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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to the students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award Expeditions over the half-term holiday, we hope that your tired and blistered feet have now fully recovered. The students completed two full-day walks across and around Holcombe Moor and camped out overnight. Well done to everyone on navigating your route, successfully putting your tents up and taking them down again and on cooking what, for most of you, looked like quite an edible, if not Michelin Five Star, meal on your gas 'tangias'. We hope you enjoyed your Expedition and will go on to complete the other elements of the Award!



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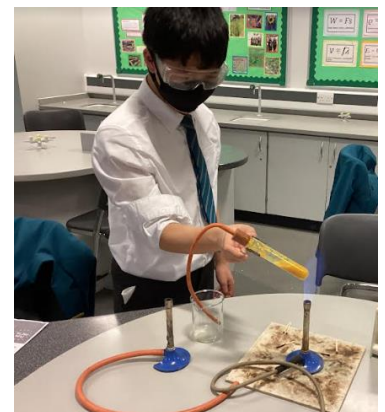
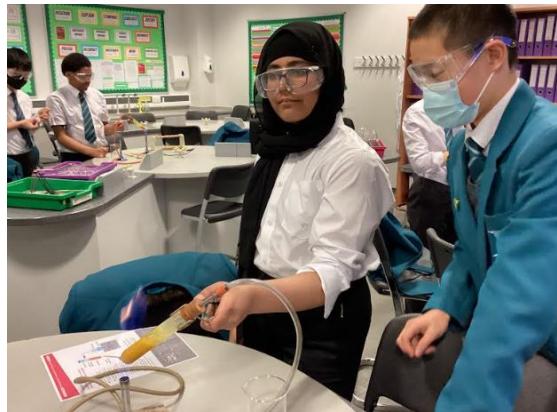
Science

In another busy week for the Science Department, Year 7 continue to assist the Police with their enquiries in determining whether it was Mr Wilson, Mr Mayell or Mrs Arnold who signed the forged cheque for £1,000,000!



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Meanwhile, at Einstein and STEM Club, students have watched a dissection of a sheep's 'pluck', made up of the trachea, lungs, heart and liver, and continued with their chosen topic of 'Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Real World'. This week, the group studied some 'Hogwarts Herbology' and extracted limonene from an orange. As there were no spare magic wands, the group used distillation apparatus instead!



Droylsden Academy 'Bake-off' Final 2023

Well done to **Emily Finerty** and **Anya Raue-Lewis** from Year 7 and **Macey Ellison** from Year 9 on reaching this year's final of 'Bake off'! The final was held at Tameside One in Ashton with Emily preparing Chicken and Mushroom Pie, Anya preparing Rhubarb Lattice Pie with Crème Anglaise and Macey preparing Meat and Potato Pie!



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The final was judged by Ray Jones, a Lecturer in Culinary Arts at Tameside College, and Stuart Freidrich, the owner of Brambles Bakery in Audenshaw, along with Mr Lowe, who organises and runs the Academy 'Bake off' competition, and **Nassim Rivoire** and **Tiffany Scholes**, two of our students. All the judges were very impressed by the standard of competition and had to taste each dish a number of times before choosing their winner, just to be sure!



After a lot of deliberation and discussion, and a little more tasting, Anya was finally crowned as the winner of Droylsden Academy 'Bake off' 2023 with Emily and Macey sharing second place. Well done to all three finalists and everyone involved in making this year's competition another great event!



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Performer of the Month!

Congratulations to **Cate Roberts** from Year 7 and **Daisy Dixon** and **Riley Brown** from Year 8 who have all been nominated as Performers of the Month, for May, by the Performing Arts Faculty.



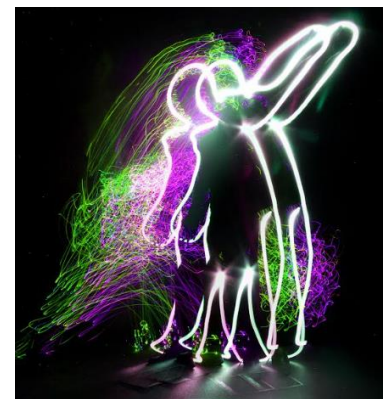
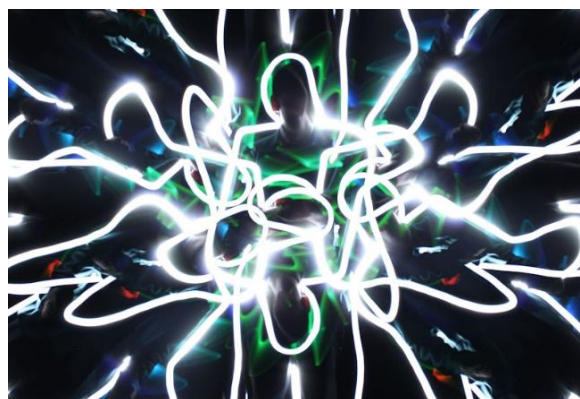
Cate has been nominated by the Drama Department as she has made an excellent start to 'All things Dramatic' at Droylsden Academy! Cate was heavily involved in our production of Footloose and has also taken on a lead acting role in our forthcoming Summer Elective Concert. Similarly, she recently completed her audition for a lead role in 'West Side Story', next year's Academy production, and is eagerly waiting for the cast list to be revealed! Cate is an excellent and versatile performer and the Performing Arts Faculty cannot wait to see what she comes up with next!

Daisy has been nominated by the Music Department as Mrs Burgess has been so impressed with her performance and progress in lessons this term. Daisy worked incredibly hard for her assessment on the Ukulele and produced an excellent performance which demonstrated both her ability and her resilience. She has also won the Department's singing competition a record number of five times this year! Congratulations, Daisy, Mrs Burgess is really proud of you.

Riley has been nominated by the Dance Department as he too has made great progress this half term. The group have been looking at Dance in the Media and Riley has choreographed some interesting and creative movements around this theme. Riley has also been great at supporting others in his group, whilst maintaining his focus on hitting the gold criteria in all tasks that have been set. Well done Riley and keep up the hard work!

Photography

Thank you to **Alfie Weir** and **Thomas Cronshaw** from Year 10 for submitting the following edits from their GCSE Portfolios. The edits are based on their research into the work of the original light painters.



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The Droylsden Schools Partnership

Following two tense semi-finals, eleven finalists from Moorside Primary School, St Mary's, Greenside Lane and Fairfield Road made it through to the final of this year's Droylsden Schools Partnership 'Bake off' competition, held at Tameside College.



The event took place just before we broke up for the half-term holiday and the challenge was to make themed cupcakes based on the forthcoming FA Cup Final between City and United, to be held later that week! Each pupil had to make and decorate six cupcakes and whilst some remained neutral and decorated their cakes in both blue and red, others decorated their cakes down strictly partisan lines! Whatever the colour or colours chosen, everyone agreed that the standard of decoration was excellent. Thank you to everyone involved and congratulations, in particular, to Jessica Hopkins from Fairfield Road, the eventual winner!



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Congratulations to **Coby Haldane**, **Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara**, **Haya Noor**, **Jia Rui Fang** and **Ben Shepherd** who were the brightest Sparx for last week having attempted the most questions on the interactive Maths website.

Year 7	Coby Haldane	1,554 XP
Year 8	Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara	1,706 XP
Year 9	Haya Noor	6,887 XP
Year 10	Jia Rui Fang	1,350 XP
Year 11	Ben Shepherd	2,440 XP



As Parents and Carers will be aware, Sparx is an online Maths resource which students can log onto at any time to practice and reinforce or develop their understanding of a topic, revise and complete homework tasks. Students are awarded 'XP Points' every time they attempt a question and evidence clearly shows that regular use of Sparx boosts a child's GCSE Grade. Parents and Carers can receive Sparx updates for their child by email and we hope that they will encourage their child to use this brilliant resource regularly at home.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, we hope that your GCSE examinations are going well and that the revision sessions held over the half-term holiday were useful in preparing you for the subjects that you still have to take.

We also hope that, with continued hard work and thorough preparation and revision, you will have met and exceeded your target grades when you open your results envelope in August.



Year 10, you only have 36 weeks left in school, just 180 days, until your GCSE examinations start next year in May 2024!

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Phoebe Ekersley** and **Chloe Glover** from Year 8, **Callum O'Reilly** from Year 9 and **Haadi Waseem** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Phoebe and Chloe have both been nominated by the Maths Department as they are both working extremely hard every lesson; they really push themselves when the work gets difficult and enjoy completing the extension work too. Similarly, both Phoebe and Chloe take great care in the presentation of their work and endeavour to do their best on their Sparx homework. Phoebe and Chloe consistently model the school's values of politeness, hard work and honesty and are fantastic role models for their peers.

Callum has been nominated by the Science Department as he has worked really hard on the group's current topic of 'Energy Transfer'. He really engaged with the work on theme parks which showed how energy is transferred on the various rides, completed all of the calculations and volunteered lots of answers and ideas in class. Well done Callum and thank you for your contribution to this week's Science lessons!

Haadi has been nominated by the English Department as he is always polite, mature and eager to learn; it is no wonder that he is making pleasing progress and developing in confidence. Haadi is also extremely helpful and makes a great contribution to class culture as well as offering interesting and insightful ideas to group discussions. Keep up the good work Haadi.

AN UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY!

'Retro Reads'

Last month, we introduced our new showcase, '**Retro Reads**', where we focus on popular titles from the seventies onwards. Our first Retro Read looked at titles written by Judy Blume, an author who was at the height of her popularity in the eighties and nineties, and who your Mum and Dad may remember! Most of her work can be categorised as belonging to the genre of 'Friends and Relationships' and it's on those shelves in the Academy Library that you'll find any book we have that she has written.

Mrs Ormrod was interested to hear what today's generation thought about Judy Blume's books and talked to Emma Petrova, from Year 7, who had just finished 'Are you there God? It's me Margaret'.

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Emma said that she had enjoyed the book and that it was 'light' but 'wholesome', an interesting choice of words as, in her heyday, Judy was considered to be quite radical!

Next month we'll be focussing on some Retro Reads from the Humour genre. Get ready for some belly laughs, courtesy of accomplished British novelist, Sue Townsend.



Non-Fiction

We have recently invested in some excellent non-fiction titles for the Library. We were particularly interested in biographies and autobiographies and chose people with links to all subjects across the curriculum. We hope you'll find them interesting!

Did you know that an autobiography is a book that a person writes about themselves? So, if you read an autobiography about someone, then that person actually wrote the book or was involved in writing the book themselves.

Did you know that a biography is a book about someone that another person has written? So, the person that the book is about has not personally been involved in writing the book.

We hope that make sense!



Proudly supporting Pride Month 2023

Celebrating Pride month is not only important but lots of fun too! The flags have been hoisted and the Library is now in full colour. We've got a great selection of non-fiction titles that support diversity and tolerance, a range of Self-Help books that can offer support and guidance and amazing works of fiction to both enlighten and entertain you. We've also created a **Guide to Pride**, depicting all of the most popular and some of the lesser known LGBTQ+ and Pride Flags.

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For future reference, there will be a Pride activity in the Library every Tuesday lunchtime and all are welcome.

UPDATE FROM THE CATERING TEAM

And next week we will be serving...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Chilli Con Carne & Rice	Sausage & Mash	Roast Dinner	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Finger Butty & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese	Mac 'N' Cheese	Veggie Roast Dinner	Cheese & Onion Pie and Mash	Veggie Burger, Chips & Beans
Lighter Bites	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling



We also have a 'Grab & Go' Menu. The Menu for next week is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mixed Pepper Pasta Bake	Chicken Wrap & Wedges	Cheese Whirl & Wedges	Chicken Madras & Rice	Sausage, Chips & Beans

Finally, we also have a Menu for the meals we serve from the Juice Bar. The Menu for next week is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jumbo Hotdog	Burger on a Bun	Cheese & Pepperoni Panini	A Large Slice of Pizza	Chicken Strips in Khobez Bread



'Foodie Facts'!

Each week, the Catering Team will be giving us a few 'Foodie Facts' so that we know a little more about what we eat and understand the importance of a balanced and healthy diet.

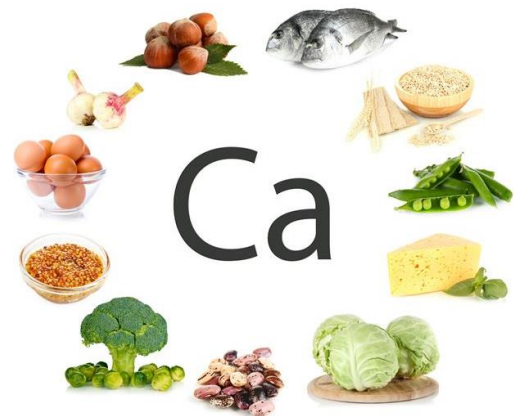
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Over the next few weeks we will learn a little bit about vitamins and minerals, things we need in small amounts to ensure that different systems and processes in our body work properly. This week we will look at the mineral calcium.

You need calcium in your diet to help build the hard materials in your bones and teeth. Calcium is also needed to help your muscles, including the cardiac muscle in your heart, work properly and to help your blood to clot when you cut yourself.

Foods rich in calcium include dairy products such as milk and cheese, green leafy vegetables, bread and anything made with fortified flour and fish where you eat the bones, such as sardines and pilchards. Adults aged from 18 to 64 need around 700mg of calcium in a day and should be able to get all of this in a normal balanced diet.

A lack of calcium in a child's diet can lead to a disease called rickets where the bones don't develop properly and can be a little 'bendy'. In older people, a lack of calcium can cause osteoporosis.



Why do you think a pregnant woman may need to have more calcium in her diet than normal?

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

The Voice!

THE VOICE - FINALISTS 2023

Tuesday 13th June @ 6pm Tickets £2

Lucas Ruben Ali Ksenia Ellie & Alexandra

Deborah Faith Jesse Rosie Izzy & Millie

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS



There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA



The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES



Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Athletics Trials!

Why not come along and maybe represent the Academy at the Tameside games?



ATHLETICS TRIALS

ALL students welcome

Javelin & Shot Putt 8/6/23

Long Jump & High Jump- 15/6/23

Sprinting 22/6/23

Stop Press..... Geography Booster Sessions

Booster sessions will be held for Year 11 students at the following times:

Monday 12th June, Period 5 (except those students attending the Business Studies Booster)

Tuesday 13th June, Period 5 (except for those attending the Spanish Booster)

Wednesday 14th June, Period 4

Thursday 15th June, Period 3

Friday 16th June, Periods 4 and 5

Further support can be found on Google Classroom where you will find videos that will lead you through the required skills and predicted questions that may come up in the exam. If parents/carers can support their child with their revision and direct them to these resources it will make a huge difference!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Final of The Voice 2023 will be held on the evening of Tuesday 13th June.

The next Academy Character Awards Evening will be held on the evening of Wednesday 14th June.

The Expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award will take place from Thursday 22nd June to Saturday 24th June.

The Year 9 Science visit to Alton Towers will be on Tuesday 20th June.

A group of Year 9 students will be competing in the Greenpower Project with Tameside College from Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd June.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening will take place on Thursday 29th June.

The Year 11 'Prom' will be held on the evening of Friday 30th June.

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The Production starring the Year 7 students taking the Performing Arts Elective will be held on the evening of Tuesday 4th July.

The Performing Arts residential trip to the 'West End' In London will take place on 13th and 14th July.

The Academy Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 19th July.

The Academy will close for the summer holiday on Thursday 20th July at 12.00 noon.

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