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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Year 11 English Literature Twilight Revision Session

Thank you to all the Year 11 students who attended Tuesday's Twilight Revision Session and worked so hard. Feedback would suggest that the evening was really useful, very informative and very enjoyable. We couldn't find one crumb of Pizza anywhere by the end of the evening so we assume that you enjoyed that too!

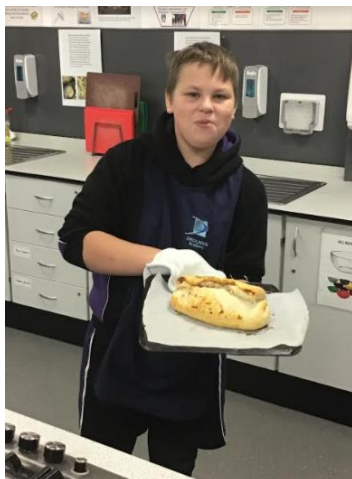


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## Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 10 students have been drawing on their scientific knowledge and understanding of pH, acidity and alkalinity to make Mozzarella Cheese using Citric Acid and Rennet. As always, the product looks delicious!



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## Christmas is Coming!

Thank you to **Rose MacArty, Alyssa Evans, Jake Johnson and Adriano Abang Enow**, all from Year 7, for decorating our Christmas Tree in readiness for the Festive Season. Meanwhile, wary of the risks around Health and Safety, Santa Claus (Mr Jones) and his Elf, (Mr Wareham), sort out the electrics and add the Christmas Fairy at the top. Don't worry children, they will both be in their more traditional outfits on Christmas Eve when they are delivering your presents!



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## Photography

Year 10 Photography students continue to follow a feline based theme whilst working on their GCSE portfolios.



**Katy Taylor**

**Ellis McMillan**



**Rosie McCormick**

**Luke Cocking**

**Tyler Knapman**

### AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR AND HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED SCHOOL

We are pleased that we have had over 200 first choice applications from the families of Year 6 students again this year and that, with 584 applications in total, we are, again, heavily oversubscribed. We are grateful for the trust that families have placed in us and we will continue to do all we can to become the school of choice for the local community.

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The tables here show how the total number of applications and the number of first preferences for Droylsden Academy have increased over the last five years.

| Total number of applications | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                              | 341  | 372  | 517  | 565  | 584  |

| Number of first preferences | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                             | 97   | 102  | 189  | 220  | 218  |

Following a request from Tameside, a number of schools, including Droylsden Academy, have temporarily increased their Planned Admission Number for the intake of 2021 to accommodate all the Year 6 students from a 'bulge year' where there are more students than places available.

Whilst we are delighted to be heavily oversubscribed again, we are mindful that, even with 195 places available for 2021, a significant number of students will not get their first preference of school.

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, there are only 18 school weeks left, just 90 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

You will receive the results of your Pre-Public Exams next week. Whilst we hope and expect that many of you will be very pleased with your results, there will, inevitably, be some who are disappointed. One of the main purpose of the Pre-Public Exams is to enable you to plan the remainder of Year 11, to build on what you know and understand and to identify areas that you still need to work at.

The Pre-Public Exams will also have shown some of you that there are no short cuts and that the only way to guarantee success is through hard work and thorough preparation. The important thing for all of you is that you learn from the experience, and any mistakes you may have made, and give yourself the best possible opportunity to succeed next summer.

## 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](mailto:Haveyoursay@droylsdenacademy.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations To **Elisha Holland** from Year 9 and **Mia Walker** and **Abi Voss** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Elisha has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is a pleasure to teach! She always gets fully involved in the lesson and is always happy to help. Similarly, Elisha always offers clear answers and explanations and comes up with different and original ways to finding the solution to a question. Well done Elisha and keep up the hard work.

Mia has been nominated by the Science Department following the outstanding effort in revising and preparing for her Pre-Public Examinations. Mia spent a long time making really excellent revision notes and then, more importantly, spent hours revising and self-testing to ensure that she had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the topics covered. As a result, Mia achieved a strong Grade 7 on her Chemistry paper, a demanding exam that involved recalling and applying some very advanced scientific concepts and information. Well done Mia!

Abi has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is working really hard in her lessons. Abi is able to work really well independently but will also ask if she is unsure of anything. Similarly, she is always ready to help her peers if they are stuck. Abi is also working extremely hard at home and this is paying off. Keep it up Abi, Mrs Egan is really proud of you!

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week's title comes from the Year 7 'Hot Shots' Reading List, a list of suggested books for students who have an above average reading age for their year group and which will act as a stepping stone to the Year 8 Reading List. The Hot Shot Lists are recommended for students in the Excel English classes and any student that loans a book from this list will receive 2 PRIDE Points for Excellence.

This week's Book of the week is 'The Time Machine' by H.G. Wells

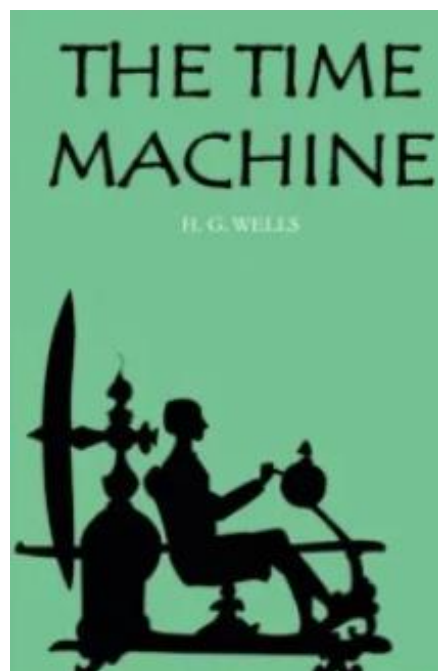
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'You can scarce imagine how nauseatingly inhuman they looked...'

When the Time Traveller first sets foot in the year 802,701AD, he believes he has discovered a paradise. But a deadly terror lurks beneath the surface of this strange new world.

H.G. Wells coined the phrase 'Time Machine' and the concept of a vehicle that could take you to whenever in history you wanted to go.

Without this book there probably wouldn't have been a TARDIS!



### THE BIG VIRTUAL HOUSE QUIZ!

Join us online on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00pm, for the next Droylsden House Quiz! This is open all staff and all students in Years 7 to 10 and everyone who takes part will earn House Points for their respective Academy Houses. There will also be extra points up for grabs for the top scoring members of staff and students from each year group.

There will be a variety of questions on topics ranging from Christmas to Super Heroes!

The link for the quiz will be posted on the House Hub via google classroom and will be emailed out to everyone by the House Leaders on the day of the quiz.

Get involved.... Your House needs you!



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### Report on COVID-19 cases for week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

There has been one reported case of COVID-19 in the Academy this week. The student, from Year 7, and 38 other students who were identified as contacts, are now self-isolating for 14 days until 1<sup>st</sup> December. They will return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Year 7

Mrs Pancholi will be leaving us in January to take her maternity leave. Mr Royle has been appointed as Year Leader for Year 7 in her absence and until she returns to the Academy next year. Although Mrs Pancholi will not be leaving until January, Mr Royle will be taking over or sharing many of her responsibilities over the remainder of this term so that he gets to know the year group well before she leaves.

### Understanding your brain!

An organisation called the 'Solihull Approach' has released an online course for teenagers whereby they can learn a little more about their brain and why they feel and do things the way that they do.

This online course, and others, are free to access for Tameside residents on [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) using the access code 'SUNFLOWER'.

There is also a course for parents on understanding the teenage brain which should help them too, either now or in the years to come depending on how old their children are!

**NHS**

Online course for residents of Tameside

**'Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)**

- Have you noticed changes in your behaviour?
- Do you sleep more than you used to?
- Want to know why teenagers are more open-minded?

Your brain is changing!  
Find out more!

Register on:  
[www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)  
and enter the 'access code'  
**SUNFLOWER**  
to gain **FREE** (prepaid)  
access where eligible

For technical support contact:  
[solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk](mailto:solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk)  
or call 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Immunisation team will be in on Thursday 3rd December to carry out any 'catch-up' HPV1 vaccinations with Year 8 students.

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

## JOB VACANCY AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

### TEACHER OF ENGLISH

MPR/UPR

**0.5 - 0.7 FTE (flexible depending on the suitable candidate)**

**Maternity Cover**

**Fixed term in the first instance until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 or until the return of the post holder**

**Required for January 2021**

Applications are invited for the above post at this outstanding over-subscribed and ambitious school.

As a Classroom Teacher of English, you will join our Faculty and School Teams and take teaching responsibility for standards in English, working alongside some very talented staff in your Faculty. In our college system (of five colleges), English sits in Bronte College, alongside Year 11, currently.

We will appoint a consistently good to outstanding teacher who can achieve good or better results for progress and attainment with her/his classes.

We are determined that the successful candidate will have:

- A passion for teaching in her/his specialist subject.
- Developing skills, in securing good to outstanding progress and attainment with groups at KS3 and KS4.
- Well-developed skills in giving strong marking and feedback to students, which leads to well-matched and challenging learning activities.
- Evidence of good teaching currently.
- Alignment with our school values of Manners, Hard Work and Honesty.

**Closing date for completed applications – Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (12 noon)**

Application forms and further details from the school website

**[www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies](http://www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies)**

Huddersfield Road, Mossley, via Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester OL5 9DP

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Email: [admin@mossleyhollins.com](mailto:admin@mossleyhollins.com)

**Headteacher: Mr S. Marshall**

**Executive Headteacher: Mr D. Duncan**

11-16 Community School

NOR: 853

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

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