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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

A visit from Shadine van de Merwe!

Last Friday, a group of students had the opportunity to meet Shadine van de Merwe, one of Manchester Thunder's star Netball players! Shadine is from South Africa and she talked to the group about her life so far and her journey to Manchester Thunder, the ups and downs, the setbacks and successes and how all these things had spurred her on and contributed to her achievements to date. In particular, she talked about how she had been homesick when she first arrived in the country, the impact of injuries and the 'lows' of losing on court but how all these things can build resilience and make you stronger. Shadine also advocated the importance of physical exercise, and the overwhelming benefits of taking part in team sports, and encouraged everyone to get involved.



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Mrs Frost and Miss Shorrock, who organised the visit, would like to thank Shadine for giving up her time to meet our students and for such an honest, engaging and enjoyable presentation, it really was an amazing afternoon! And maybe our students were a lucky charm too, with Manchester Thunder going on to beat Loughborough Lightning 61-57 over the weekend, in a top of the table clash, which puts them on top of the the Netball Super League! A huge thank you, again, Shadine and 'Let's go Thunder!'



Year 7 Electives

Thank you to Mrs Noel for submitting the following photographs of work completed by students in her Electives group. The students are all following the Art strand of the Performing Arts Elective and have been designing and making miniature sets for different theatre productions! How many of the productions can you name?



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Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 9 students have been learning about the science of eggs and, in particular, the skill of separating out the membrane with the yolk from the albumin which is not as straight forward as it looks! Hopefully the boiling, scrambling, frying and poaching will be easier!



Thank you!

Thank you to a group of our Year 7 Maths Ambassadors for supporting Year 6 students from Manchester Road Primary in developing their mathematical skills and confidence! You did an amazing job and were a credit to our school!



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This week's brightest Sparx!

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Year 7	Ka Chun Rick Wong	10,020 XP
Year 8	Hannah Pong	17,600 XP
Year 9	Hassan Alesmaail	4,059 XP
Year 10	Kwan Lor	26,220 XP
Year 11	Neave O'Connor	2,678 XP



Congratulations to **Rik Wong, Hannah Pong, Hassan Alesmaail, Kwan Lor** and **Neave O'Connor** who were the brightest Sparx for last week, having attempted the most questions on the interactive Maths website.



As Parents and Carers will be aware, Sparx is an online Maths resource which students can log onto at any time to practise 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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Lily Corbett** from **Year 9** who has been nominated as Student of the week.

Lily has been nominated by the Maths Department as she has made significant progress in recent weeks. Lily has had a really positive attitude in lessons and has produced some fantastic work which, in turn, has seen her confidence really blossom. Keep it up Lily, Miss Barratt is really pleased with you and, also, a very happy Maths teacher!



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Congratulations also go to our Humanities Stars of the Week, **Isabelle Voong** from Year 7, **Ksenia Cotov** from Year 8 and **Anson Chu** from Year 11.

Isabelle has been nominated by the Geography Department as she is working really hard in lessons and recently produced a brilliant assessed assignment, Ksenia has been nominated by the History Department as she, too, has been working hard and making great progress and Anson has been nominated by the Religious Studies Department for going above and beyond, in both school and at home, in preparation for her GCSE examination. Well done and thank you Isabelle, Ksenia and Anson!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

All the staff at the Academy would like to wish Year 11 all the very best in their GCSE examinations. We 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.



The GCSE timetable for your remaining examinations is shown below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 13th May	am	English Literature Paper 1
	pm	
Tue 14th May	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Business Studies Paper 1 Chinese (Listening and Reading)
Wed 15th May	am	History Paper 1
	pm	Computer Science Paper 1

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Thur 16th May	am	Maths Paper 1
	pm	Religious Studies Paper 2
Fri 17th May	am	Chemistry Paper 1 (Triple Science) Chemistry Paper 1 (Combined Science)
	pm	Geography Paper1
Mon 20th May	am	English Literature Paper 2
	pm	
Tue 21st May	am	
	pm	Computer Science Paper 2
Wed 22nd May	am	Physics Paper 1 (Triple Science) Physics Paper 1 (Combined Science)
	pm	PE Paper 1 Chinese Writing
Thur 23rd May	am	English Language Paper 1
	pm	
Fri 24th May	am	French Writing
	pm	
Mon 3rd June	am	Maths Paper 2
	pm	PE Paper 2
Tue 4th June	am	Spanish Listening and Reading
	pm	History Paper 2
Wed 5th June	am	Geography Paper 2
	pm	Business Studies Paper 2 Statistics Paper 1
Thur 6th June	am	English Language Paper 2
	pm	
Fri 7th June	am	
	pm	Biology Paper 2 (Triple Science) Biology Paper 2 (Combined Science)
Mon 10th June	am	Maths Paper 3
	pm	Spanish Writing
Tue 11th June	am	Chemistry Paper 2 (Triple Science) Chemistry Paper 2 (Combined Science)
	pm	Further Maths Paper 1
Wed 12th June	am	
	pm	Polish Listening and Reading
Fri 14th June	am	Geography Paper 3
	pm	Physics Paper 2 (Triple Science) Physics Paper 2 (Combined Science)
Mon 17th June	am	
	pm	Statistics Paper 2 Music

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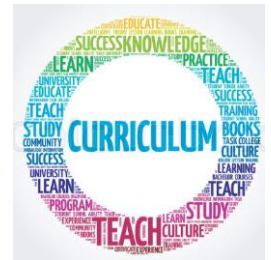
Tue 18th June	am	Design and Technology
	pm	Polish Writing
Wed 19th June	am	Further Maths Paper 2 Food and Nutrition
	pm	

WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING?

As parents/carers should be aware, you can now access details about every subject taught at the Academy in our Parent Curriculum Information Booklet.

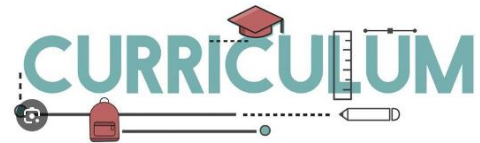
The Parent Curriculum Information Booklet can be found on the Academy website at

<https://www.droylsdenacademy.com/parents/parental-curriculum-booklet/>



The booklet includes the following information for every subject we teach, across all year groups, and we hope that it will help parents and carers to support their child’s learning at home:

1. Topics for each half-term
2. Links to the exam board specifications
3. Key assessment dates
4. Details of how parents can support learning at home



We hope that you will find this information useful.

UPDATE FROM THE CATERING TEAM

Next week, the Catering Team will be serving...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Chinese Chicken & Broccoli Stir Fry	Sausage, Mash & Peas or Beans	Roast Dinner	Honey BBQ Chicken & Rice	Fish Fingers on a Bun & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Cheese and Onion Pasty & Potatoes	Mac’N’Cheese	Veggie Roast Dinner	Cheese and Onion Pie & Mash	Veggie Burger, Chips & Beans
Lighter Bites	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry & Rice	Spicy Beef Tacos & Wedges	Jerk Chicken & Rice	Chinese Chicken & Chips

Top tips from the Children's Nutrition and Catering Teams

Here are our top tips for some of the best **produce in season in May**:

Asparagus is in season in May. This delicious, versatile, vitamin rich green vegetable is only in season in the UK for about 8 weeks from the Spring, going into Summer. Asparagus contains a lot of key vitamins including folate, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E and Vitamin K. Asparagus is also high in fibre which feeds our friendly gut bacteria and helps us to feel fuller for longer. Why not try adding asparagus to your favourite stir fry recipe or serve as a grilled vegetable side dish.



Bell peppers are also in season in May. Peppers come in lots of different varieties, shapes, sizes and colours which make them an ideal ingredient for brightening up any dish. Peppers are rich in Vitamin C, an essential anti-oxidant which our bodies need to boost our immune system. Peppers can be enjoyed raw or cooked. Why not try cutting them into strips and serving as a healthy snack with a low fat, homemade dip such as humous?

Cruciferous vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, kale and cabbage, are also in season in May. These versatile veggies can be eaten raw or cooked and make great additions to salads and side dishes. Try some new ways to cook and enjoy these vegetables: stir fry, boil, steam, sauté, grill, bake, stuffed and baked, or simply enjoy them raw.



For something sweet, **stoned fruits** like **nectarines** and **apricots** are in season in May.

Sustainability Club

Over the Summer Term, the Academy Sustainability Club will be looking at ways we can become more environmentally conscious, both in school and in our local community. We will be exploring topics such as sustainable fashion and creative recycling and will also be engaging with national events and initiatives too. The Club will meet every Friday, starting Friday 10th May, from 1.05pm to 1.30pm in M26. Everyone is welcome but remember to bring along a packed lunch!

One of our first initiatives will be to encourage everyone to join in with 'Walk to School Week', further details of which can be found on the poster below!



Walk to School Week 20th- 24th May 2024.

Droylsden Academy, in conjunction with Sustainability Club will be encouraging everyone to walk to school for a week.

This is a national initiative to get everyone involved and get everybody moving.

Each day you walk to school this week make sure you inform your form tutor so that they can log your House Point for Participation.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Miss Davidson.

Why not join in, your children and grandchildren may be very pleased that you did!

Mental Health Awareness Week

Droylsden Academy Library is a space where you can always be yourself. Please join us during

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

MONDAY 13TH MAY - FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024

Mindfulness activities all week including:

- Journaling
- Jigsaws
- Colouring

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What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s



WhatsApp



TikTok



Snapchat



Instagram



Over-12s



WhatsApp



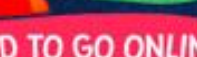
TikTok



Snapchat



Instagram



ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

93% 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

93% of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

91% children found these lessons useful

78% of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

40% admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

77% seeing age-inappropriate content

70% being harassed or bullied

68% seeing pro-self-harm content

62% having their data gathered by companies

59% being influenced by extreme views

55% having their reputation damaged

51% being pressured to spend money

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage	Device
3-4s	67%	use tablets
5-7s	77%	use tablets
8-10s	73%	use tablets
11-15s	95%	use phones
15-17s	97%	use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

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Stressed about Exams?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition to North Wales will take place on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th, and Saturday 8th June.



The Academy will break up for the Whit Half Term holiday on Monday 27th May.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?



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If so, why not 'Train to Teach' with us here at **The Tame River Teaching & Curriculum Institute** through the School Led Route in partnership with the everyonelearning@ Hawthorns Kingfisher , Tame River Teaching and Curriculum Institute.

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We are currently recruiting for **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Geography, History, Maths, PE with Ebacc, Art, RE, Computer Science and MFL.**

School Led training allows Trusts and schools to request training places directly, select the ITE (Initial Teacher Education) provider of teacher training they want to work with and agree the content and focus of the training, in line with national standards for teachers.

The Tame River Educational Trust plays host to training and placements in very strong schools (Mossley Hollins High School, Ofsted Good, and Droylsden Academy, Ofsted Good) and we are working in partnership with other schools in Tameside. Bursaries are available!

For further information please contact K.Oag@mossleyhollins.com

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