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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's 'Green Canopy' is one of the many initiatives and events being held this year to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. As part of the initiative, everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees throughout the planting season until the end of the year. This week, our Gardening Club joined in with the celebrations and planted a Plum Tree in the Academy grounds. The tree was given to us by the Tameside Armed Services Community and we will now tend and nurture the young sapling so that it grows into a mature and healthy fruit bearing tree and an enduring reminder of this important year.



As well as planting the tree, the group also collected earthworms to feed to the Science Department's Axolotls which you can read about in the next article!



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A big welcome to Rosie and Tyson!

The Science Department welcomed Rosie and Tyson this week, two Axolotls who we have adopted and who now live in the Science Open Zone! The photograph here shows Miss Cairns, our Science Technician, teaching students how to feed and clean out their tank.

The Axolotl is a species of salamander. Salamanders are a type of amphibian, a group of animals that includes newts, frogs and toads.

Amphibians lay their eggs in water. When the larvae hatch out, they gradually change or 'metamorphosise' into adults that have lungs and can live on land. Axolotls, however, never really grow up and, instead, keep their feathery external gills and a tail and stay living in water. Axolotls are remarkable animals as they can regenerate or re-grow new limbs or body parts if they become damaged!

The Axolotl can only be found as a native species in Lake Xochimilco in Mexico City, a high-altitude region with a water temperature that rarely rise above 20°C. They used to be found another lake too but this was drained to prevent flooding and this, along with pollution and the expansion of Mexico City, means that, sadly, their numbers are falling.

Welcome Rosie and Tyson, we hope you will be very happy at the Academy!



Thank you

This week Mrs Arnold had lunch with a group of Year 10 Prefects to discuss their duties and to thank them for their positive attitude and contribution to our school.

Ikram Gudeta
Rory Hand
Jessica Barroso
Mason Thompson
Muhammed Aliu
Stephanie Owusu
Elisha Holland

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

A group of students taking the Bronze and Silver Award completed their 'Heart Start' training this week as part of their First Aid course. There are two more training sessions to complete, on Wednesday 24th May and 8th June, before our students embark on their Expeditions!



The sunshine came back!

With the return of the sunshine, Year 10 resumed their lunch time football matches on the Astro!



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The Combined Cadet Force

Members of the Combined Cadet Force attended a 'insight evening' in Failsworth this week where they found out more about the role of the Corps of the Royal Engineers. The Corps of the Royal Engineers, commonly known as the 'Sappers', provide military engineering and other technical support to the British Armed Forces and play a crucial role in logistics around the World by mobilising troops in readiness for, and during, conflict. The Cadets really enjoyed an interesting and informative evening.



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Droylsden Schools Partnership Vocal Evening

On Thursday 12th May, we hosted the first Droylsden Schools Partnership Vocal Evening involving three of our Partner Schools, St Mary's CE Primary School, Fairfield Road and Manchester Road.

Each primary school sang two of their own songs and there were also performances by the 'Droylsden Voices' and **Favour Otabor** and **Ben Lees**, the winner and runner-up of the 'The Voice' which was held earlier this term.



The evening was a great success and was rounded off with a group performance of 'Proud' by Heather Small. Ms Burgess would like to thank everyone who performed or who supported or helped to organise the event. She would also like to thank people for the lovely comments and feedback she has received including the message below from a member of staff at one of the primary schools:

'Just a quick email to say thank you again for organising the vocal concert last week. The children absolutely loved it and have all come into our school assembly this morning wearing their badges with pride! It was a great event and we can't wait to take part in more in the future! Since seeing the badges and hearing all about the concert, more children have asked to join our choir which is fab! Thank you again for such a great evening!'



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Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 7 students have been making Apple Crumble. The group have developed and practised lots of skills including peeling, making 'bridge' and 'claw' cuts and measuring and weighing out ingredients as well as learning about the importance of fibre in our diet.



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The devastating impact of knife crime

Last week, Byron from 'The JJ Effect' talked to Year 10 students about 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.

Following on from the session, **Favour Otabor** designed and presented a poster to Byron which combined artwork with a summary of the key facts that she had taken away from the workshop. Favour can be seen presenting the poster to Byron in the photograph here.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Brogan Carter** and **Neide Barroso** from Year 7 and **Ken Kayama** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Brogan has been nominated by the Science Department as he has so much enthusiasm for the subject! The class are currently learning about adaptations in animals and Miss Wictome, Brogan's Science Teacher, was amazed by his knowledge of Spider Monkeys! His passion for the animal kingdom is also evident outside the classroom where Brogan is keen to help look after Rosie and Tyson, our Axolotls. Keep up the great work Brogan!

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Neide has been nominated by the English Department as she is enthusiastic, well organised and always ready to learn. She consistently works hard in English lessons and is a fantastic independent learner, a great role model for her peers. Keep up this wonderful attitude Neide, you are a real asset to the class!

Ken has been nominated by the Maths Department as, despite only joining the Academy last November, he has made amazing progress! Ken is a Japanese speaker and although he uses a translation app in lessons, his positive attitude and hard work mean that this does not hold him back. In the last T2 Assessment, Ken achieved a Grade 8 which is testament to his dedication, commitment and 'can do' approach to the subject. Ken is also a model student who demonstrates our values of politeness, hard work and honesty on a daily basis. Well done Ken, we are very proud of you!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

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 and thorough preparation and revision, you will have met and exceeded your target grades when you open your results envelope in August.



The GCSE timetable for the remaining examinations is shown below:

Date	Session	Exam
Mon 23rd May	am	Geography Paper 1
	pm	
Tue 24th May	am	French (Listening and Reading) Arabic (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Sport Paper 1
Wed 25th May	am	English Literature Paper 1
	pm	Greek (Listening and Reading)
Thur 26th May	am	Spanish (Listening and Reading)
	pm	Religious Studies Paper 2
Fri 27th May	am	Chemistry Paper 1 (Triple Science) Chemistry Paper 1 (Combined Science)
	pm	Computer Science Paper 2
Mon 6th June	am	
	pm	Arabic (Writing)
Tue 7th June	am	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)

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	pm	Geography Paper 2
Wed 8th June	am	English Literature Paper 2
	pm	Further Maths Paper 1
Thur 9th June	am	History Paper 2 (Germany)
	pm	Physics Paper 1 (Triple Science) Physics Paper 1 (Combined Science)
Fri 10th June	am	English Language Paper 2
	pm	Sport Paper 2 (Health and Performance)
Mon 13th June	am	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)
	pm	Business Studies Paper 2 Greek (Writing)
Tue 14th June	am	Geography Paper 3
	pm	Statistics Paper 1 Italian (Writing)
Wed 15th June	am	Biology Paper 2 (Triple Science) Biology Paper 2 (Combined Science)
	pm	Design and Technology
Thur 16th June	am	History Paper 3
	pm	French (Writing)
Fri 17th June	am	Spanish (Writing)
	pm	Polish (Listening and Reading)
Mon 20th June	am	Chemistry Paper 2 (Triple Science) Chemistry Paper 2 (Combined Science)
	pm	Food and Nutrition
Tue 21st June	am	
	pm	
Wed 22nd June	am	
	pm	Further Maths Paper 2
Thur 23rd June	am	Physics Paper 2 (Triple Science) Physics Paper 2 (Combined Science)
	pm	
Fri 24th June	am	Statistics Paper 2
	pm	
Mon 27th June	am	Polish (Writing)
	pm	

Please remember that Booster Sessions for those subjects still to be examined will continue up until the final exam. Student attendance at Booster Sessions is, of course, compulsory.



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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Lost Property

We have lots of uniform, coats, bags and shoes which have been handed in. If your child has lost any clothing, please encourage them to check through the mound of lost property we have at Student Services, it may just save you an expensive trip to the shop! Unfortunately, we cannot store everything and items which have not been claimed by Friday 27th May will be donated to the Charity Shop.



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!

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JOB VACANCY

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

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