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## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Year 10 GCSE Drama Productions

Well done to the Year 10 GCSE Drama Students who staged their own productions this week as part of their coursework assessment portfolios. The group prepared and staged three improvised plays, 'Fire Liar', 'Corruption' and 'Matilda's Metaphor', in front of a live audience and gave great performances.

The cast of 'Corruption' included Chloe Aliceto, Teresa Arhunmwude, Efua Okoduwa, Daniel Pickup, Abigail Scally and Taylor Stelfox, the cast of 'Fire Liar' included Billy Byrnes, Katelin Harrison, Hollie Kelly, Cristiano Lopes, and Ivy Pereksles and the cast of 'Matilda's Metaphor' included Niall Devine, Adam Lomax, Ayushi Patel and Lily Ward. Thank you to Daniel Pickup who acted as the Lighting Director for the evening.



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### **GCSE Geography Fieldtrip to the East Coast**

Year 11 GCSE Geography students set off on a residential fieldtrip to the East Coast of Yorkshire on Friday. They will be staying at the YHA in Beverley and, over the weekend, will visit Flamborough Head to study caves, arches and stacks and the formation of headlands and bays and wave-cut platforms, the cliffs at Aldbrough and then Mappleton and Hornsea to look at coastal defences, erosion and management.

With the weather forecast predicting a lovely weekend we hope that the party have a really enjoyable and interesting fieldtrip. A report about the fieldtrip will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash.



### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The second 'sign up' meeting for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award was held this week so that the remaining students could create their accounts and 'logins'. Over 50 students have signed up for the Bronze Award with a further 25 students embarking on the Silver Award.



### **Combined Cadet Force**

As you will be aware, the Academy is establishing its own CCF this September having completed a successful submission to the Ministry of Defence. Preparations are well underway and this week the Academy appointed Mr Roy Blick to the role of School Staff Instructor. Mr Blick already works at the Academy as one of our exam invigilators and will be starting in his new role next term.

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**Year 11, there are only 5 school weeks left, just 25 days in school, until the GCSE examinations start.**

Please note that there will be a programme of revision classes over the Easter holiday. Some classes have been planned to address the findings of the Pre-Public Examinations and are compulsory, and essential preparation, for those students identified. There is a clear expectation that all students will attend those sessions for the subjects and examination tier that they take. The Easter timetable can be found below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	ICT (Selected students only)	ICT (Selected students only)
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	ICT (Selected students only)	ICT (Selected students only)
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Maths Music Technology	Geography (Mrs Banks) Music Technology
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Art	Art
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Drama PE	Drama
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Geography (Mr Jackson)	English (Selected students only)
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	English	English (11 XE only)
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Spanish	-
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	Dance



**Clearly, it is absolutely crucial that Year 11 students attend every day between now and their examinations so that they do not miss any of their exam preparation.**

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## Progress update

Following the latest set of assessment results and data returns, the following students make up the top 30 across the Year Group in terms of progress. This is a measure of how much progress or improvement students have made from their Key Stage 2 results, when they joined us in Year 7, to their current predicted GCSE grades. Clearly, these are only predicted grades at the moment but, with continued effort and commitment, there is no reason why these students or, indeed, any of the cohort cannot meet or exceed their target grades and current predictions. Well done to everyone who made the top 30 and, in particular, Abi, Jeffrey, Sophie, Callum and Daniel who made the top 5 and who are pictured below.

1. Abimbola Akinwande
2. Jeffrey Lokolutu
3. Sophie Owen
4. Callum McKenna
5. Daniel Shaw
6. Autumn Holmes
7. Amina Subhani
8. Amelia Hutton
- 9.= Jessica Glynn
- 9.= Maham Khan
- 11.= Niall Howarth
- 11.= Adam Cheetham
13. Dean Charlton
14. Harris Mahmood
15. Chantel Massey
16. Jonathan Le
- 17.= Daniel Dalton
- 17.= Jake Perry
19. Dinoray Pena Hernandez
- 20.= Imogen Stone
- 20.= Amzat Lawal
- 20.= Zhang Zen Wei
23. Precious Aro
- 24.= Alyssa Duffy
- 24.= Daniel Shepherd
- 24.= Ethan Shaw
27. Leigh Robinson
28. Oliver Elsworth
29. Nicole Mulvey
30. Jack Gee



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Following on from last week's article about politeness and good manners, here are some more lovely examples of what our staff have said about the students that they teach and how the little things that these students say and do help to brighten up their day.

Mrs Banks said that **Niamh Horan** is one of the most mature, kind and thoughtful students in her form. She is exactly what a Droylsden student should be like.

Mrs Jackson said that **Max Ahmed, Reece Blair, Kade Jackson and Mikey Ward** will always offer to help if she is carrying something, Divine **Egharevba** will always give the books out and **Derrisha Acheampong, Dareene Khashman, Tracy Nwanze and Remel Bell** help so many other students through the paired reading scheme.

Ms Wood said that **Brandon Phiri** always says "Good Morning" to her every day without fail on his way to Form.

Mrs Fernandez said that **Daniel Dalton** is a truly genuine student and could write the manual on good manners and politeness.

Mrs Abel said that **Sophie McGann** is polite, respectful and honest and always goes out of her way to help.

Ms Spacey said that **Jimmy North** will always offer to help and come and say hello to staff who he hasn't seen for a while.

Ms Sanderson said that **Adam Ali Brown** is a delightful young man and has the widest of smiles.

Ms Sherlock said that **Freya Short** never takes things for granted, always says thank you at the end of a lesson and, if she sees me on a Friday, always wishes me a happy weekend.

Ms Stoakley said that **Taylor Megram and Mia Walker** are both incredibly polite, always say hello and always look to help at every available opportunity.

Mrs Isherwood said that **Kayleigh Summers** has extremely good manners and is a lovely student with a positive attitude.

Mr Gately said that **Ewan Quinn** always ends every lesson by saying 'Have a nice day Sir'.

Ms Hulme said that **Ellis Gregory** always greets her politely each morning.





*Ms Arabashi said that **Jack Robinson** is always looking for ways in which he can help. He's never rude, always smiles and treats everyone with respect.*

*Ms Banks said that **Ruby Johnson and Matthew Walker** are always prepared to help and like to have a chat.*

*Mrs McCallum said that **Finley Beech, Hannah Sykes, Stephanie Owusu, Funbi Oseni and Alex Hulme** are always helpful in lessons especially if their peers are struggling.*

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Mohamed Badje Sane from Year 9 and Ellie Georgia Ashcroft from year 10 who have both been nominated as students of the week.



Mohamed has been nominated by the Science Department as he has consistently made progress in his weekly tests this term which is fantastic to see. He works hard and to the best of his ability in every lesson and can always be relied on to contribute to class discussions and answer questions. Well done Mohamed and keep up the good work.

Ellie has been nominated by the English Department as she has worked incredibly hard in recent weeks resulting in her achieving a 5M in her T2 Assessment, a fantastic performance! Hard work definitely pays off, keep it up Ellie and well done!

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## CHARITY SWIM

As one of the fundraising events in this year's charity programme, Mrs McCallum is organising a sponsored swim. The swim will take place at 'Active Tameside' and anyone who would like to take part should see Mrs McCallum for further information.



## AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS

**Please take care of your property as, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that personal possessions left unattended will be secure. If you have PE, Sport or Dance, we strongly recommend that you leave anything of value at home, or keep it in your locker, rather than leaving it in the changing rooms.**

**Please note that the Academy cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items.**

**Thank you**

## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

**A Book Amnesty! Please return your overdue books to the Academy Library.**



In an attempt to have all overdue books returned to the library, Mrs Godrich has decided to hold an amnesty. For the next month there will be no consequences for students who return their overdue library books - no loss of PRIDE points and no detentions.

The Book Return Bin has been placed in the Great Learning Zone so that anonymity can be maintained for any offenders. The usual consequences for overdue books will be reinstated in May so have a good look around at home and ensure that any overdue books are returned during the amnesty.

## **Lost property..... and the pile is getting even bigger**

Once more, we are amassing a huge amount of lost property. If your child has lost a coat, bag, shoes, trainers or an item of clothing, please encourage them to check the collection of lost property at Student Services. Have a look at the photo here, is there anything you recognise?



**Please note that we will be disposing of any unclaimed lost property at Easter as we cannot keep on collecting and storing it.**

### **Tameside Parenting Support Survey**

Tameside are currently reviewing the support they offer to parents and carers in understanding their child's behaviour and development. In reviewing and refreshing this offer, it is vital that they get the views and opinions of as many Tameside parents and carers as possible. As such, Tameside Council would be grateful if you could click on the link below to complete this short survey which will help with their research:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesideParentingSupport>

The closing date for the survey is 6 April 2019.

Thank you

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

GCSE Geography residentials to the East Yorkshire Coast will take place over the weekends of 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

The Academy will break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

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