

Droylsden Academy is a good school

THE TAME RIVER EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Great schools in which to learn, teach and belong.



Sport and Physical Education

We are driven by a love of sport, games and physical education in our schools because of what they can do for learning, physical and social development and for the enormous well-being of our students.

“When you lose, you get up, you make it better: you try again”

Serena Williams

Tennis Grand-Slam Champion and multi-award winner.

Our schools offer a huge range of sports (both individual and team pursuits) within the school day and as part of our curricular, co-curricular and elective programme. There is an exciting number of sports' clubs and disciplines on offer. Physical Education and Sport are taught at both key stage 3 and 4 to all students in all our schools in wonderful indoor and outdoor facilities. Results are very impressive. Across the Trust there are very large numbers of students participating and excelling in sport at lunchtime and after school in clubs, training and competition.

Droylsden Academy, one of our founding schools, has supported students to elite performance in sports as diverse as volleyball, basketball, table tennis and football. Our students enter the full-range of team-sport and athletics' competitions, often achieving great success.

Our Trust Electives provide the opportunity, immediately on joining us, for our students to learn about and become proficient in a sport that would not ordinarily be available to them in schools that are not in the Tame River Educational Trust. The Electives provide opportunities in a diverse range of sport from hockey, to swimming to golf, for example.

In curriculum time students study and partake in physical education, and can take it to GCSE level.

“You are never playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards and when you reach your limits, that is a real joy.”

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Hot off the Press: Trust Website Goes Live!

We are delighted to announce the launch today of the Tame River Educational Trust Website. Thank you to so many staff and students from our Trust schools for their wonderful contributions. You will find it on <https://www.tret.org.uk/>

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

English

Year 8 students have been taking part in class debates this week, debating who is to blame for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet! Students spoke formally and confidently and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done Year 8 from Mrs Abel and the English team. The photographs here show **Yunisa Barrie** and **Neveah Smith** making their points to the class!



Science

Meanwhile, in Science, Year 7 have been studying 'pressure'! **Ben Williams** and **Alex Wood** can be seen here looking at the pressure difference when dyed water is poured into a bottle whilst, no matter how hard they tried, **Joshua Whitehead** and **Fabio Lucci** could not pull the two 'Magdeburg Hemispheres' apart..... and why was that? Air pressure!



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Sport

Congratulations to **Amy Outram** from Year 11 who competed in the 'Swim England North West Artistic Swimming Championships' last Saturday, winning two Golds Medals and 1 Bronze Medal in the team events and narrowly missing out on a Medal in the individual event. A great performance all round with Amy finishing her solo performance only 4 points behind the British Champion and Gold Medal Winner and just 0.4 points behind the Bronze Medal Winner.



Meanwhile, back on dry land, the Academy has partnered up with our local Netball Club, 'The Droylsden Gems'! The coach of the 'Gems' now comes into the Academy every Tuesday after school to coach and encourage our students and it has been amazing to see the progress they have made already!



Netball club now runs every Tuesday from 2.35pm to 3.35pm and is open to boys and girls of all ages. It would be great to see as many students as possible getting involved, either playing or officiating, so why not come along and join in?

Moving from the Netball Court to the Football Field, the Year 9 Football Team played St Damian's in the second round of the Tameside Cup this week. It was a really close, tense and competitive game with Droylsden holding a 1-0 lead at the half-time break. Shortly into the second half we hit the bar but, unfortunately, St Damian's then came out on top with a 3-1 win. Well done to both teams on a really good game of Football.

Finally, the Droylsden PE team have organised a National Standard Table Tennis Coach to come into the Academy every Wednesday from 2.35pm to 3.35pm to teach and coach our up and coming players. The first session was held last week with over 30 students taking part. The club is open to all Droylsden Academy students and it is a fantastic opportunity to improve your Table Tennis skills and help continue our proud record of success in the sport!

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Food and Nutrition

This week, students from across the Academy have been creating and making an original pudding fit for the Queen as part of a national competition to celebrate her 70th year on the throne! The competition is being run by the Prestigious 'Fortnum and Mason' and who knows, next year they may be stocking a delicious Droylsden tart, cake or soufflé on their shelves! The photographs here show Year 10 students in action.



Meanwhile, Year 9 have been making some delicious Filo Pastry.



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And now for the best bit!



The 'Prime Minister Premier League Club'

Thank you and well done to all the students who took part in this week's 'Prime Minister Premier League Club'. Each week, the members of the club choose a Prime Minister they want to research and then present, debate and discuss their findings when they meet. Each Prime Minister is then given a mark out of 10 and takes their position in our 'Prime Minister Premier League Table! After 14 meetings and 14 Prime Ministers, the final league table finished up like this.

1. Tony Blair
2. Winston Churchill
3. Clement Atlee
4. Harold Wilson
5. David Cameron
6. Gordon Brown
7. Harold Macmillan
8. James Callaghan
9. Sir Antony Eden
10. Theresa May
11. John Major
12. Margaret Thatcher
13. Edward Heath
14. Boris Johnson



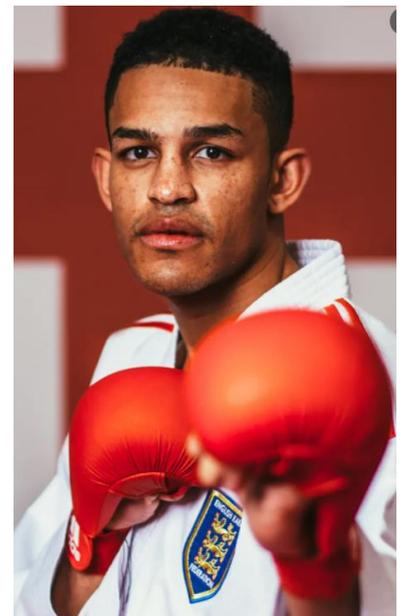
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This was the final meeting of the group and students spent their time discussing Boris Johnson, our current PM, who had been awarded a mark of 6 out of 10 at a previous meeting, putting him in third place in the league. However, with the current controversies surrounding Number 10 and 'Partygate', the group reduced his score to 1 out of 10 leaving him propping up the table in last place. Mr Bushby would like to thank everyone for attending the Club over the last few months. It has been amazingly well attended and fantastic to run! Well done everyone!

Meeting Jordan Thomas!

Jordan Thomas, a World Karate Champion, came into the Academy last week to lead a taster class for students as part of our celebrations of the Chinese New Year. **Rory Hand** from Year 10 attended the session and wrote the following review.

'Meeting Jordan Thomas was an experience and learning karate with him took it to a whole new level, a real honour! I, personally, have been doing karate for about 8 years now and even I learned a few new things that I have not been taught by my Sensei before. The class was fun and it taught us some very valuable skills, what more could you want? I'm sure that just one half an hour session like this would be enough to get anyone hooked on karate forever. Thank you Sensei Jordan Thomas and I wish you well for Paris 2024!'



Rory Hand

Religious Studies

This week Year 8 have been studying Islamic Art. Islamic law does not permit the creation of images of Allah or the Prophet Muhammad and so followers use geometric designs to express their spirituality instead. Some examples can be found below.



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GET INVOLVED!

This wonderful article by Millie Haggerty is a great example of why students should get involved in their 'electives' and the Academy extra-curricular programme! Millie played the lead role of 'Matilda' in this year's Academy production and clearly had an amazing experience!

'When it comes to acting, it would be fair to say that I'm not completely new to it, but in terms of school productions, I definitely wasn't as confident as some people might have expected me to be.

It started with that first short meeting, where we found out that we'd be putting on the show 'Matilda'. Then came the part where we had to sign up for the role we wanted! Even just putting my name down for the main part felt like a big step, but it's one that I'm so glad I took. It was always going to be my number one choice because I felt like it was time to step outside of my comfort zone and because I wanted to make my parents proud. I was quietly confident but knew that even if I didn't get the role, I would still be able to take part in the production and that was still really exciting.



When it was time for the auditions everyone had learnt the same lines, which I think made the selection process as fair as it possibly could be, with everyone having an equal opportunity to go for their preferred role. A few weeks later, I was delighted to find out that I had landed the role of Matilda, and that's where the real story starts.

Having made the commitment to 'get involved', I now started to get to know a whole load of new people. Other members of the cast, the lighting crew, the team behind the stage. There really are roles for everybody in the school productions, even if being on stage isn't your thing. I'd still recommend giving performing a go, but if you're absolutely sure it's not for you, there's still so many important parts to play. If you don't want to go on stage, you could help with the music and technology, the rigging, the stage furniture, or even be part of the busy back stage team.



Before long, all these people working together became friends, not just fellow cast and crew members. I have struggled in the past with making friends, and have even felt alone at times, but taking part in Matilda meant discovering new friends, and you could do that for yourself too! It's

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about everybody coming together, helping each other out and being excited for what you're working towards.

The teachers were also amazing from start to finish and helped with absolutely everything. Miss Burgess was extraordinary in everything she did for the production, and we can't thank her enough. Even when Miss Honey's mic went off on the Thursday, everyone ran around backstage to get the problem sorted as quickly as possible. A real team effort.

So, what do you need to do to get involved? You need to be able to show 100% commitment to the production. Anything less means you won't get anything from it and the rest of the team will have to pick up the slack. This is about everyone helping everyone.

I tried to make sure I was giving my very best by having extra singing lessons. My vocals teacher thinks I've come on 'leaps and bounds' as a result, and I'm really happy with how it went. Getting extra recognition with a letter home about my progress was an added bonus!

If you're thinking about getting involved, here's my advice... Just do it! It's the best time you'll ever have. Everyone is so supportive. The biggest things I got out of all of this were confidence and new friends and what could be more important than friends?

For those of you who still don't want to get involved with something like this, there's still something you can do to support those that do. Buy a ticket to come and see the shows! Support your friends! Get behind them!

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I'll see you soon on the front row or, who knows, even on stage or backstage!

Millie Haggerty, AKA 'Matilda'



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Olivia Blanchard** from Year 7, **Laura-Helena Herscovici** from Year 8 and **Madison Short, Marcel Zdunski** and **Molly Nash** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



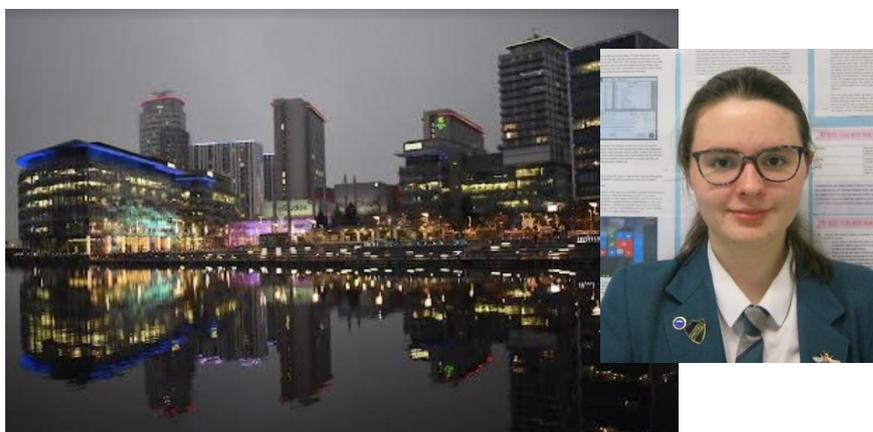
Olivia has been nominated as 'Philosopher of the Week' by Miss Worsley as a thank you for all her hard work this year. Miss Worsley added that Olivia always make a really good contribution in lessons and is a valued member of the group. Well done Olivia!

Laura has been nominated by the English Department for the wonderful start she has made at the Academy. Laura has not been with us long, having moved to the UK from Romania last term, but, from the very first moment she arrived, she has demonstrated our values in abundance: improving her English language daily, producing high quality and beautifully presented work along with true resilience and a smile. You are a pleasure to teach Laura!

Madison has been nominated Miss Barratt from the Maths Department as she has recently joined her group and has worked incredibly hard. Miss Barratt commented that Madison is always focussed in lessons, will ask for help if she needs it and constantly tries to improve. This effort and positive attitude were rewarded in her latest assessment when Madison did really well. Well done Madison and keep it up.

Marcel has been nominated by the Science Department for showing real resilience when tackling some really complex Chemistry calculations! Marcel always works well and is an exceptionally polite, friendly and helpful member of the Triple Science Group. Well done Marcel!

Molly has been nominated by Miss Hickman, her GCSE Photography teacher, for her passion and dedication to Photography! Molly is a really talented photographer who has submitted lots of examples of her work to Newsflash including this photo of the waterfront taken at Salford Quays at a recent 'night shoot'. Keep them coming please Molly!



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Year 11, there are only 11 school weeks left, just 55 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

We hope that the first week of your Pre-Public Examinations have gone well. The timetable for next week can be found below.

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 14 th Feb	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Photography
Tues 15 th Feb	am	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) Spanish (Listening and Reading)
	pm	French (Writing) Spanish (Writing)
Weds 16 th Feb	am	Triple Science: Chemistry 2 Combined Science: Physics 1
	pm	GCSE Sport (Written)
Thurs 17 th Feb	am	English Literature (Poetry)
	pm	Geography Physical
Fri 18 th Feb	am	Computer Science Art Business Studies



REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Parent Voice

We'd love to hear from any parents or carers who would like to take part in some parent voice. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on what's going well and how we can do things even better. We're particularly interested in teaching and learning and the character enhancing opportunities in school.

The next session will take place on Tuesday 8th March at 3.30pm.

Please email garnold@droylsdenacaemy.com if you'd like to attend.



We will not discuss student specific issues in these sessions as other parents will be in attendance. If you need support with anything else, please contact your Head of Year.

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The BBC Young Reporter Competition



For more information about this exciting competition, please see Mrs Ormerod in the Library!

Children aged 12 to 15 years old can now obtain a digital NHS COVID Pass for international travel

To help support international travel, including school trips, the NHS COVID Pass service for 12 to 15 year olds now includes the option of a digital NHS COVID Pass.

The NHS COVID Pass for international travel can be accessed through the NHS Website for those aged 12 and over. For young people aged 13 and over, the NHS App can also be used to access the NHS COVID Pass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Students from Years 9 and 10 who are studying GCSE Drama will be visiting the Palace Theatre on the evening of Thursday 17th February to watch a performance of 'Blood Brothers'.

The Academy will break up for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 18th February.

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PE Technician and Extra Curricular Coach

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 – 10 (Actual salary of £17,205)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 36 hours per week
Closing Date: 13th February 2022
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Droylsden Academy Sports and Performing Arts team is looking for an Extra-Curricular Coach and PE Technician to enhance our curriculum.

The successful applicant will support in the delivery of extra-curricular sports clubs, establish new sports clubs and help take students to the highest levels of school sports performance.

The ability to work flexibly is essential as you will be leading sports clubs in the early evenings. Working hours will be agreed with the successful applicant at and after the interview process.

The applicant will also support the PE team in the delivery of PE lessons and maintain facilities and sports equipment.

Interested applicants should visit the Droylsden Academy website for further information and details on how to apply:

<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

Administration Officer

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 – 10 (Actual salary of £17,117)
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: Full Time, 36 hours per week
Closing Date: 18th February 2022
Interview Date: 2nd March 2022
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and talented individual to join our school. As a General Administration Assistant, you will become a key member of the team, providing a range of clerical and administrative support in the main school office.

Interested applicants should visit the Mossley Hollins website for further information and details on how to apply:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

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

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

School Direct 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.

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

For further information please contact e.duggan@tret.org.uk

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