

Droylsden Academy is a good school

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Tame River Educational Trust

*Great schools in which to learn, teach and belong.*



### Electives

Students in our Trust receive a distinctive, Trust-wide, community and educational dividend in the form of Electives, where significant additional opportunities are made available in the co-curriculum in the arts, sport, the Duke of Edinburgh, Cadets and outdoor pursuits.

***“The quality of life is determined by its activities.”***

Aristotle, Greek Philosopher and Polymath in the Classical period of Ancient Greece

When students join us in a Tame River School, they will sign up to one Elective (a weekly activity from a choice of three separate disciplines which they elect to do all year) in the arts, sport or outdoor pursuits, above and beyond the classroom and the co-curricular clubs at school. This will allow them to pursue a specific interest in one of these disciplines. The opportunity will be one that is not likely to be available during the school day and it provides experience, enjoyment and skill-enhancement in a performing/visual art form or a niche sport (not one typically on offer in schools) or outdoor education.

This allows each student, beyond lessons, to meet friends with a shared interest and pursue an activity that interests them, in a less formal setting.

***“When I was a teenager I began to settle into school because I’d discovered the extra-curricular activities that interested me – music and theatre.”***

Morgan Freeman, actor and Academy Award winner.

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**'Matilda Jr'**

We are sure that everyone who was lucky enough to attend one of last week's performances of 'Matilda Jr' will agree that it was an amazing production! Mr Wilson, our Headteacher, described the show as stunning and made the following comments in this week's Staff Address:

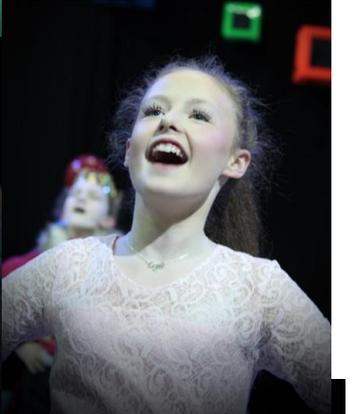
*'I know that you will join me in thanking Mrs Burgess and her team for a simply stunning run of Matilda Jr. Each night, the audience has been blown away by the professionalism, talent and hard work that has shone through. We should be so proud of our students, they have oozed confidence and have been great ambassadors for our school. This week we have seen the value and importance of the arts within the school curriculum, seeing our students gain experience and develop skills that will be so useful in later life.'*

Mr Wilson went on to thank Mrs Burgess, Miss Irlam and Mr Dale for the time, commitment and energy they have put into the production, and in the middle of an on-going national pandemic too, and all of the other teaching and support staff who have made an amazing contribution to the success of Matilda.

Congratulations to all the cast. There were some amazing performances from students playing the leading roles and from the supporting cast in the 'Ensemble' too. We hope that you enjoyed the experience as much we enjoyed watching you and we are already looking forward to next year's production!



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The full cast of this year's production can be found below:

Matilda  
Lavender  
Bruce Bogtrotter  
Amanda  
Nigel  
Alice  
Tommy  
Hortensia  
Eric  
Miss Honey  
Young Miss Honey`  
Miss Trunchbull  
Mr Wormwood  
Mrs Wormwood  
Michael Wormwood  
Mrs Phelps  
Escapologist  
Acrobat  
Rudolpho  
Sergei  
Gangster  
Cook  
Dance Captains  
Ensemble

**Millie Haggerty**  
**Pippa Mansell**  
**Lucas Turnbull**  
**Anna Nwanze**  
**Ben Lees**  
**Ellie-Louise Carter**  
**Shanayah Green-Leach**  
**Mary Uchechukwu Chale**  
**Evie Quinlan**  
**Lois Connolly and Brooke Plant**  
**Neide Barroso**  
**Rosie McCormick**  
**Charlie Boardman**  
**Milly Madden**  
**Jacob Dennerley**  
**Olivia Loftus**  
**Taylor-Louise Wilson**  
**Rachel King**  
**Favour Otabor**  
**Zach Devlin**  
**Yan Samb Gueye and Oscar Doe Ncha**  
**Oscar Doe Ncha**  
**Kayleigh Cunningham-Clarke and Madison Hempsall**  
**Jessica Barroso, Scarlett Baker, Grace Charnock-Molloy, Shannon Corbett, Fraya Curtis, Sophie Dean, Philian Emmanuel, Leyla Francis, Jessica Fulton, Lily Hall, Chau Hoang, Emily Houghton, Leanne Houghton, Olivia Mansell, Meg Murphy, Angelinah Mugadza, Stephanie Owusu, Stephanie Sargaco, Freddy Scudder, Isabella Sinclair and Brogan Williams**  
**Ikram Gudeta**  
**Lilly Corbett, Amy Lea, and Aastha Patadia**  
**Ruben Mistry, Eunice Sarpong and Liam Tomkinson**



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### Outstanding Progress!

Congratulations to Ewan Quinn, Rosie McCormick, James Mellor, Diya Mistry, Madison Cunningham, Iqra Zaman, Valeria Asamoah, Toyosi Junaid and Edward Bradley who were all invited to a Year 11 'Rewards Lunch' this week in recognition of the outstanding progress they are making. Keep up the hard work, your GCSE exams are just around the corner!



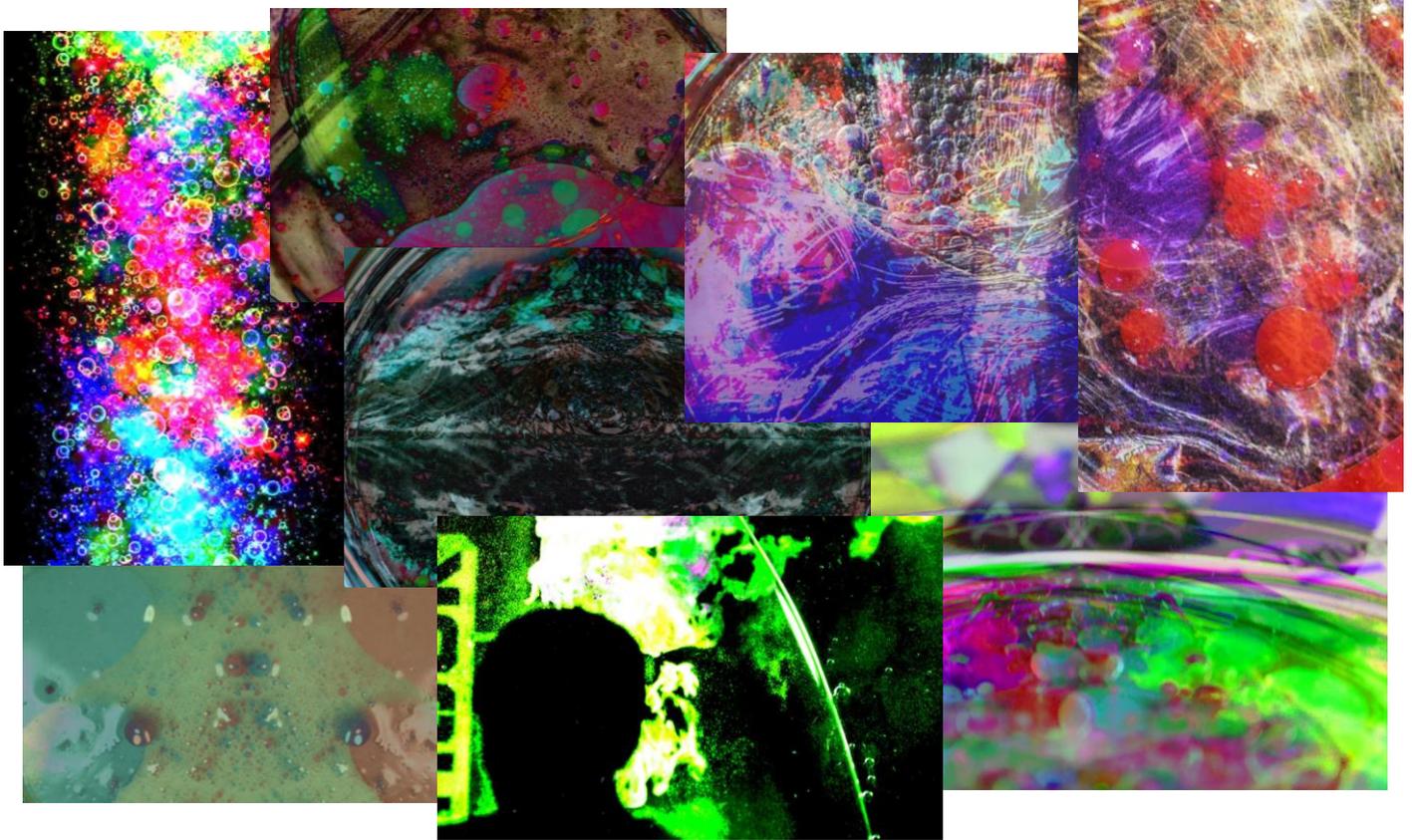
### Photography

The Year 10 Photography Group visited Lewis Road Park and Clayton Vale this week to gain ideas and inspiration for their GCSE Coursework Portfolios. As well as getting some great 'shots', the group also enjoyed the crisp fresh air, a bit of sunshine and a lovely walk in the woods!

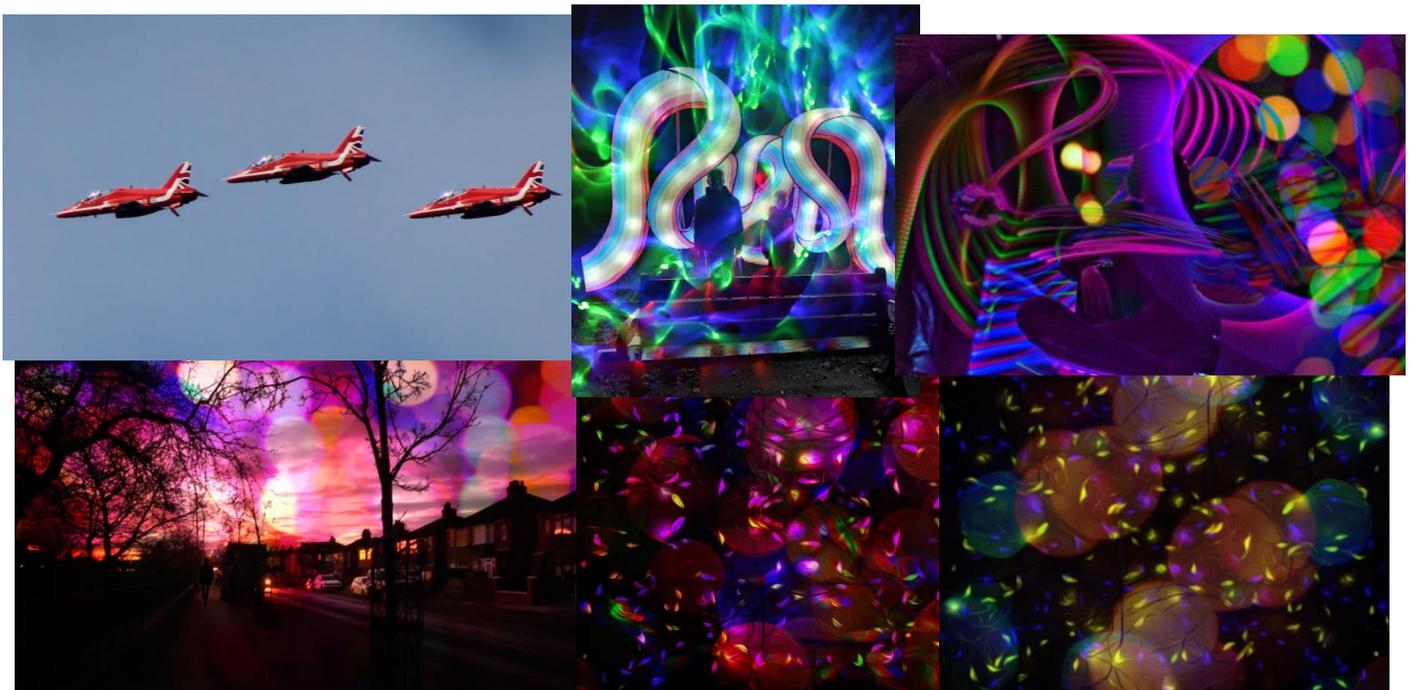


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Meanwhile, thank you to **Thomas Cronshaw, Freya Richardson, Quyen Nguyen, Bliss Doyle, Eve Walker-Sherriff, Ellie-Louise Carter, Lacey Lawson** and **Jamie Stait** from Year 9 for submitting the following 'Oil and Water Edits' from their Coursework Portfolios for inclusion in Newsflash.



Finally, thank you to **Olivia Loftus, Luke Laing, Luke Cocking, Amelia Shaw** and **Isabelle Whitehead** from Year 11 for their submissions too. Congratulations also to Isabelle for her nomination as Year 11 'Photographer of the Month' for her photo of the Red Arrows!



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## Tameside Befriending Week and Acts of Kindness

This week a number of Year 8 students have taken part in the first 'Tameside Befriending Week' and completed 'Act of Kindness' to support the happiness and wellbeing of our community.

Tameside Befriending Week focuses on events and activities that support the wellbeing of the community, and raise awareness of social isolation, vulnerability and loneliness, and it has been great to see our students take part and provide acts of kindness to others.

**Haya Noor, Muneeba Muneeba, Leanne Houghton, Anna Nwanze and Kiki Akinbogun** all took part in a video call with residents from 'Sunnyside', a local Care Home, and discussed many different things including school, their favourite subjects and poetry. They even had conversations about some of the old local mills that the residents had once worked at, Albion, Saxon, Victoria and Oakfield, and which have now given their names to the four Academy Houses. The video call sparked a fantastic conversation and both the residents and the students have some great ideas in how they can develop this link further.



Thank you to everyone involved, Mr Clays-Jones is extremely proud of you and the excellent character and generosity you have displayed throughout the week.

## Year 8 Football

This week saw the keenly anticipated first 'local derby' against Laurus Ryecroft. Droylsden started really strongly, controlling all aspects of the game, and raced into a 1-0 lead with a well worked goal from a corner, scored by **Tevon Alder Berryman**. We doubled the lead right on half time with a goal from our top scorer **Shayne Conlon** and went into the break 2-0 up. A third goal by **Yunisa Barrie** gave us a fantastic start to the second half but then Laurus Ryecroft started to take command, eventually pulling all 3 goals back for a 3-3 draw by the time the Referee blew the final whistle.

As the game was only a friendly, the teams decided to have a 'Penalty Shoot-Out' to determine 'bragging rights' which, unfortunately for us, Laurus won 5-4. Well done to both teams on a great game of football with, hopefully, many more local derbies to come!

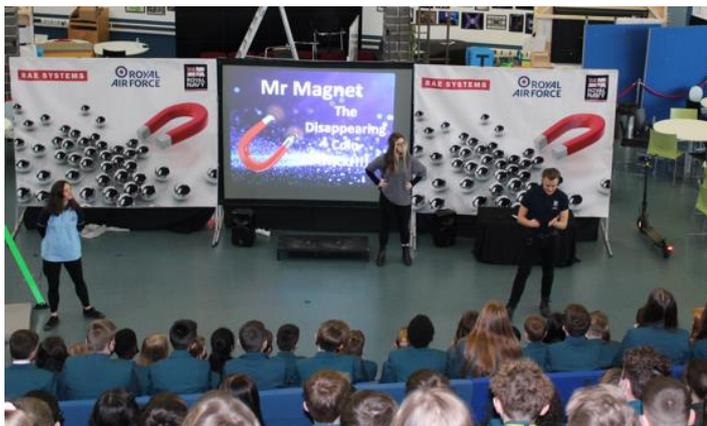
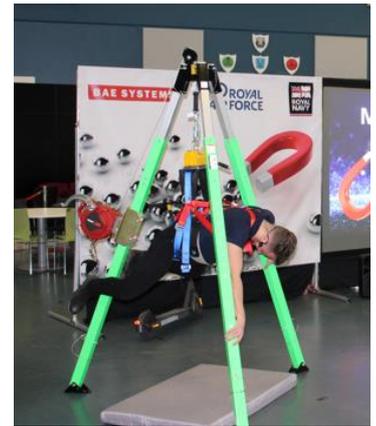
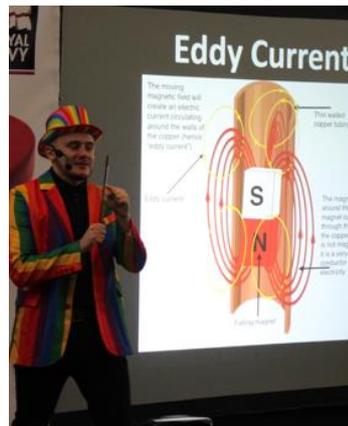
Well done also to **Shayne Conlon** and **Ben Robson**, photographed here with Mr Kenny, the Year and Football Team Manager, on their selection for Tameside School Boys last Saturday. The game, against the Wirral, resulted in another thrilling draw, 6-6!



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## BAE, STEM, the RAF and RN!

Year 8 students attended a really engaging and interesting STEM event this week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) presented by BAE (British Aerospace Engineering). The event looked at the science behind magnets and how they are used in modern day engineering. BAE is one of the UK's major Defence Contractors and the presentation, prepared in collaboration with the RAF (Royal Air Force) and RN (Royal Navy), also looked at how we hope to use magnets, as opposed to fossil fuels, to power the ships and aircraft of tomorrow!



## Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 9 students continued their adventures with pastry this week to create some delicious profiteroles!



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### Presentation by Corpus Christie College, Oxford University

Representatives from Corpus Christie College, Oxford, were in Tameside this week to meet with and talk to Year 11 students about the benefits of, and opportunities available through, Higher Education. Whilst the presentation looked at University life in general, there was a particular focus on the University of Oxford. **Amaara Naveed, Amelia Shaw, Diya Mistry, Olivia Loftus, Samya Mansur, Han Yun Yu, James Mellor** and **Rosie McCormick** from the Excel teaching groups represented the Academy at the event and found more out about subject choices at A Level, courses available at University, and the Admissions process. There was also a 'Question and Answer' session with Student Ambassadors from Corpus Christie as well as a 'virtual tour' of the College.



### Thank you Dylan!

This week **Dylan Stott** from Year 9 prepared and delivered another fantastic and really engaging 'Do Now' activity to his English class. Dylan based his activity on poetry and how lyrics from songs by the 'Arctic Monkeys' related to the themes from the poems on 'Love and Relationships' that the class are currently studying. Another wonderful example of hard work and independence Dylan, well done!



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## 'Masterchef'

Congratulations to **Elisa Morreale, Taali Allikmaa and Leyla Francis** who have qualified for the 2022 Droylsden Academy MasterChef final! The theme for the semi-final was 'Best of British', challenging the students to create a traditional British dish or a more modern dish that is now accepted as traditionally British! Students cooked dishes such as lamb chops with a spicy jus, pan fried potatoes, fried mushrooms with onion and homemade mushy peas, double beef burger with chips and a leaf salad with vinaigrette and fresh battered cod with chips and mushy peas.

The final will take place at the 'Tameside One' Restaurant in February and will be judged by people from the industry as well as staff from the restaurant. Good luck!



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Lottie Hayes** from Year 7, **Daniel Adebajo** and **Grace Buckley** from Year 8 and **Isaac Matley** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as 'Student of the Week'.

Lottie has been nominated as 'Philosopher of the Week' by Miss Worsley as she continues to exceed all expectations! Not only is Lottie polite and helpful in class but she also always works hard, meets her deadlines and, this week, completed a wonderfully challenging and creative project for her homework. Lottie, you are a star!

Daniel and Grace have both been nominated by the Maths Department. Daniel has been nominated as his work in class is excellent, he is always keen to volunteer answers and ideas and he always completes tasks and looks to complete the more challenging extension work too. Grace has been nominated as she is showing real determination and resilience and is making excellent progress. She has really grown in confidence as the year has gone on and is now exceeding expectations! Well done Daniel and Grace!

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Isaac has been nominated by the English Department as he has really gained in confidence and is doing superbly with his work for English Language Paper 1. His understanding of language is exemplary and his contributions to lessons are simply wonderful. Great work, Isaac!

### GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, there are only 13 school weeks left, just 65 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.**

Your second set of Pre-Public Examinations start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February and it is essential that you revise and prepare thoroughly for them. Every time you read through your notes, a little more 'sticks' with you, you consolidate on your learning and you reinforce your understanding; the time you spend is never wasted. Your Pre-Public Examination timetable can be found below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	English Language
	pm	Triple Science: Chemistry 1 Combined Science: Biology 1
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non calculator)
	pm	Technology GCSE Sport (Practical) Dance (Written)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	BTEC H&S External Examination
	pm	Religious Studies
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	BTEC H&S External Examination Statistics
	pm	Geography (Human)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
	pm	History
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	French (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Photography
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) Spanish (Listening and Reading)
	pm	French (Writing) Spanish (Writing)

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Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Triple Science: Chemistry 2 Combined Science: Physics 1
	pm	GCSE Sport (Written)
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	English Literature (Poetry)
	pm	Geography Physical
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Computer Science Art Business Studies



## THE CHINESE NEW YEAR!

### Lunar New Year 2022, The Year of the Tiger

Lunar New Year 2022 is almost upon us with millions of people across the globe set to celebrate! Festivities to mark the occasion, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, run from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

There are twelve Chinese Zodiac animals, each of which is linked to certain characteristics and elements, and they rotate each year. This year is the Year of the Tiger, the animal that occupies the third position in the Chinese Zodiac.



**Why not look out for some of the exciting opportunities that we will be holding at the Academy to celebrate!**



### Competition

Design a tiger! This can be in any form; design a poster, create some artwork, make a sculpture... be creative.

The best design will win a £25 'Love to Shop' voucher. Entries need to be submitted to Mr Tiley before the end of Chinese New Year (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February)

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### Karate Taster

We are extremely excited to welcome a **World Champion** Karate expert, Jordan Thomas, who will be in the Academy for a karate taster class at 2:35pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Sports Hall. This is open to all students on a first come, first served basis and there are very limited spaces. To take part in this amazing opportunity, you must sign up in Google Form sent via the House Hub.

### Chinese Lanterns

The Origami Club will be creating Chinese lanterns in the Maths Open Zone on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Come and join in, get festive and help to decorate the school!



### Learn to Write in Chinese!

Have you ever fancied learning how to write in Chinese characters (called Hanzi)? Come to a one-off class in P31 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2:35pm and learn a few characters to impress your friends and family. We will also show you how to write your name!

We hope to see lots of students taking part and hope you will enjoy celebrating with us. If you have any questions about anything above, please ask Mr Tiley.

To find out what is happening in Manchester to celebrate this year, visit:

<https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/chinese-new-year>

Happy Chinese New Year to you all!

### And for our Chinese speaking students, families and friends.....

2022年农历新年 - 虎年

2022年中国新年即将来临，全球数十亿人将为之庆祝，这一重大节日也被称为农历新年或春节，届时将从2月1日至2月15日举行。中国文化中有十二个生肖，每一种都代表了特定的寓意，并且每年轮换。今年是虎年，在中国十二生肖中排第三位。在Droylsden学院，我们将在下周举办一些激动人心的活动来庆祝这一节日。

1.竞赛:设计一只老虎。

这可以是任何形式,比如:海报设计,艺术品创作,制作雕塑等,要有创意。最好的作品将赢得价值 25 英镑的“Love to Shop”代金券。参赛作品需在农历新年结束前(2月14日星期二)提交给Tiley先生。

2.空手道试炼

我们非常高兴地邀请到世界冠军空手道专家乔丹·托马斯(Jordan Thomas),他将于2月2日星期三下午2点35分在学院的体育馆参加一次空手道试炼课。对所有学生开放,先到先得。参加者,须在1月31日星期一在体育部门注册。

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### 3.中国灯笼制作

折纸俱乐部将于2月1日星期二在 MOZ 制作中国灯笼。快来加入，享受节日，帮助装饰学校！

### 4.汉字书写

你有没有想过学习如何写中国字（称为汉字）？2月4日星期五下午2点35分来到P31 参与课程，学习书写一些汉字，惊艳您的亲朋好友。我们还可教您如何书写您的中文名字！

我们希望看到同学们踊跃参加，和我们一起庆祝中国新年。如果您想了解以上任何内容请访问：<https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/chinese-new-year>

祝大家中国新年快乐！



## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

### Year 9 Head of Year

Good luck to Mr Royle who will be taking up the post of Head of Year 9 from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January and thank you to Miss Barratt for doing a wonderful job over the last two years!



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## 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](mailto: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.

## The Platinum Pudding Competition

**FIT FOR A QUEEN**  
*The platinum pudding competition*

CREATE A UNIQUE DESSERT TO CELEBRATE  
THE QUEEN'S 70TH YEAR ON THE THRONE

*Entries will be judged by a panel of celebrity bakers including Dame Mary Berry*

Each entry must be: a genuine original recipe;  
hand made by you; looking and  
tasting fit for a Queen.

The recipe must be added to the entry form and  
uploaded for judgement by February 4th.

For entry details,  
speak to a member of the  
Food and Nutrition  
Team

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THE QUEEN'S  
70TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
JUBILEE 2022

THE PLATINUM  
PUDDING  
COMPETITION  
2022

The poster features a background image of a plum pudding topped with red currants. At the bottom, there are three circular logos: Droylsden Academy, the Queen's Jubilee 2022, and the Platinum Pudding Competition 2022.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parent Teacher Evening for Parents and Carers of Year 8 students will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

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

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

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

### 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Cleaning Manager

**Pay Scale:** Grade E, Point 11 – 16 (Actual starting salary at Pt 11 of £15,102)  
**Contract:** Permanent, Full Year  
**Hours:** 25 per week  
**Closing Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
**Start Date:** To be confirmed

We are looking for a dedicated Cleaning Manager who takes great pride in their work and can motivate and lead a team of 12 Cleaners. As our Cleaning Manager, you will supervise the team of Cleaners on a daily basis and manage their annual leave, manage the cleaning stock and supplies and undertake some general cleaning duties too. You will be working in a very lively and friendly environment alongside students aged 11-16 years old. A flexible and understanding attitude is essential in this position. The working pattern for this role is 1.00pm until 6.00pm daily.

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## Cook

**Pay Scale:** Grade D, Points 7 – 10 (Actual starting salary at Pt 7 of £15,264)  
**Contract:** Term Time Only  
**Hours:** 32.5 hours per week  
**Closing Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**Start Date:** As soon as possible

We are looking for an experienced school Cook who can prepare healthy and nutritious meals for students and staff at the Academy. You will work alongside our hardworking and dedicated team, under the direction of our Catering Manager and Assistant Catering Manager, and help us to maintain our Gold Standard Award for delivering healthy school meals. The working hours for this position are:

Day	Log in	Log Out	Hours
Monday	07:00 AM	2:00 PM	6.5
Tuesday	07:00 AM	2:00 PM	6.5
Wednesday	07:00 AM	2:00 PM	6.5
Thursday	07:00 AM	2:00 PM	6.5
Friday	07:00 AM	2:00 PM	6.5
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>32.5</b>

Interested applicants for any of the above posts 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>