam, you can score 10 points for every answer you get right. However, you also lose 5 points for every answer you get wrong. The exam has 20 questions altogether.

If you score 125 marks in the exam, how many questions did you get right and how many did you get wrong?

And the answer is you got 15 questions right and 5 questions wrong!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Students taking part in the World Challenge leave for India on Friday 8th July.

The Year 10 Geography Residential Field Trip to Llandudno will take place in the week beginning Monday 11th July.

Achievement Evening for students from Years 7 to 10 will take place on Wednesday 13th July.

The Rewards Trip to Blackpool will be held on Monday 18th July.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Uniform

We are always grateful for any second hand uniform, especially blazers and PE kit, that your child may have grown out of or, in the case of Year 11 students, no longer needs. Any donations gratefully received by Student Services at the Academy.

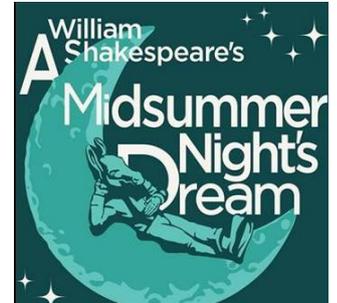
Thank you

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Every Friday, after school, around thirty Year 7 and 8 students attend the 'No Limits Performing Arts Club'. The group are currently working towards a production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which they will perform at the Contact Theatre in Manchester, in front of a live audience, as part of the national Shakespeare Schools' Festival. The cast list for the performance is as follows:

The Fairies

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| Oberon | Abimbola Akinwande |
| Titania | Ha Young Cho |
| Puck | Niamh Horan |
| Lead Fairies | Rachel Derbyshire and Lily Climance |
| Other Fairies | Keisha Fynn, Emily Garner, Kenzie Rees and Taliyah Nash |



The Athenians

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| Theseus | Taylor Stelfox |
| Egeus | Stephen Parkes |
| Lysander | Jimmy North |
| Demetrius | Owain Smith |
| Hermia | Daisy Smithson |
| Helena | Sophie Owen |
| Hippolyta | Lily Climance |



The Mechanicals

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| Peter Quince | Imogen Wright |
| Nick Bottom | Callum McKenna |
| Francis Flute | Daniel Waite |
| Tom Snout | Sadie Samways |
| Robin Starveling | Billy Zhang |
| Snug | Nia Crossland |

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