

Droylsden Academy is a good school

A STAR GOES OUT

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of one of our students, Chloe Rowland, from Year 8. Chloe was born with a range of serious and debilitating conditions and had been wheelchair-bound for much of her life; she passed away last Friday, after a short illness.

Chloe was a remarkable student with a wonderful sense of humour; she always had a smile on her face despite everything that she had to face and manage each day. She also loved school and learning and was a wonderful example of what can be achieved, against all the odds, with commitment, resilience and a positive attitude. Chloe really was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to us all.

Our thoughts are, of course, with Chloe's family at this most difficult of times.



Chloe Alisha Rowland (2006 – 2019)

We will miss you.

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Remembrance

The Combined Cadet Force marched in the British Legion Remembrance Parade on Sunday and laid a wreath at the Droylsden Memorial on behalf of the Academy. This was the Unit's first 'official' duty since its inception in September and the cadets excelled. The Academy received the following comment from a member of the public who attended the Parade:

'I just wanted to say how amazing the school's cadets did today. Each one of them looked amazing and they had fantastic manners. The school and every child's parent should be very proud of them.'



Back at the Academy on Monday, we held our own minute silence in remembrance of those men and women who have made, and who continue to make, the supreme sacrifice in the defence of freedom and democracy around the World. The minute silence was observed impeccably by our students and was followed by a reading and a rendition of the 'The Last Post'. The Academy act of 'Remembrance' was led by the Combined Cadet Force who stood to attention in classes around the building and set the tone for this most important and most solemn of occasions. Thank you to the staff and students of the Academy CCF for the example you have set and the way you have conducted yourself this week.

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**“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them”**



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Madrid

A group of Year 10 students visited Madrid over the half term holiday to experience Spanish culture, practice their linguistic skills and soak up a little winter sunshine! The group spent 2 nights in the Spanish Capital, staying at the luxurious 4 Star Axor FERIA Hotel on the outskirts of the City.



Callum Smith, Isaac Lewis, Cameron-James Kavanagh, Mia Culpin, Louis Heath, Zainab Ibraheem, Josh Wilson, Lauren Nield, Millie Gore, Dzhan Sali, Mohamed Badje Sane, Ty Patrick, Josh Clarke, Lewis Thorne and Olivia Brereton

The group had a fantastic three days and, amongst other things, spent an afternoon at the 'Parque de Atracciones de Madrid', the Spanish 'Alton Towers', took a guided bus tour of the City, went boating on the Retiro Park Lake and visited the Royal Palace. The group also toured the Bernebeu Stadium, home of Real Madrid, took in a Spanish film at the Cinema (with English subtitles!) and went 10 Pin Bowling at the Plenilunio Shopping Centre as well as sampling a traditional Spanish breakfast of 'Churros con chocolate' at the Valor Restaurant and other more familiar delicacies from some of the internationally well-known fast food outlets!



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Street Art

As part of their GCSE Art course, Y11 students spent last Saturday morning visiting the Northern Quarter and Ancoats so that they could look at 'Street Art' and gain inspiration and ideas for their coursework portfolios.

Our links with Mossley Hollins High School

Tracey Nwanze, our Head Girl, and Vandis Akukwe, our Head Boy, meet with Ellie Dutton and Thomas O'Connor the Head Girl and Head Boy at Mossley Hollins, our Partner School.



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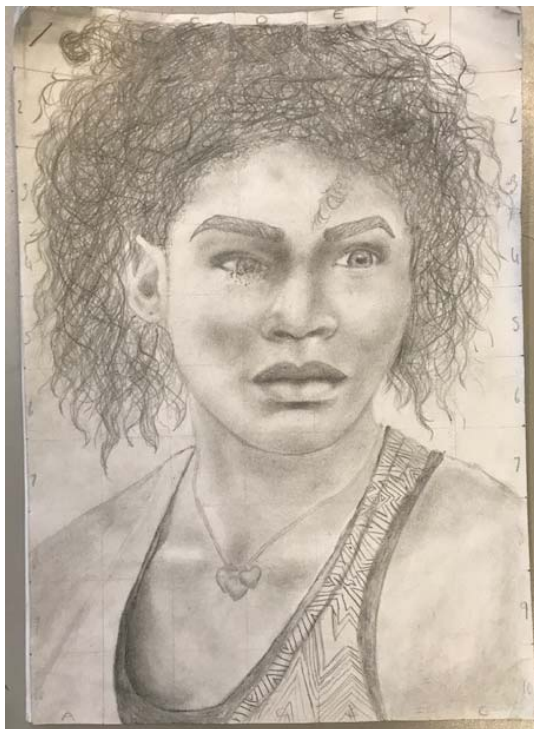
Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition.....

Students in Year 9 learn the art of making 'Puff Pastry', a challenging recipe involving calculating and weighing out the amounts of the various ingredients as well as developing the practical skills and the 'Pastry Maker's Touch'. The work on fractions and decimals that students had covered in Maths really came in useful!



..... and in Art

Students in Year 8 learn how to create realistic portraits using the 'grid method'. This fantastic portrait of Serena Williams was drawn by Ikram Gudeta. Ikram has excelled in this technique, producing work of a very high standard for her age!



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Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Boys Football Team drew 2-2 this week in their league game against Laurus Ryecroft. Excellent goals from Hayden Griffiths and Daniel Bancroft earned the year 7 boys a point at home in a close but entertaining game! All of the team played really well, particularly Oliver Legg, solid at the heart of the defence, and Fares Albeleli controlling the midfield! The team play again next week against Alder! Well done boys!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, you are 10 weeks into your final year there are only 20 school weeks left, just 100 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Your Pre-Public Examinations start next week. The outcomes of these exams are a very close indicator of what you are likely to achieve next summer. Following the examinations, your teachers will spend a lot of time scrutinising papers, often working collaboratively with other schools including our partners at Mossley Hollins, to identify and rectify misconceptions and support you with specific topics. This work can only be effective if the examinations are fully reflective of your knowledge, skills and understanding. In other words, you must do your very best so that we have the clearest picture and can adapt our teaching over the next few months to meet your needs. Furthermore, most of you will be applying for college placements during the next few weeks and it is the projected grades following these exams that you will record on your application forms. On behalf of all your teachers, we would like to wish you the best of luck over the next two weeks.

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	

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Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale this week, either through making or donating the cakes, or by buying and eating them! Altogether, we raised almost £100 for 'Save the Children'.



Charity Run

Thank you also to everyone who took part in the Charity Run last term. All the money is now in and counted and we are delighted to have raised a grand total of.....

£1405.93

A special mention must go to:

- Tyler Knapman
- Toni Walsh
- Darryl Bradbury
- Deborah Otabor

for raising the most sponsor money.

Toy Appeal

We will be supporting the Tameside Toy appeal again this Christmas. Please look at the Gift Ideas and the information on the 'flyer' here and help with whatever you can so that we can brighten up Christmas for families in need of a little support.

Tameside Christmas Toy Appeal

Donate new and unwrapped gifts
For 0 - 18 years old

Donate by
Friday 6 December

For more information and gift ideas visit
www.actiontogether.org.uk/winter-support

Our mission is for the 1 in 4 Tameside children living in poverty to receive a gift this Christmas

Gift Ideas

<p>Children aged 0 - 3 years old Bath toys, building blocks, playmats, teething</p>	<p>Teenagers Art supplies, card games, gift vouchers, sports equipment</p>
<p>Children aged 4 - 12 years old Activity toys, board games, dressing up outfits, puzzles</p>	<p>All ages Books, gloves, hats, pyjamas, scarves, slippers, socks</p>

We cannot accept any second hand or soft toys






Tameside 4 Good is part of the Action Together family. Charity no. 1165512

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, Mr Jackson had a breakfast of Hot Chocolate and French Pastries with a group of students who have demonstrated real character through their actions and the example they have set for others.



Helen Ho	Damola Oseni	Kayleigh Cunningham-Clarke	Funbi Oseni	Evan Hughes
Deonne O'Connor	Rosie McCormick	Han Yun Yu	Adam Ali-Brown	Erica Culpin

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Rory Hand from Year 8 who has been nominated as student of the week.

Rory has been nominated by the Maths Department as he always approaches lessons with a smile on his face and an enquiring mind. He questions concepts he is unsure of, always gives 100% to his studies and is making extremely good progress. Rory also models the Academy values of hard work politeness and honesty in everything he does. Mr Swingler is proud to be his teacher.



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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

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'!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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.

Droylsden Academy will be competing in the Tameside Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 3rd December.

The trip to the Lowry to watch a performance of 'The Grinch' will take place on Wednesday 18th December.

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