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**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

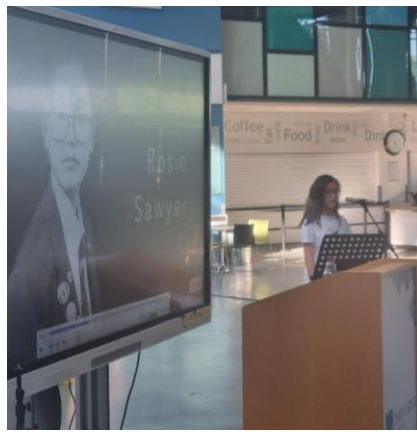
**Final of 'The Voice 2023'!**

Well done to all nine acts, listed below, who made it through to last week's final of 'The Voice'. Over 50 students auditioned for the show initially and the competition has been really fierce as our talented vocalists have battled it out to be named 'The Voice of Droylsden Academy 2023'! The judging panel, made up of Mr Mayell, Mrs Jackson and Miss Whitehead were very impressed by each performance and, such was the standard of their insightful and perceptive critique after each act, that it will only be a matter of time before they have their own show on BBC1! After a lot of deliberation, **Jesse Eastham** was judged to be 'The Voice of Droylsden Academy for 2023' with **Alhassan Barrie** as runner-up. Well done to everyone involved on a great competition and a fantastic final!

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| <b>Lucas Turnbull</b>                      | That's life                         |
| <b>Faith Kendal</b>                        | Dance Monkey                        |
| <b>Izzy Sinclair &amp; Millie Haggerty</b> | 9 to 5                              |
| <b>Rosie Sawyer</b>                        | Riptide                             |
| <b>Jesse Eastham</b>                       | Santa Fe from Newsies               |
| <b>Ksenia Cotov</b>                        | Shallow                             |
| <b>Ruben Mistry</b>                        | Can't help falling in love with you |
| <b>Alhassan Barrie</b>                     | Golden Hour                         |
| <b>Deborah Ajayi</b>                       | Say my name                         |



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## Food and Nutrition

Year 7 students are working in groups to create their own tasty and nutritious lunch menu as part of our Healthy School Lunches project! The students are using the 'Eatwell' guide and the National Schools Food Standards guidance and hope to 'wow' Mrs Heslop and Mrs Parkinson from the Academy Catering Team who will judge the finished entries and choose the winner. Mrs Heslop, Mrs Parkinson and the team will then prepare the winning dish as a menu choice for the school!



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**This week's brightest Sparx!**

Congratulations to **Reece Carter**, **Archie Wagstaff**, **Tida Badjie Sane** and **Jia Rui Fang** who were the brightest Sparx for last week having attempted the most questions on the interactive Maths website.

Year 7	Reece Carter	778 XP
Year 8	Archie Wagstaff	3,773 XP
Year 9	Tida Badjie Sane	1,356 XP
Year 10	Jia Rui Fang	2,939 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.

**The glorious sunshine!**

Students have been enjoying the beautiful weather at break and lunchtime this week! Some of them have been sunbathing, others have been sat in the shade whilst Year 9 boys have been enjoying something a little more active and energetic. As you can imagine, there were queues for the water fountains when the bell went!



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## Technology

With the end of year approaching, Technology groups from across all years are coming to the end of their projects. Year 8 have been working with a range of materials to complete their wind chimes whilst Year 10 have been designing clocks based on a range of design eras including Art Deco, Bauhaus and Memphis.

Mr Jones has been very impressed with the Year 10 group's creativity and their CAD (Computer Aided Design) and physical modelling skills which the students have practised, developed and applied throughout the project.



## Bake Off

You read the report on this year's Bake Off final in last week's Newsflash now you can watch and listen to the report through the link below! Thank you, again, to Liam, Charlie and the team from Zyon, for another top-quality News Production!

<https://youtu.be/YC2Sgnp60cI>



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**We're fine and very happy, thank you!**

All the chicks are well and enjoying the sunshine and the great outdoors as they start their lives as free-range birds.

Mrs Arnold spotted one on a sun lounger yesterday, with a magazine and a cup of tea, and rumour has it that they have asked for Netflix to be installed on the television in the chicken coop. Only the very best for the Droysden Academy chicks!

We are now looking forward to boiling, frying, poaching or scrambling our first free range-eggs!



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Joseph Murphy** from Year 7 and **Neha Nasrullah** and **Bella Montoya-Hunter** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Joe has been nominated by the English Department as he is an incredibly hardworking and polite student who models the Academy values on a daily basis. Joe always pushes himself to complete all tasks to a high standard, he always contributes his thoughtful views and ideas in lessons and his hand is always up to answer questions to the group. Joe, you have had a wonderful Year 7, well done!

Neha has been nominated by the Maths Department for her consistent hard work throughout the year and for regularly exceeding her target grade. Neha is a great example to others and demonstrates what you can achieve through perseverance and resilience; she always goes back over any work she has found difficult or struggled with until she has mastered it and this attitude and commitment will undoubtedly be rewarded next year with success in her GCSE examination.

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Bella has been nominated by the Science Department as she has worked so well and made such great progress this year. She always works hard and contributes in class, homework is always completed to a good standard and Bella regularly exceeds her target grade in assessments too. Bella is also really polite and kind and nothing is ever too much trouble for her. Thank you, Bella!

Congratulations also go to **Olivia Deakin, Brogan Carter, Rayah Norris** and **Eden Rutter**, all from Year 8, who have been nominated as Humanitarians of the Week by the Humanities Department.



Olivia and Brogan have been nominated by Geography for their contributions in lessons, Rayah has been nominated by History for her hard work and politeness and Eden has been nominated by Religious Studies for her hard work and attention to detail. Well done Olivia, Brogan, Rayah and Eden!

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, we hope that your GCSE examinations are going well and that the revision sessions held over the half-term holiday, and at Booster Lessons, have been 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 35 weeks left in school, just 175 days, until your GCSE examinations start next year in May 2024!**

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## UPDATE FROM THE CATERING TEAM

And next week we will be serving...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Chicken Curry & Rice	Hamburger & Wedges	Roast Dinner	Spicy Beef Kebab on Khobez	Fillet of Fish Butty & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Spicy Bean Burger & Potatoes	Cheese Whirl & Beans	Veggie Roast Dinner	Veggie Chilli & Rice	Veggie Sausage Chips & Peas
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
Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Pasta and Meatballs	Spicy Beef Tacos, wedges & Salad	Jerk Rice & Peas	Southern Fried Chicken & Chips

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
A Large Slice of Pizza	Turkeyburger on a Bun	Chicken Strips on Flatbread	Cheese & Pepperoni Panini	Giant Sausage Roll



### '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.

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. Last week we looked at the mineral calcium and this week we will look at another mineral, iron.

We need iron to make something called haemoglobin which is used to make our red blood cells. If you are short of iron in your diet then you can't make enough haemoglobin and so you are short of red blood cells.

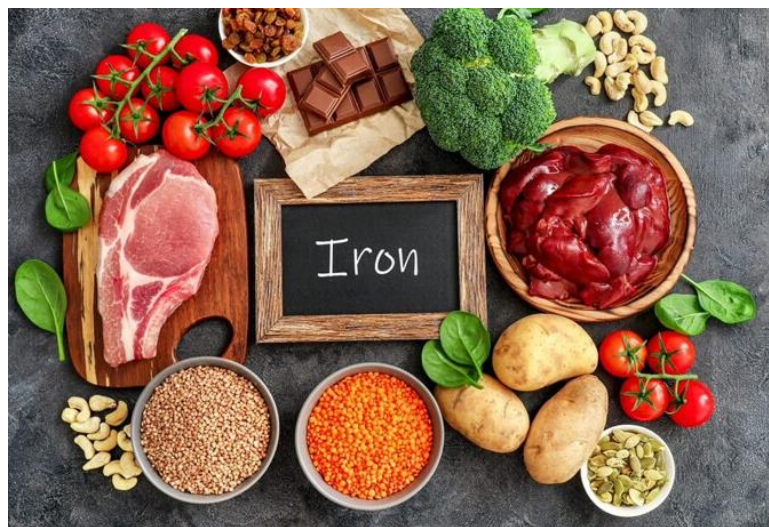
Red blood cells are really import as they collect oxygen from our lungs and take it to cells all over our body which need it. The cells need the oxygen to make or release energy from sugar, a process

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called respiration. If you are short of red blood cells, then your cells don't get enough oxygen so they can't make enough energy.

A lack of iron in the diet then means you are short of energy and you feel tired, a condition we call anaemia. People with anaemia often look pale too as red blood cells give us a red or rosy complexion when they flow through the blood vessels in our skin.

Foods which contain a lot of iron include fruits, dark chocolate, tomatoes, broccoli and leafy green vegetables, red meat and liver, legumes, whole grains, tofu, some nuts and pumpkin seeds! People with anaemia often take iron tablets if they can't get enough iron in their diet.



## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

### Get involved!

Did you know that, in addition to Year 7 Electives, the Academy offers 42 different clubs and societies every week?

The clubs and societies range from Army Cadets to Origami, Football Clubs to Debating Unions, Sonic Screen to Boardgames, there really is something for everyone!

At Droylsden Academy, we understand the importance of developing a well-rounded student. We encourage students to build on their extra-curricular skills and discover new ones. Students in Year 7 attend mandatory Electives each week focusing on the Arts, Sports and Outdoor Education. All staff encourage students to attend clubs, events and challenges that develop a student's character.

For a full list of our clubs and societies, please see the ebook on the Academy website. It can be accessed by clicking on 'Co-Curricular' in the 'Students' section of the website.

In the unlikely event that we do not offer something that interests your child, please speak to your child's Head of House and we will see if we would be able to offer it in the future.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

### ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

### FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

### LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

### TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

### STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk)) has plenty of useful information and advice.

### REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please **don't** attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

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

Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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

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

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

The Academy Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

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

## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?



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