

Newsflash

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Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Tameside Champions!

Congratulations to the Year 11 Boys Football Team on beating St Damians 1-0 in the Tameside Cup Final, held at Hyde United, earlier this week!

The team worked exceptionally hard throughout the game and took the lead with a superb first-half strike from **Gad Amakye** who fired the ball into the top corner of the net. We should have extended our lead a number of times in the second half, but didn't take our chances, and ultimately won the game with Gad's winning goal. Droylsden were, however, the much better side throughout the match and have deservedly been crowned as Tameside Champions.

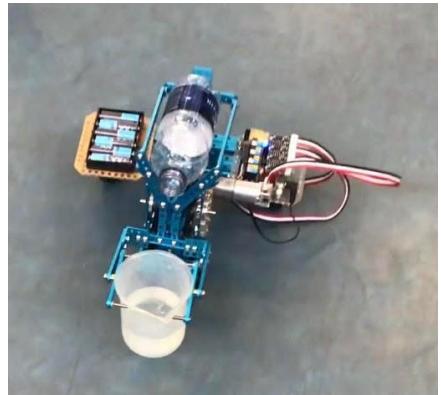
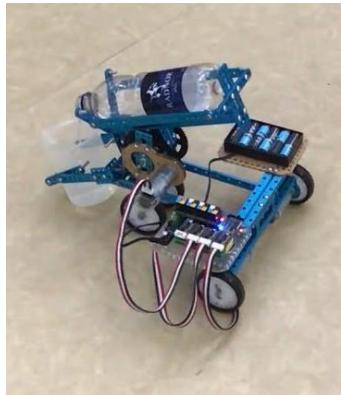
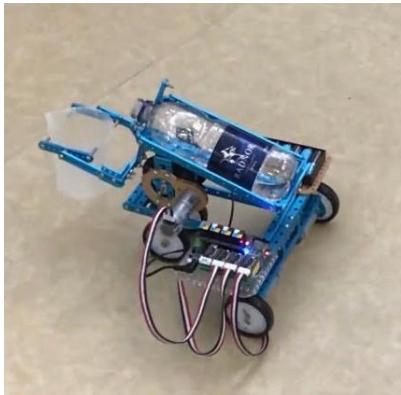
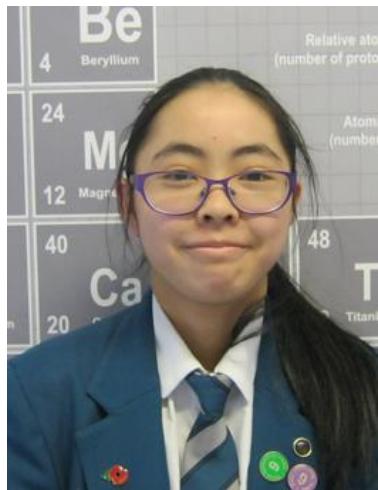
Well done to the team and thank you to both them and Mr Rick, who has managed and coached the team this year, for their hard work and commitment throughout the season.



Dylan Smith, Nana Asabere, Louis Clarke, Cole Scott-Lawlor, Ruben Mendes, Sean Murray, Johnson Opawole, Michael Sarpong, Gad Amakye, Abraham Joel, Tyron Gilbert, Emmanuel Bawuah, Aftab Nawaz Zulik and Ryan Hutchinson

Robot Club

This week **Kwon Leong** from Year 10 finished her second robot, the ‘Robotic Bartender’, a robot which could pour and deliver a drink! The Robot successfully passed its trial run although there was a little spillage when the drink was poured, something Kwon intends to put right next week with a few subtle modifications to the design! You can see Kwon’s Robot in action if you scan the QR Codes here.



STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

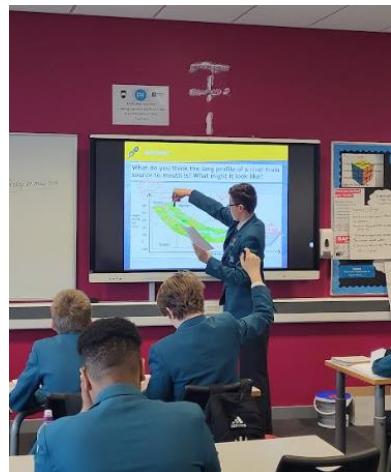
This week, members of STEM Club analysed a variety of bone, blood and organ samples under the microscope. The students then prepared their own slides of onion cells, using an iodine stain, so that they were clearly visible under the lens.



Student learning in Geography

Thank you to **Ben Lees** who led a feedback session in a Year 8 Geography lesson this week, pointing out and labelling the main features of a river profile. Ben then recorded the feedback from his peers as a summary to support their learning. Ben proved to be a more than capable teacher whilst demonstrating leadership and learning in action, two of our important character pillars.

Who knows Ben, this may be the start of a career in teaching!



Look out for Joe!

Look out for **Joe Brown** from Year 7 in the new series of Waterloo Road. Although not yet a star of the show, Joe is one of the extras who make up the cast of the students who attend the school, so see if you can spot him in Assembly, the Playground or the Canteen. Congratulations on your successful audition Joe, we look forward to seeing your acting career blossom over the coming years!

The devastating impact of knife crime

Thank you to Byron from 'The JJ Effect' who has delivered workshops to Year 10 students on knife crime.

The hard-hitting sessions delivered a strong message about the devastating impact that knife crime has on the individual and their friends and families.



Performer of the Month

Congratulations to **Seth Clarke** from Year 7, **Isaac Short** from Year 8 and **Kyle Rohlandt** from Year 10 who have all been nominated by the Expressive Arts Department as Performers of the Month!



Music

Seth has been nominated for his performance in Music where he has shown real maturity and a real resilience in learning how to play a chord progression on the ukulele. Seth has not been afraid to ask for help when he has needed it and has sat and worked independently ensuring that he is making outstanding progress. Seth has shown excellent dedication and fully deserves the accolade of Performer of the Month! Mrs Burgess is really proud of you Seth, well done!

Drama

Kyle has been nominated for his performances in Drama as he has played a really positive part in the GCSE devising unit so far. He has committed himself to rehearsals and the creative process and this has been evident in the progress he and his group have made so far. Kyle models the values of an excellent Drama student. Keep up the good work Kyle.



Dance

Isaac has been nominated for his performances in Dance where he has consistently displayed commitment and hard work. When creating choreography, Isaac contributes creative ideas to the group that demonstrate the skills that the students have been exploring; control, balance and strength. Isaac is a pleasure to have in class and Miss Irlam, his Dance teacher, is always impressed with how he always supports other students. Well done Isaac and keep up the hard work!

Table Tennis

Thank you to Elite Coach Dave Griffiths for coming in each week to coach and support our Table Tennis players. This week, Dave was accompanied by his daughter, an England International, who also helped to put our students through their paces. Table Tennis Club runs every Wednesday from 2.35pm to 3.35pm and everyone is welcome to come along and join in.



Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 10 have been preparing 'Tart Tatin'



.... and Year 9 have been preparing 'Devonshire Splits' using enriched dough!



Great learning through politeness, honesty and hard work

Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening

The Academy would like to thank those parents and carers who attended last week's Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening, we hope that meeting your child's teachers was useful and informative. Thank you also to **Lucas Turnbull, Erin-Leigh Clarke and Han Yun Yu** who staffed Reception throughout the evening, signing in parents and carers and welcoming them to the Academy.



Of the parents who filled in an Academy questionnaire during the evening:

- 94% of them agreed that their child was happy at school;
- 97% felt that their child feels safe at school;
- 94% felt that the school ensures student behaviour is good;
- 93% agreed that the Academy made them aware of what their child would be learning throughout the year;
- 98% agreed that the Academy had high expectations of their child;
- 98% felt that their child was doing well;
- 96% agreed that the Academy lets them know how their child is doing;
- 99% felt that there was a good range of subjects for their child to study;
- 91% agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities;
- 94% felt that the Academy supports their child's wider personal development; and
- 94% would recommend the Academy to another parent.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS ORMEROD, THE ACADEMY LIBRARIAN!

As a new feature in Newsflash, Mrs Ormerod, the Academy Librarian interviews regular users of the Library about their love of reading. This week Mrs Ormerod interviewed **Donny Zheng** from Year 7.

Q: Since the reopening of the Library in January, you have borrowed and read more books than any other student. Your average is 3 books per month. How do you fit your reading into a typical day?

A: *I didn't actually think I spent that much time reading because I just squeeze it in whenever I get a chance but then I look at how many pages I've got through and think yes, actually I do read a lot. I spend most of my spare time reading.*



Q: Aside from the enjoyment you get from reading, do you think being a keen reader helps you in other areas of your life? If yes, please explain?

A: Yes I do. I think it increases my creativity and imagination. It also helps me to understand my schoolwork better as I practise reading skills so often. I think I can have better conversations with people because of what I learn from reading.

Q: How do you choose what books you want to read?

A: You know how they say 'Don't judge a book by its cover'? Well I do exactly that. Once I select a book I like the look of, I check if I already know the author and sometimes read the blurb on the back. Also, if I'm enjoying a particular author, I check to see what other books they've written and will almost always give them a go.

Q: If you were stuck on a desert island, which three books would you wish to have with you?
Any three books that I haven't already read.

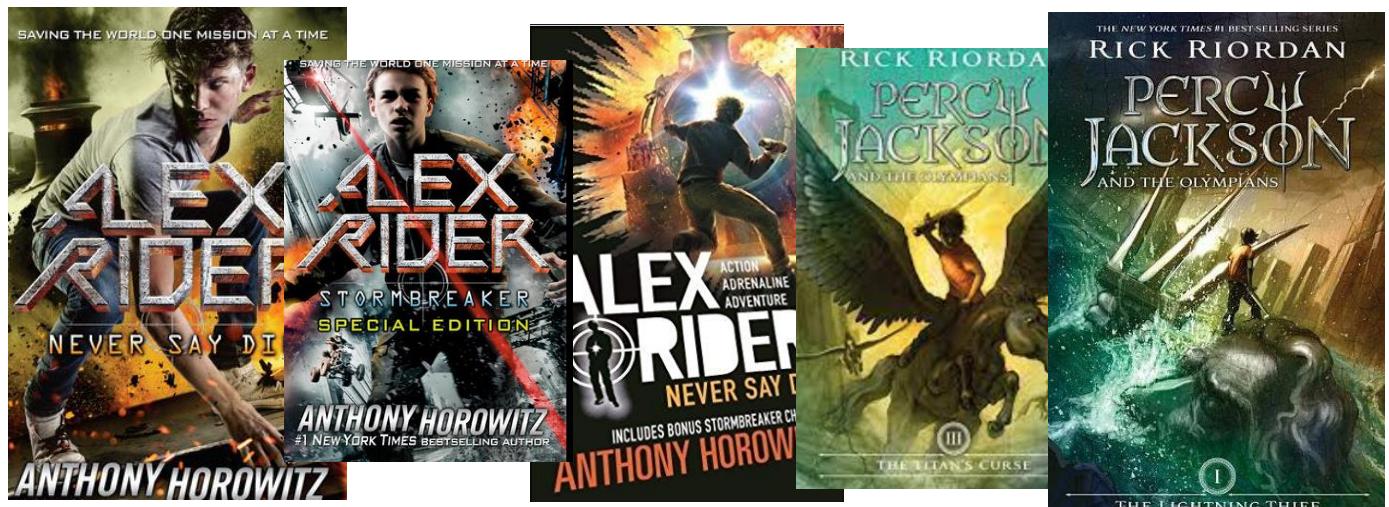
Q: Who is your favourite author and why?

A: I'm struggling to choose between Anthony Horowitz and Rick Riordan because The Alex Rider series is what got me into reading to start with. They're real page turners and I really love the technology he writes about. Rick Riordan wrote the Percy Jackson series and even though they're more fantasy based, they're still what I consider to be thrillers. I'm sorry, I really like them both and I can't choose a favourite.

Q: If you were chatting to someone who wasn't a fan of reading, how would you persuade them to pick up a book?

A: I'd ask them what they were interested in and then try to help them find something related to that. If they didn't like it, I'd ask why and tell them to try something else and not to give up on reading.

Thanks for your time Donny, it's been a pleasure finding out about your relationship with reading!



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

All Year 11 students have now been issued with their GCSE examination timetable. Please look through your child's timetable with them and familiarise yourself with the dates and times of the exams that they will be sitting.

All the staff at the Academy would like to wish Year 11 all the very best in their GCSE examinations. We hope that, with continued hard work hard and thorough preparation and revision, you will have met and exceeded your target grades when you open your results envelope in August.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Charlie Morgan** from Year 7, **Kayleigh Walker** from Year 10 and **Iqra Zaman** and **Ewan Quinn** from Year 11 on their nominations as Student of the Week.



Charlie has been nominated by Miss Worsley as Philosopher of the Month as he consistently works hard in Religious Studies and Life Skills and is always thoughtful, considerate and polite. Charlie's work is always thorough and detailed no matter what the task is and he always gives 100%. Keep working hard Charlie, you are setting the standard for your peers!

Kayleigh has been nominated by the Science Department as she has worked hard and really grown in confidence during Year 10. She is now making great progress and the grades she is now achieving represent and showcase her potential. Kayleigh achieved a score of 85% in her last set of Pre-Public Examinations and in her latest weekly assessment she achieved a grade 7-7, two grades above her target! Keep up the brilliant work Kayleigh.

Ewan has been nominated by the Maths Department as he is working incredibly hard for his GCSE examinations. Ewan is always really focused in lesson and always models the Academy values of hard work, politeness and honesty. Well done Ewan, you are a pleasure to teach!

Iqra has been nominated by the English Department as she has been revising for months now and Miss Fernandez, her teacher, rarely sees her without a revision text or guide in her hand. Iqra is a role model for her Year 11 peers who are about to start their GCSE examinations and her dedication, diligence and determination will guarantee her success. Well done Iqra, you really deserve to do well.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

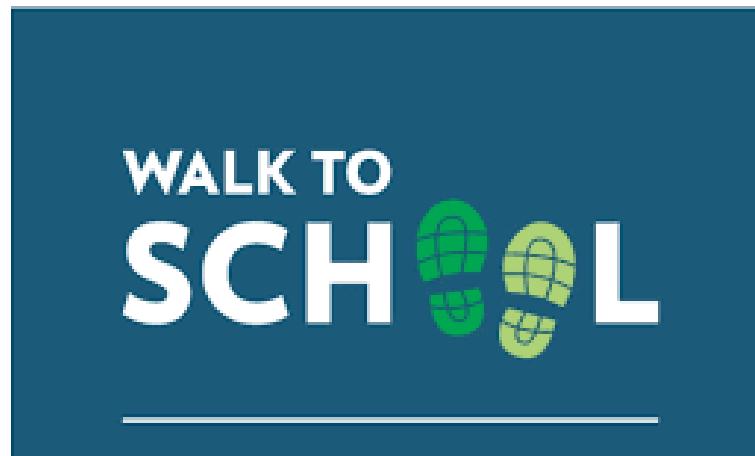
Walk to School Week 16th to 20th May, 2022

Droylsden Academy, in conjunction with the Sustainability Club will be encouraging everyone to walk to school next week.

This is a national initiative to get everyone involved and get everybody moving.

Each day you walk to school this week make sure you inform your Form Tutor so that they can log your House Point for Participation.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Miss Worsley or Mrs Banks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Practice Expedition for students taking the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June. The Assessed Expedition will take place over three days from Sunday 10th to Tuesday 12th July.

The Assessed Expedition for students taking the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award will take place on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th June.



The Academy will break up for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 27th May.

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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

Cleaner

Pay Scale: Grade A, Points 1-2 (Actual starting salary £10,902)

Contract: Term Time Only

Hours: 25 hours per week

Closing Date: 29th May 2022

We are looking for a reliable, hardworking and dedicated Cleaner to join our team.

As a Cleaner you will maintain a high standard of cleanliness around the Academy as well as ensuring the safety of the school environment.

The shift pattern for this role is:

Date	Log in	Log Out	Total Hours	Lunch
Monday	9:30 AM	2:30 PM	5:00	30 mins
Tuesday	9:30 AM	2:30 PM	5:00	30 mins
Wednesday	9:30 AM	2:30 PM	5:00	30 mins
Thursday	9:30 AM	2:30 PM	5:00	30 mins
Friday	9:30 AM	2:30 PM	5:00	30 mins
	TOTAL		25:00	

Interested applicants should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available from our website at

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

Completed applications should be returned electronically to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

or by post to Human Resources, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Manchester, M43 6QD.