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The Arts

**All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women, merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances.**
William Shakespeare's As You Like It

We are passionate about the visual and performing arts in our schools to support our students' learning, talent, social development and well-being.

Our schools know the critical place the performing and visual arts play in student learning. Mossley Hollins High School, one of our founding schools, is a specialist Performing Arts' school with a long history of outstanding musical prowess. Droylsden Academy has a proud tradition of strong musical theatre production. Each year concerts in each of our schools showcase a wide range of ensembles, playing to a high standard. In our schools our commitment to music is clear: we have our primary and secondary brass bands at Mossley Hollins, and choir, choral singing, ensembles, a huge range of peripatetic music lessons and our musical theatre performances in each of our schools. Our staff and peripatetic staff promote a love of music and a commitment to practice.

Our schools' drama and theatre are also well-established. As well as providing opportunities to attend and critique regional and national theatre productions, there is a thriving drama curriculum and co-curriculum during and after the school day. Productions are received by large and appreciative audiences each year.

The visual arts (fine art, craft and photography) thrive in our schools. Our students develop as artists in a range of media. We are able to support artists in residence, visit galleries and mount art exhibitions annually.

Dance, too, is a popular, highly regarded and challenging discipline on offer in all our schools. The town of Mossley, for example, has a thriving dance community within and out of school, teaching students to a very high standard and encouraging many to pursue higher education in the subject and into a career in dance or musical theatre.

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We support and promote the arts in our schools and through our Electives and the co-curriculum, seeing their educational and cultural value to our students and our communities: such subjects have equal status to those which focus on the linguistic, mathematical, technological, physical and scientific domains.

Our students have art and performing arts lessons each week, where they work together to hone their craft and showcase their work, being able to specialise in one or more such disciplines at key stage 4.

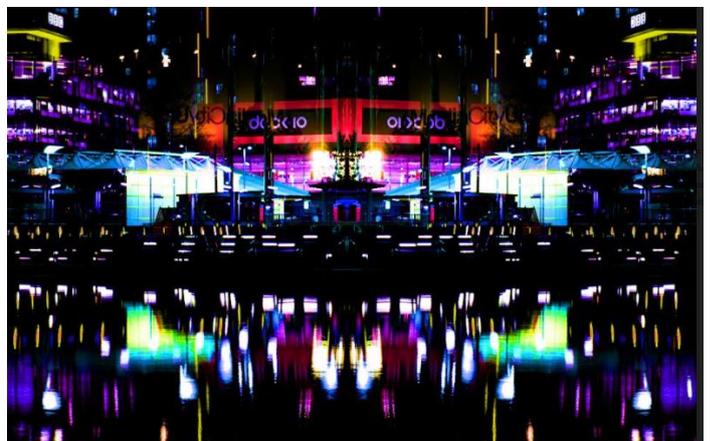
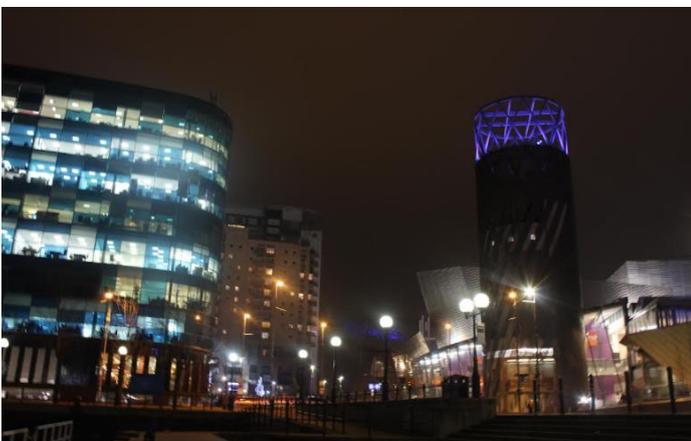
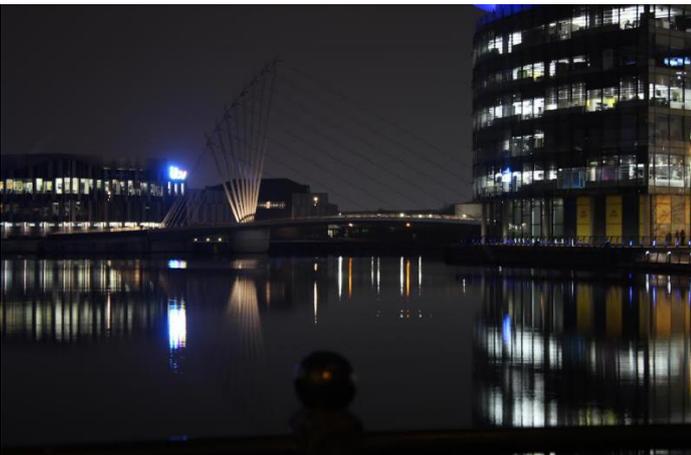
“In modern society, art may be the only force that invites expression from the inside out, where the pure light of the wisdom of the soul is realised.”

Jessye Norman, Opera Singer

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Photography

Year 11 students visited Salford Quays this week for a ‘night shoot’ in which they experimented with ‘shutter speed’ and also put their ‘long exposure’ skills into practice. The group got some great shots and, as always, were a pleasure to take out on location. The photos here were taken by **Ewan Quinn, Amelia Shaw and Jessica Harrison.**



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Thank you also to **Luke Cocking** and **Usama Khan**, both from Year 11, for submitting the following edits from their GCSE Coursework Portfolios. We think Luke's photograph would make a great album cover!



Performers of the Month

Congratulations to **Tadhg Loftus** from Year 7, and **Ben Lees** and **Charlie Boardman** from Year 8, who have all been nominated by the Performing Arts Department as 'Performers of the Month'.



Tadhg has been nominated as he is an excellent student of Drama who has shown outstanding creativity this term. Tadhg has also shown great leadership skills when working with his group and always models our Academy values of politeness, hard work and honesty. The class have recently started the unit on 'Devising' and Mr Dale is looking forward to each group's performance at the end of the half term. Keep up the great work Tadhg!

Ben has been nominated for his performance in Music as he is developing into an outstanding vocalist! We are sure that those of you who watched his performance as Nigel in the Academy production of 'Matilda Jr' will agree! Ben has many qualities and is always resilient and determined when it comes to trying new things as demonstrated by his excellent vocal performance in the Year 8 'Ensemble' Scheme of Work. Congratulations, Ben!

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Charlie has been nominated for his excellent start to Dance this year in which he has explored the professional work 'Swansong'. Charlie has demonstrated that he can choreograph complex material using a prop, as well as displaying commitment and expression in his final performances. Charlie works well in a team and always goes above and beyond to support others in his group. Well done Charlie!

The importance of equality

Led by **Favour Otabor** and **Eunice Sarpong**, and chaired by **Funbi Oseni**, the Year 10 Equality Action Group met again this week to discuss the fairness of school sanctions, what constitutes 'appropriate language' and what they, as a group, hoped to do going forward. The group, formed originally to promote the Black Lives Matter Movement, are now an important voice in our school and Mrs Arnold would like to thank them for their considered views, opinions and ideas.



And on the sporting front...

Congratulations to the Year 8/9 Boys and the Year 8/9 Girls Volleyball Teams who competed in the Tameside Volleyball Championships last week winning Gold and Bronze Medals respectively.

The Boys Team, made up of **Damola Oseni**, **Lewis Skade**, **Jude Smith**, **Hayden Griffiths** and **Noah Edwards** won all of their matches against the other competing Tameside schools with the Girls Team, made up of **Aisha Ayok**, **Endurance Arhunmwude**, **Priscilla Anyangbeso** and **Adia Agho** winning four of their six games.

Away from our success on the Volleyball Court, 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.

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The first session was held this 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!

Chess Club

The Chess Club is up and running again, with Mr Burn, and preparations are well underway for the inaugural House Chess Tournament due to take place in March! The draw and the first-round matches will take place on Thursday 3rd March at the weekly Chess Club with the 'Grand Final' to be played in the Atrium. All students from Years 7 and 8 are invited to enter the tournament with a prestigious trophy and prizes up for grabs. Please see the flyer below for more information!



HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT:

Match Draw and First Round (part 1) - 1 game knock-out
10th March First Round (part 2) - 1 game knock-out
17th March Second Round - Best of 3 games
24th March 3rd place play-off - Best of 3 games
31st March Grand Final - Best of 3 games

Open to all Yr7 & Yr8 - represent your house for a chance to win the chess trophy! Runners up prizes TBA

Grand Final to be held in the Atrium at 14.50. All staff and students invited to come and watch!

See Mr. Burn if you are interested



Developing the Academy House System

The House System has now been established for two years! So far we have raised lots of money for our chosen charities and organised a variety of activities and events, including Inter-House sports competitions and quizzes, for students and staff to get involved in but where do we go from here? This week we held a 'Student Voice' event to get ideas and suggestions from students which we will now take back to our House Leaders for their consideration.

Thank you to the students who took part and for your contribution to the further development of our House System. If any other students or parents or carers would like to contribute, then we would love your feedback and suggestions too. Why not get involved and have your say at:

haveyoursay@droylsdenacademy.com



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Food and Nutrition

Thank you so much to 'M and J Seafood' who supplied us with 40 portions of the finest grade sustainable wild Alaskan pink salmon this week, free of charge, for our students to cook with. A few weeks ago, they supplied us with kilos of Mussels, again free of charge, and took part in an online discussion with students about where our food comes from and how it can be harvested sustainably.

Year 9 Food and Nutrition students were the lucky recipients of the salmon and decided to make a delicious 'Salmon en Crout' using the skills they are learning on their current topic about pastry.

Thank you 'M & J Fishing'!



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Meanwhile, Year 10 students have continued with their topic on 'Cereals' and this week made an amazing Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini with homemade pesto from scratch! Wow, Wow, Wow!



Religious Studies and Life Skills

Class 7Y were recently given a homework project by Miss Worsley to create a 3-D model of a Place of Worship. The students could create a model based on a place that they knew, or that already existed, or they could design their own. Miss Worsley was delighted with the effort and creativity of the group and singled out the students listed before for a special mention. Miss Worsley went on to comment that the students should be really proud of their efforts!

Maddox Phythian, Taali Allikmaa, Ruby Bowler, Katie-Louise Cosgrove, Amyah Cumberbatch-McGhie, Daisy Eyres, Jayden Dewsbury, Millie-Lou Grey, Lottie Hayes, Riley Hempsall, Jamie Hill, Ruby Leckey, Alfie Leigh, Charlie Morgan, Samuel Myerscough, Hannah Phillips, Kaden Prince, Mohammed-Essa Rafique, Emilie Raynes, Karis Rees, Eden Rutter, Bobby Sherratt, Alexander Wood and Matilda Young

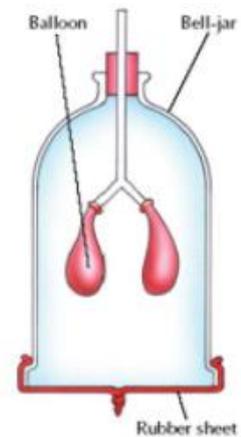
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Miss Worsley would also like to nominate two students from the group, **Maddox Phythian** and **Daisy Eyres** as her 'Philosophers of the Week' as their projects really stood out and were voted as the joint winners by the other members of the group. Well done Maddox and Daisy!



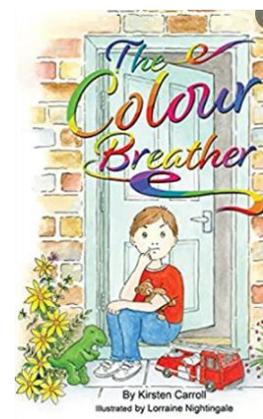
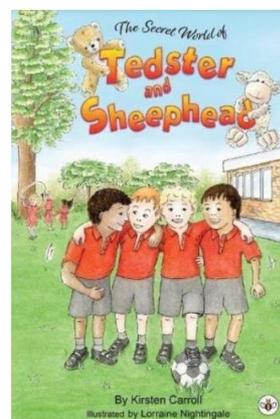
Take a deep breath!

Miss McCann's Year 8 Science Group made 'model lungs' this week. Their models demonstrated how the lowering of the diaphragm and the subsequent increase in volume of the thorax created a negative pressure in the chest cavity drawing air into the lungs. Our bodies are amazing things!



A Published Author!

Congratulations to Mrs Carroll from the MFL Department who has recently had two children's books published! 'The Colour Breather' is a story about mindfulness for children and 'The Secret World of Tedster & Sheephead' is about well-being and the importance of exercise, sleep and drinking water. They are published by Bumblebee Books and you can find them on Amazon!



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The Chinese New Year

You may remember from last week's edition of Newsflash that we are holding a number of events to celebrate the Chinese New Year, 'The Year of the Tiger'. Students have made Chinese Lanterns and other decorations at the Origami Club, there is a competition to design and make your own Chinese tiger, you can learn to write using Chinese characters and a number of students have even taken part in a Karate taster class with World Champion Jordan Thomas! A further report on our celebrations of the Chinese New Year will appear in next week's edition of Newsflash too.

Meanwhile, thank you to our Catering Team for joining in with the celebrations by adding a number of Chinese meal options to this week's menu! Students could choose from Chicken and Sweetcorn Soup, Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles or Chinese Stir Fry Rice with Curry Sauce and a Spring Roll, and by all accounts it all went down very well! Thank you to **Chloe Canty**, **Kiki Akingbogun** and **Chloe Ma**, pictured below, and to **Alina Lozan** and **Jayden Witter** for making the Chinese Lanterns and signage to decorate the Atrium.



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A POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL

We have just received confirmation that, for the third year running, we will be oversubscribed on first preferences for the coming academic year, 2022 to 2023.

Altogether 570 families expressed a preference for a place at Droylsden Academy next September with over 200 of these as first preference. Whilst we are delighted that so many students wish to join Droylsden next year, we are mindful that, with only 180 places available in year 7, some of them will inevitably be disappointed. Clearly, it may be upsetting for these families and we hope that their child will be happy and successful at their allocated school.

We are pleased that Droylsden Academy is a popular choice of school in our community and we will continue to do all that we can to justify and repay the faith and trust that families place in us by providing an excellent education for their child.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Amanda Levanaviciute** from Year 8, **Toyin Peter** and **Madison Hempsall** from Year 10 and **Macilee Riding** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Amanda has been nominated by the English Department as she is consistently hard working and diligent in her work and always goes out of her way to do the best she can both in and out of class. Amanda always models our Academy values and is a pleasure to teach.

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Toyin and Madison have both been nominated by Miss Sandiford from the Science Department as they have both been making excellent progress this year. They both work hard in class and at home and, as a 'double act', work together brilliantly in the laboratory. Both Toyin and Madison have great practical skills and make an excellent team! Well done Toyin and Madison!

Macilee has been nominated by the Maths Department as she is working exceptionally hard and is really focussed on her upcoming Pre-Public Examinations. Macilee regularly asks questions to help her understanding and does everything asked of her in the classroom. Her hard work will pay off in the exams in the summer. Well done Macilee and keep it up!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 12 school weeks left, just 60 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Your second set of Pre-Public Examinations start next week on Monday 7th 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 th Feb	am	English Language
	pm	Triple Science: Chemistry 1 Combined Science: Biology 1
Tue 8 th Feb	am	Maths Paper 1 (Non calculator)
	pm	Technology GCSE Sport (Practical) Dance (Written)
Wed 9 th Feb	am	BTEC H&S External Examination
	pm	Religious Studies
Thurs 10 th Feb	am	BTEC H&S External Examination Statistics
	pm	Geography (Human)
Fri 11 th Feb	am	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
	pm	History
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)

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Thurs 17 th Feb	am	English Literature (Poetry)
	pm	Geography Physical
Fri 18 th Feb	am	Computer Science Art Business Studies



THE SUSTAINABILITY CLUB

Look after our planet

Please recycle



**REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE**

At Sustainability Club we can make our voice heard. We talk about what we can do at school in the future to save our planet from climate change. We started the club with a few members who want to help our school run economically but sustainably and are looking at things we can change. So far, we are looking at how the school manages its waste. We are planning to make people more aware of the different bins and how to use them so the school can recycle waste more easily. We hope more students will join us so that, together, we can come up with lots of ideas about how we, and our community, can reduce the amount of greenhouse gases we give off. There are lots of things we want to look at and hope that, at Droylsden Academy, we can do our bit to save our planet.

Paige Richardson (Year 9) and Zac Devlin (Year 8)

If you want to save the planet, come and join the Sustainability Club each Friday after School in the Humanities Department.

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As part of National Apprenticeship Week, **Greater Manchester Higher** is offering two informative sessions which will help you understand the many study options available to young people including alternatives to University.



The two sessions will look at 'The Future of Work and Learning for Young People'. You can attend both sessions by Zoom, using the links below, so why not register now and start to plan your future?

Session 1 is on 8th February between 6.00pm and 6.45pm:

https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdOqhqD0jHtK-t25Yb-RrhX-UsNvWvA_3

Session 2 is on 10th February between 6.00pm and 6.45pm:

<https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqduqvrT8vHtzvcmBwiPZ8PVREMF2tGmF>

This is also a great opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the changing world of education, training and employment.

The banner features the Greater Manchester Higher logo in the top left corner. The main text is in large, bold, pink and blue fonts. Below the main text, there is a question in blue, followed by an invitation to join a virtual session. The session title is in pink, and the description is in blue. At the bottom left, there is a call to action in blue and a URL. On the bottom right, there is a QR code and a set of icons representing various educational and career-related concepts.

GREATER MANCHESTER HIGHER

National Apprenticeship Week

8th & 10th February 2022, 6pm – 6.45pm

Is your child currently in education? Unsure about their options?
Join us for a virtual session:

The Future of Work and Learning for Young People
A look at study options after GCSEs and alternatives to university -
such as Degree Apprenticeships.

To find out more & book,
please scan the QR code or visit:
gmhigher.ac.uk/events/naw2022-future-of-work

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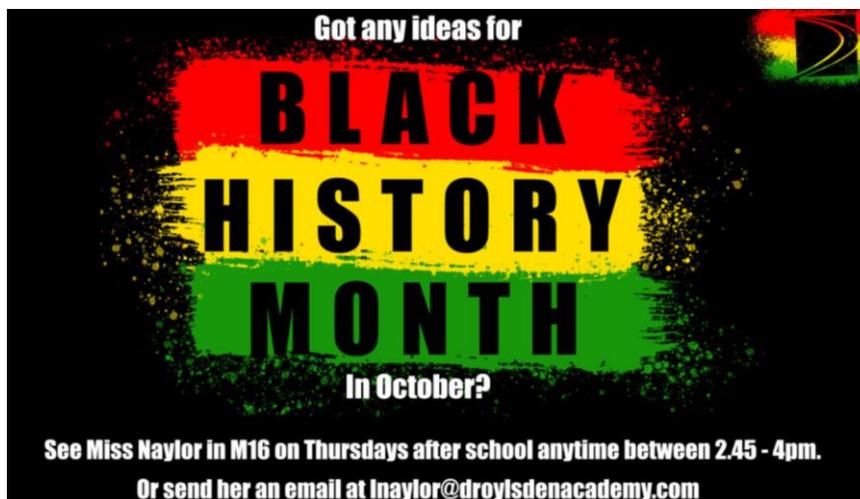
The BBC Young Reporter Competition



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

Black History Month

Although Black History Month is still a few months away, we are already planning and starting to look at how we can make this year's event bigger and better than 2021. Please see Miss Naylor if you have any ideas and suggestions about how we can promote and develop this important national celebration.



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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 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.



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.

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: 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.

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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: 6th 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.

Interested applicants for either 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>