

Newsflash

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Droylsden Academy is a good school

THE TAME RIVER EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Great schools in which to learn, teach and belong.



Our Co-curricular Programme of Clubs and Societies

In our Trust, the curriculum is seen as that which is done within and beyond our classrooms. Supporting learning in the classroom, there is an impressively wide range of clubs and societies from which to choose. Outdoor education is valued extremely highly in our Trust Schools.

Visiting our schools at lunchtime or after school provides our guests the chance to see the full range of clubs and societies on offer.

Within and across our schools, students are encouraged to learn, participate and enjoy the co-curriculum and take advantage of the many cultural capital opportunities on offer, so that they can take their place as confident, active and responsible citizens, whilst accumulating experiences and achievements that help them secure their Character Pillar Awards at Apprentice, Graduate and Masters level.

At the time of publication, here is a flavour of the clubs and societies offered by our Trust schools. Our offer includes participation in the arts, sport, human & social science, science, technology, literature, mathematics, languages and the environment, as well as in bespoke opportunities of niche interest to students in a range of disciplines. We would encourage all our students to take advantage of these experiences beyond the classroom at lunchtime or after school:

Sports such as: volleyball, badminton, table-tennis, netball, football; running; trampolining.

Arts such as: various instruments; band practice; drumming; keyboards; guitar; drama production rehearsals, the Art Challenge; Chamber Choir; Pop Choir; Rock Band.

Human & Social, such as: History Film; Philosophy and Debating, Young Enterprise, Young Reporters; Spanish Film; Prime Minister; Puzzle and Chess.

Science and Technology, such as: Coding; Design & Make; Digital Design; Film; Sonic Screen; Rocket Club; Cookery; Camera; Robot; STEM Crest; Connect; Retro-gaming; Whizz Bang Science; Gardening.

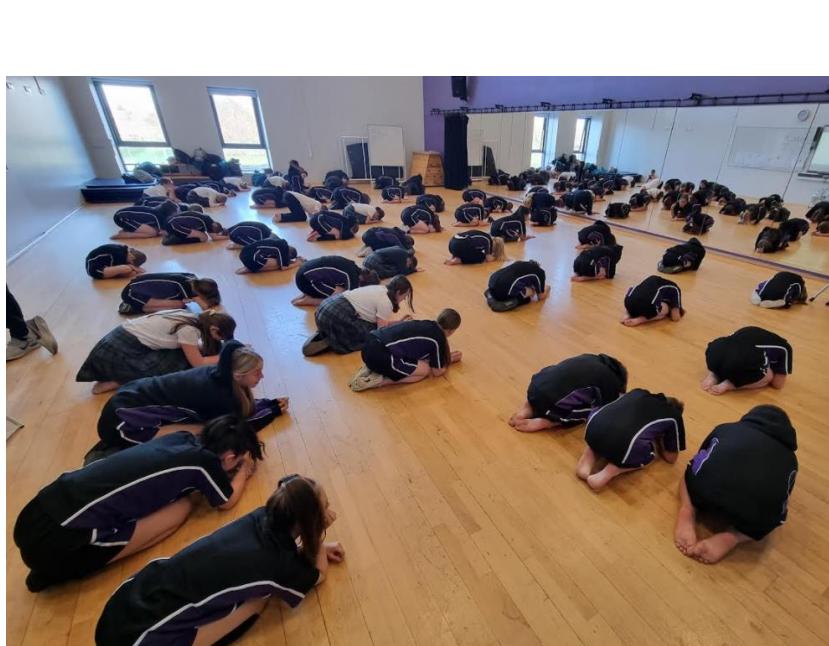
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Year 7 'Electives'

This week saw the launch of the Academy 'Electives' Programme, a series of co-curricular activities which run every Tuesday and which allow Year 7 students to enjoy experiences that go beyond the classroom and discover and develop new interests and talents. Students across the year group could choose from three Electives, the Creative and Performing Arts, Sport or Outdoor Education, and will follow their chosen pathway until the end of the academic year.

Students who chose Creative and Performing Arts will take part in dance and drama or get involved in other aspects of the creative arts like photography, set design, marketing and sound and light engineering. All the students taking this elective will work together to produce a summer show, 'A Night at the Theatre', which will take place in July! Students who chose Sport will have the opportunity to try a range of games and activities not normally available to them such as swimming, rugby and hockey, whilst students who chose Outdoor Education will complete a nationally recognised JASS Award (Junior Award Scheme for Schools) through developing a personal interest or hobby, taking part in outdoor activities, adventures and challenges and undertaking meaningful and rewarding community work! This Elective is an ideal springboard for other enrichment opportunities including the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Combined Cadet Force.

The photos here show students who started their Creative and Performing Arts Elective this week! Some students started to create the set for our summer production, others started to work on the musical score and our performers put their dancing shoes on! All the staff involved were really impressed with the students' enthusiasm and positivity and can't wait for the production in July!





'Summer Showcase'

Students and staff involved with the Performing Arts are having a very, very, very, very busy year! With the curtain only just down on the amazing production of 'Matilda', preparations are now well underway for our 'Summer Showcase', an evening which will include a number of performances in addition to the Year 7 production outlined in the article above.

The Droylsden Dance Academy are currently working on their interpretation of 'Walking on Sunshine' by Katrina and the Waves, whilst the Performing Arts Club are rehearsing 'He Lives in You', from the Lion King, and Year 8 Drama students have started reading 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in preparation for their performance of an abridged version of this classic Shakespeare play! The production has now been cast with rehearsals due to start next week.



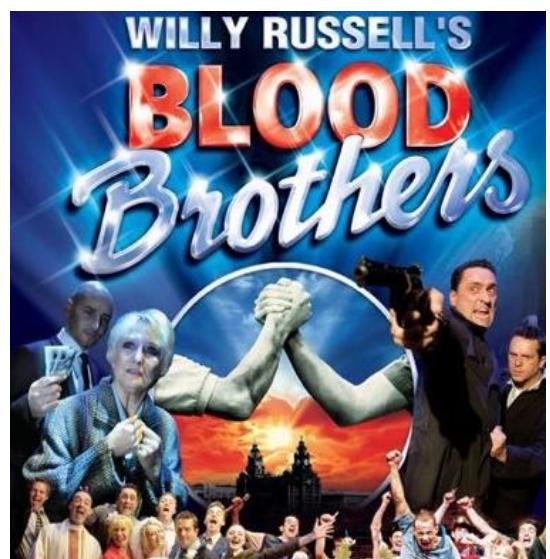
The full cast list can be found below.

Theseus	Ben Lees
Hippolyta	Raffya Smagulova
Egeus	Neveah Smith
Hermia	Alyssa Evans
Lysander	Millie Haggerty
Demetrius	Zac Devlin
Helena	Priscilla Joel
Quince	Evie Quinlan
Snug	Isabella Sinclair
Bottom	Daisy Phethan
Flute	Paisley Ashton-Woods
Snout	Sam Askew
Starveling	Aisha Ayok
Puck	Scarlett Baker
Fairy	Amanda Levanaviciute
Oberon	Blessed Agbonlahor
Titania	Charlie Boardman
Please Blossom	Sam Askew
Cobweb	Raffya Smagulova
Moth	Alwiya Mansur
Mustardseed	Paisley Ashton-Wood



....and finally from the Performing Arts Department!

We hope that all the students who attended the production of 'Blood Brothers' at the Palace Theatre, as part of their GCSE Drama course, had an interesting and enjoyable evening!



History

In History, 9X3 have been debating just who has been the World's 'Worst Dictator'! As part of the exercise, students had to research a Dictator of their choice and then present their findings to the group. The presentations were followed by a debate in which the group then had to decide who they thought should be crowned the World's 'Worst Dictator'. After an interesting, engaging and enjoyable debate this dubious accolade was bestowed upon the Russian Dictator Josef Stalin.

Miss Naylor would like to thank and congratulate all of the group on their research, their use of language, their debating skills and their conduct and contribution to a really enjoyable lesson!



Photography

Thank you to **Chris Wright, Daniel Arora** and **Amy McGuire** from Year 10 for submitting the following edits from their GCSE Photography Portfolios.





Year 7 Art

Miss Dunnington's Year 7 3D Art and Craft Group have recently started a new topic on 'Felt Food'. The group started off by creating their own oil pastel mono prints of a chocolate bar and will go on to design their own! Miss Dunnington was really pleased with the prints and selected the following lovely examples for Newsflash.

Well done to **Alex Cook, Ellie Holmes, Louie McLoughlin, Chloe Glover, Cody Fitzpatrick, Karis Rees and Maddox Phythian** on your artistic flair and creativity!

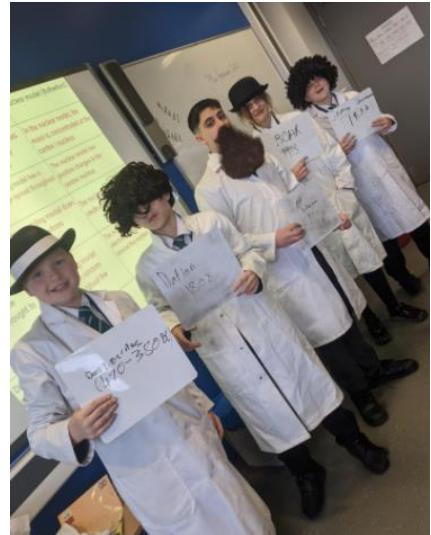


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Science

Thank you to Miss Warren for submitting this photograph of students from her 7Y Excel Science Group who have created their own timeline of Scientists through the ages! The timeline starts with Democritus, a Greek Philosopher who first formulated an atomic theory of the universe, and ends with James Chadwick, a British Physicist who won the Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery of the neutron in 1932!

Miss Warren and Miss Cairns also carried out a number of exciting experiments at a meeting of 'Einstein's Science Club' at the end of last half term including the making of elephant's toothpaste!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 9 school weeks left, just 45 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

We hope that your Pre-Public Examinations have gone well and that you are now better prepared for the summer.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Stephanie Loftus** from Year 10 and **Ciro Lucci** and **Agapi Ogbenna-Giousef** from year 11 on their nominations as Student of the Week.



Stephanie has been nominated by the English Department as she has worked consistently hard in lessons this year and can also be found regularly in the English area completing revision and homework too! Stephanie has also produced some excellent pieces of work and is always a pleasure to teach! Unfortunately, Stephanie was a little camera shy so we haven't got a photo but well done anyway!

Ciro has been nominated by Mrs Egan, Curriculum Leader for Mathematics who commented that he is an asset to her lesson; he is polite, hardworking and a team player! She added that Ciro is able to answer cross topic questions using his knowledge and application of the subject and his recent Pre-Public Examination results show that he is a very able Mathematician! Mrs Egan is delighted that Ciro has decided to study the subject at A Level.

Agapi has been nominated by the Science Department as she has made so much progress this year, having only joined the Academy last October. Miss Patel, her Science teacher, commented that Agapi has worked really hard and always pushes herself to do the best she can. In addition, she models our values brilliantly with her politeness, hard work and honesty. Keep it up Agapi!

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 COVID Vaccination Programme

The Department for Education have published some [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. These can be accessed through the link above.

Guidance on how to [book appointments](#) for children aged 12 years and over is also available on the NHS website. Further information on the vaccination of high risk children aged 5 to 11 years old is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

Parent peer Support Group

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Our Parent Peer Support Group is based at
The Anthony Seddon Centre, 12 George Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6AQ and runs on the

2nd Thursday of the month 10:00 - 11:30am	4th Tuesday of the month 5:30pm - 7:00pm
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Tameside Parenting, Anthony Seddon and Action Together have joined together to facilitate a support group for parents of children under 18 experiencing feelings of anxiety, low self-esteem, low confidence, mental health difficulties or living with a mental health condition. It is an informal place where parents can share their experiences and discuss how they feel with like-minded people, alongside the support of our teams.

Parents and Carers attending the group said :



How nice it was to be with like-minded people, not feel judged



Buzzing - because I passed on some information that helped a person understand the behaviour of her son, nice to feel I made a difference with something I knew



Don't have to explain yourself, everyone understands each other

For further information, please contact:
parentingreferrals@tameside.gov.uk



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Year 10 GCSE Photography Group will be visiting Liverpool on Thursday 10th March.

Parent Teacher Evening for parents/carers of Year 11 students will take place on Thursday 10th March.

There is a Year 8 visit to the Lowry Theatre on Thursday 24th March to watch an evening performance of 'Animal Farm'.

Parent Teacher Evening for parents/carers of Year 9 students will take place on Thursday 31st March.

The Year 11 Geography Residential Field Trips will take place over the weekends of 18th to 20th March and 1st to 3rd April.

The CCF Easter Camp will be taking place at Altcar from Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th April.

We will be breaking up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 8th April.

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 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

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options>

Apply here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training Course Provider Code 2A1>

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Literacy and Numeracy Specialist

Pay Scale: MPS/UPS
Contract: Full time, Permanent
Closing Date: 20th March 2022
Start Date: September 2022

We are looking to recruit a Literacy and Numeracy Specialist to join our team. As our Literacy and Numeracy Specialist you will bridge the gap between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3, with a focus on reading, numeracy and literacy to improve student progress and outcomes.

If you are a teacher who

- Has an excellent track record
- Has sound subject knowledge
- Is an excellent classroom practitioner
- Is interested in working with a strong and committed faculty within the school

Then this is the ideal opportunity for you.

All candidates must hold QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).

Cook

Pay Scale: Grade D, Points 7 – 10 (actual starting salary of £14,529)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 30 hours per week
Closing Date: 27th March 2022
Interview Date: To be confirmed
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are looking for an experienced School Cook who can create healthy and nutritious meals for our students in the Academy. You will work under the direction of our Catering Manager and Assistant Catering Manager alongside a hardworking and dedicated team to uphold our gold standard in healthy school meals. The working hours for this position are 8.00am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Interested applicants for either post should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on the school website at

<https://www.tret.org.uk/vacancies/droylsden-academy-vacancies/>

Completed applications should be returned to: hr@droylsdenacademy.com or Human Resources Department, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6QD.