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THE TAME RIVER EDUCATIONAL TRUST

As parents and Carers will be aware, Droylsden Academy will be one of the founder members of the Tame River Educational Trust (TRET) which is due to be launched over the next calendar year. We are really excited to be at the forefront of this transformative development and, over the coming weeks, there will be regular articles outlining some of the great opportunities that membership of the Trust will provide for both students and staff.



Tame River Educational Trust

Welcome to our Educational Trust which, all going well, is due to open in January 2022. We are based in Greater Manchester. Our job is to make a significant difference to the school-days and life-chances of all our young people, including and especially young people who have fewer socio-economic or prior educational advantages.

We will host a family of great schools in which to learn, teach and belong.

We value our local communities and our adult colleagues as dearly as our young people and each of our schools is committed to providing academic rigour, strong examination results and a spirit of enquiry. But we do so much more.

We also provide planned opportunities for our students to develop character and grow into fine young citizens. Our students undertake electives in outdoor pursuits, the arts and sport, in addition to a full range of co-curricular activities and clubs. For our teaching, leading and support staff, we provide strong and sustained professional development, based on some of the best research available. Teaching and learning in our schools are enjoyable pursuits, characterised by warmth and strictness. The relationships we forge between adults and young people are strong and based on mutual respect.

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We are determined to stamp out disadvantage and promote education as the gateway to a life worth living.

Whilst our schools are already achieving well and serving their local communities, there is so much more we can do together. We cherish each of our schools and the distinctive contribution each can make to its community but we also align around best practice and strong school improvement strategies in our pursuit of excellence.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Sustainability in Food and Nutrition

This week, students from the Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition group were delighted to link up with John, Kris and Greg from 'M & J Fishing' to learn about where our food comes from and how it can be harvested sustainably. John kept in contact with us when he was out on his boat so we could learn about the process of mussel farming and he then had a case of mussels delivered to the Academy, free of charge, so that we could learn how to cook them! The group really enjoyed meeting with John, Kris and Greg and created some delicious dishes in the kitchen for everyone to taste!



Thank you 'M & J Fishing' for a really engaging and informative lesson and, of course, for the delivery of mussels!



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Tameside Table Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 9 and Year 10 Table Tennis Teams who competed in this year's Tameside Tournament which was held at the Academy. We entered six teams from Droylsden with the Boys 'A' Team and the Girls 'A' Team winning their respective events and the Boys 'B' Team finishing as Runners-Up. Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school.

Girls 'A' Team

Tameside Champions

Emma Thomas
Hannah Revell
Olivia Brennan
Isabelle Saw



Hannah is, unfortunately, missing from the photograph as she was absent on the day it was taken.

Boys 'A' Team

Tameside Champions

Nana Kwame Asabere
Funbi Oseni
Tyler Manderson
Tavon Forrest-McDowell



Boys 'B' Team

Tameside Runners-Up

Calex Yeung
Agape Esayas
Mason Thompson
Daniel Ihejirika



If anyone would like to get involved in playing Table Tennis, then come along to the Table Tennis Club which is held after school on Monday and Friday evenings.

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Art

Year 7 students have been designing, 'sculpting' and decorating 'wire fish' in their Art lessons this week. Miss Hickman has submitted the following photographs of their work for inclusion in Newsflash and commented on how pleased she had been with the students' creativity and team work!



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Christmas is coming!

Thank you to **Charlie** and **Georgia Morris**, **Ethan Stanley** and **Niall Weatherbed** for decorating the Academy Christmas Tree this week! Amongst the many festive decorations on the tree, there are four special commemorative baubles in memory of **Chloe Rowland**, **Taylor Schofield**, **Declan McNally** and **Amanda Selby**, four of our students who have sadly passed away in recent years but who we will always remember.



Performer of the Month!

Congratulations to **Olivia Deakin** from Year 7, **Scarlett Baker** from Year 8 and **Jessica Clarke** from Year 9 who have all been nominated by the Expressive Arts Faculty as Performers of the Month!

Olivia has been nominated for her performance in Dance as she always engages in lessons, contributes excellent ideas and is making really good progress with the new style of African dance that we are studying this half term. Olivia works well in any group, is really creative with her choreography and always performs with energy and confidence. Miss Irlam is really looking forward to seeing the group's final performance at the end of the half term. Well done Olivia!

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Scarlett has been nominated for her performance in Drama as she has an excellent attitude in lessons and is making a great contribution to the play we are currently working on, 'Wacky Soap' by Mark Wheeler. Scarlett's positive outlook also rubs off on everyone else and she really motivates the other students she is working with! Mr Dale is really looking forward to seeing the final scripted performance at the end of term. Keep up the great work Scarlett!



Jessica has been nominated for her performance in Music as she has made outstanding progress with her piano lessons this term. Her piano teacher is always really impressed with her hard work and dedication outside of her 1-1 lessons and commented that her attitude is always excellent. Well done Jess!

Year 9 'Zero Heroes'!

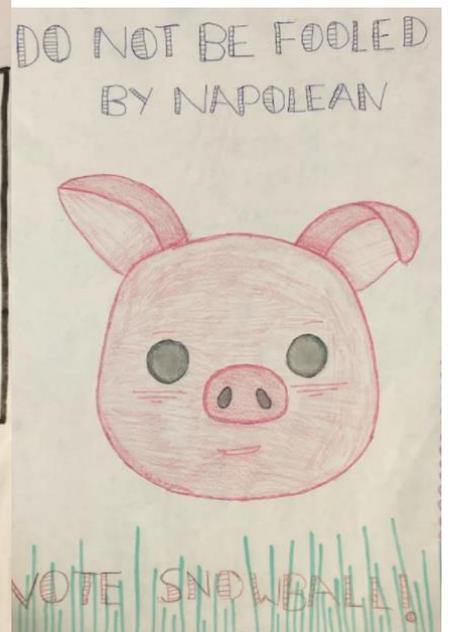
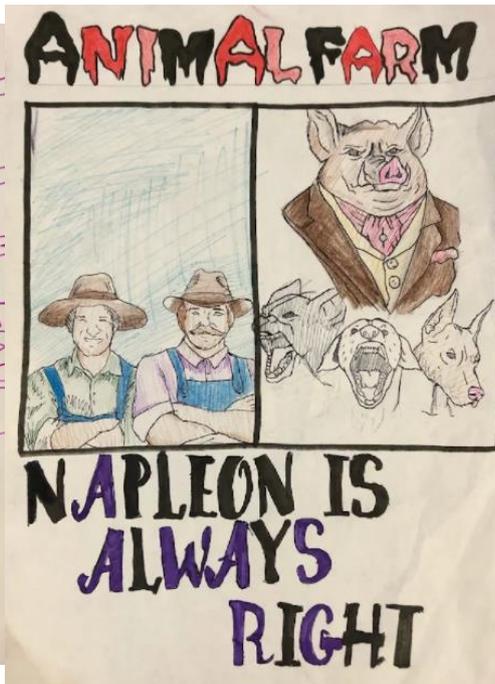
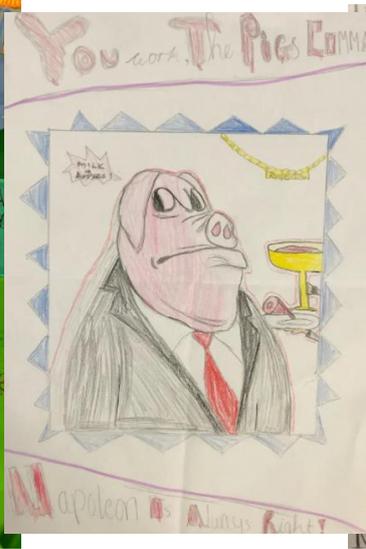
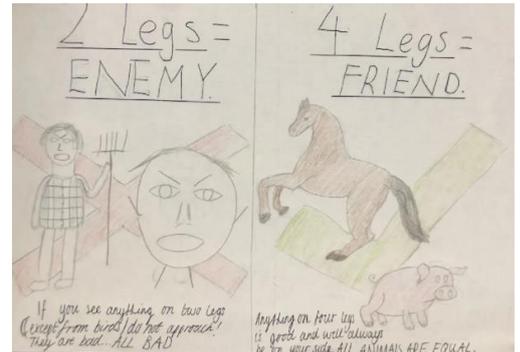
Congratulations to Year 9 students **Success Brat Richard, Ilir Caka, Jessica Clarke, Oscar Doe Ncha, Jia Rui Fang, Angelo Moraru, Desire Okoduwa** and **Isabella Heywood** who are all 'Zero Heroes' with no Behaviour Points, no absences and no lates and who were invited to attend a 'Rewards Lunch' with Ms Wood, Deputy Headteacher, this week.



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English

8XE are currently studying 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell and this week they were set the challenge of producing a propaganda poster that supported one of the pigs' mistruths from the novel. There were some fantastic posters produced, supporting either 'Napoleon', the tyrannical dictator, or 'Snowball', the unfortunate scapegoat, some of which can be seen below. Thank you to Daisy Phethean, Millie Haggerty, Priscilla Joel, Kiki Akingbogun, Haya Noor, Lillie Douglas, Muneeba Muneeba and Aliwiya Mansur for your hard work and creativity!



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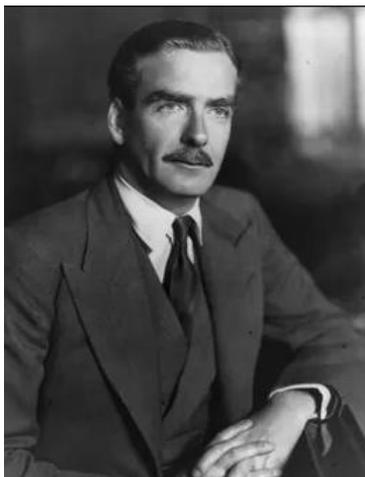
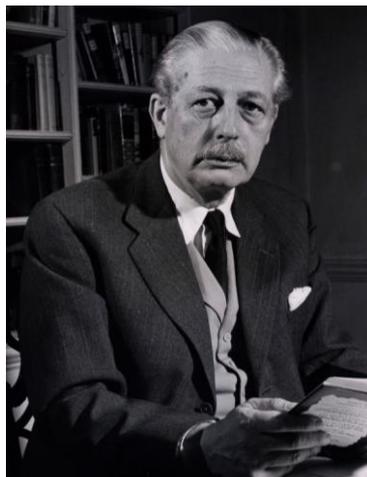
Photography

Thank you to **Islam Alkhatib** from Year 10 for submitting these edits from her 'Manchester' Portfolio for this week's edition of Newsflash. The second edit has been developed as a multiple exposure in the style of Stephanie Jung.



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'. The members of the club choose a Prime Minister to research and then present, debate and discuss their findings before finally allocating an agreed mark out of 10 for that Prime Minister's term in office. This week 27 students from Years 7 and 8 got involved and debated the legacies of two Prime Ministers, Sir Anthony Eden and Harold MacMillan, in 'the battle of the moustaches'! At the end of the debate, Harold McMillan was awarded a mark of 6 out of 10 and Sir Anthony Eden was awarded just 4 out of 10, well done Mr MacMillan!



Mr Bushby would like to thank everyone for their contribution and has awarded each attendee a House Point. Altogether 14 students from Saxon House attended, earning 14 House Points for their House, along with 9 students from Victoria House, 3 students for Albion House and 1 student from Oakfield House.

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UK Parliamentary Week

Staying on the theme of Politics, Mr Bushby was delighted to receive the following letter from Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, following the Academy's involvement in UK Parliamentary Week.



Dear Mr Bushby

I am writing to thank you for taking part in UK Parliament Week. I hope your pupils enjoyed learning more about how democracy works!

The annual event is going from strength to strength and it's great to see so many young people in my constituency getting involved with politics and debating the issues that affect their lives.

School visits are my favourite part of the job and I am so proud to represent such a fantastic area.

If there is anything I can do to help or support you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

*Yours sincerely
Angela Rayner MP*

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MR WILSON

29th November 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

On Saturday 27th November the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK.

The current guidance to schools on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. However, from Monday 29th November, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of their vaccination status or age. In this instance, you will be contacted directly by Public Health or the NHS and will be told to isolate.

At the Academy face-coverings will remain mandatory in all communal areas for all staff and students (unless they are exempt), this is now in line with the rest of the country. The wearing of face-coverings will be reviewed at the end of this term.

From Tuesday 30th November face-coverings should be worn on public transport and when entering all shops. Would you please ensure that your child protects themselves and members of the public whilst travelling on public transport and whilst they are out shopping?

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It is vitally important that everyone continues to carry out their twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) tests and record the results on the Academy and NHS links.

When students return to school in January after the school holiday period they will be asked to take one test in school. Further details will follow in due course.

Finally, all students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on.

To book a vaccination, please visit: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

Kind regards

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Scarlet Bird** and **Calex Yeung** from Year 10 and **Devanshi Shah** from Year 11 who have been nominated as Student of the Week.



Scarlet has already been nominated by the Maths and Science Departments this term and has now been nominated by the English Department too! Miss Mezzone, Scarlet's English teacher, has nominated her as she is always resilient and determined in class and gives 100%, even when the work is difficult. Miss Mezzone also added that Scarlet is always fully attentive in class, is fully committed to improving her work and is always a pleasure to teach!

Calex has been nominated by the Maths Department as he is a really talented mathematician who has the potential to excel in this subject. His hard work and perseverance to make sense of a question and get to the answer, no matter how difficult the question, is an attribute which will take him a long way in life! Keep up the hard work Calex!

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Devanshi is studying Triple Science and has been nominated by the Science Department as she always works hard in class and contributes to the lesson. Mr Evans, Devanshi's Science Teacher, also added that she is always happy to help and support other students when they need it, an admirable quality! Thank you Devanshi, well done and keep it up!

TAKING PRIDE IN EVERYTHING WE DO

It is great to see so many of our students working incredibly hard and achieving PRIDE Points in recognition of their effort, attitude and commitment in lessons. PRIDE Points, as you may be aware, are awarded to students for:

- Presentation** Putting thought and care into how well their work is presented
- Resilience** Really trying hard and persevering even when the work is difficult
- Independence** Trying to do things themselves, working independently and only asking for help when they need it
- Deadlines** Handing in homework or assignments or completing tasks on time and by agreed deadlines.
- Excellence** Producing excellent work to the best of their ability

During the last week of term, students will receive a certificate and badge for achieving a set number of PRIDE Points as detailed below:

- Bronze** Awarded to students who have achieved **50** PRIDE points
- Silver** Awarded to students who have achieved **100** PRIDE points
- Gold** Awarded to students who have achieved **200** PRIDE points
- Gold Plus** Awarded to students who have achieved **300** PRIDE points
- Platinum** Awarded to students who have achieved **500** PRIDE points

Whilst it will take time for students to work up to achieving their Platinum Badge, we hope that as many students as possible will be receiving an Award in our forthcoming Assemblies and that parents and carers will be as proud of their child as we are!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 18 school weeks left, just 90 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

You will receive the results of your Pre-Public Exams next week. Whilst we hope and expect that many of you will be very pleased with your results, there will, inevitably, be some who are disappointed.

The main purpose of the Pre-Public Exams is to prepare you for your final GCSE examinations next summer, to find out what you know and understand and to identify areas that you still need to work

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at. The Pre-Public Exams will also have shown some of you that there are no short cuts and that the only way to guarantee success is through hard work and thorough preparation. The important thing for all of you is that you learn from the experience and any mistakes you may have made and give yourself the best possible opportunity to succeed next summer.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Matilda

Tickets will go on sale for this year's Academy production of Matilda on Monday 6th December. Tickets can be purchased from Student Services and are priced at £4 for adults and £3 for concessions. Performances will take place on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st January and the show will almost certainly sell out so buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Flu inoculations will be given to all students who have returned consent forms on Tuesday 7th December and Wednesday 8th December next week.

The Academy will close for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 17th December at 12.00 noon.

The Academy will re-open for students, for the Spring Term, on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the normal time of 8.30am.

JOB VACANCY AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

Human Resources Assistant

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 – 10 (Actual Salary of £9,393 per annum at Point 7)
Contract: Term Time Only, Permanent
Hours: 20 per week
Closing Date: 4th January 2022

We are looking to appoint an HR Assistant to join our HR Team! You will work closely with the HR Manager and support the Academy in all areas of HR.

Candidates will need to have excellent written and oral communication skills and the ability to manage their time well. You must be able to work to tight deadlines in an organised and methodical way with great attention to detail. You must be able to act with tact, diplomacy and absolute confidentiality in handling staff matters.

It is desirable that you have some previous HR experience and / or you have previously worked in a school environment but this is not essential to apply for this role.

The weekly working hours for this role are either 4 hours a day, Monday to Friday or 5 hours a day for 4 days, days to be agreed with the successful candidate.

Application forms and further details can be found on the school website at:
<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

JOB VACANCY AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Level 3 Teaching Assistant (Numeracy+)

Pay Scale: Grade E, Points 11 to 16 (Actual Salary of £15,174 at Point 11)
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 30 hours per week
Start Date: Required as soon as possible
Closing Date: Monday 6th December at 12.00noon

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Application forms and further details from the school website at:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Pupil Development & Behaviour Manager

Pay Scale: Grade F, Points 17 to 22 (Actual salary of £20,864 at Point 17)
The salary is pending a successful job evaluation by the Local authority

Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only

Hours: 36 hours per week

Start Date: Required for January 2022

Closing Date: Monday 6th December at 12.00 noon

Application forms and further details available from the school website at:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Library Manager

Salary: Grade E, Points 11 to 16 (Actual Pro Rata Salary of £9,104 at Point 11)

Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only

Hours: 18 hours per week

Start Date: Required as soon as possible

Closing Date: Monday 6th December at 12.00 noon

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Library Manager to join the English Faculty. The role will involve supporting the development and promotion of the School Library, to ensure that an effective reading resource and information service is provided to all students and staff.

A minimum of NVQ2 level relevant library and information qualifications or equivalent experience is desirable but not essential.

The post carries responsibility for assisting in the management, development and promotion of the Library and ensuring an effective resource and information service is provided, enabling and supporting development and learning.

The postholder will also be required to act as Deputy Lead First Aider, providing support with the leadership and coordination of the first aid provision for staff and pupils (First Aid training will be provided).

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