

## Droylsden Academy is a good school

### IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

#### A visit from the Mayor of Greater Manchester!

Last Wednesday, a group of Year 9 students were invited to afternoon tea with Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester. During the meeting, our students asked Mr Burnham a variety of questions on topics ranging from climate change to funding mental health and the cost of living. As well as talking about Manchester today, Mr Burnham also led a discussion about how he got into politics and why he loves being the Mayor of Manchester. While everyone learnt a lot about politics and really enjoyed talking to Mr Burnham, our students were a little less enamoured with his taste in music or by the allegiance to his favourite football team!



Thank you for visiting our school Mr Burnham, it was great to meet you and we all had an afternoon that we will never forget.



*'I have really enjoyed this opportunity to meet Mr Burnham and ask him questions. He was very humorous and kind and we talked about a lot of current issues in the world. It was a fascinating afternoon.'* **Osaid Rajjoub**

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*'I really appreciate the school arranging this, he was a lovely and really interesting man to meet.'*

**Endurance Arhunmwude**

*'The Mayor was amazing and very supportive. I have learnt a lot from him and am incredibly grateful to have met him.'* **Priscilla Anyangbeso**

*'I really enjoyed meeting Mr Burnham and shaking his hand too! I will never forget it and appreciate the opportunity to have met him.'* **Adia Agho**

*'I really liked meeting Mr Burnham because I learnt a lot about him and his work. He answered a lot of questions about Manchester and his views and thoughts were really interesting.'* **Yan Yang Wu**

*'I really enjoyed meeting Mr Burnham. he has really inspired me to pursue my interest in politics and to become a politician.'* **Dylan Stott**

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition**

Congratulations to the Year 9 students who successfully completed their Bronze Award Expedition last weekend! The group set off from Greenfield on Saturday morning and completed a walk to Dovestones and back before pitching their tents at 'Well-i-Holes' Campsite for the night. On Sunday, the group completed a second walk before returning to the campsite to pack up their belongings and set off home. Thank you to Mrs McCallum and Mr Bentick for leading the Expedition; everyone had a great weekend, the sun shone for most of the time and even the Ice Cream Van turned up!



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## My Dream Hotel!

Congratulations to **Jackson Gaskin** and **Lucy Lowe** on reaching the final of the competition set by the prestigious Hotel Gotham in Manchester to describe their 'Dream Hotel'! The winner will be invited to an afternoon tea for four people, worth over £200!

Name: Jackson Gaskin

My dream hotel

My ideal hotel would be a beachfront hotel with amazing views of the beach and sea, the ideal setting would be a hot country such as Hawaii or The Caribbean islands. It would also have access to a private part of the beach.

The hotel will be modern, semi futuristic in design with fully interactive consoles in each room. The console allows the guests to order room service, change the settings of the room - this includes things such as changing the colour of the lights, air conditioning, pre run a bath and setting the water temperature. They can also access the schedule of activities to book in and also book a table for any of the restaurants within the hotel complex.

The hotel would have an outdoor pool and a separate childrens outdoor leisure pool with slides and wave machine, and there would also be an indoor lap pool.

The hotel would be set over a total of 10 floors of rooms which consist of 10 double rooms per floor, all rooms will be fully air conditioned. They will have their own en suite bathroom with a walk in shower and separate soaking bathtub. There will be access to a fully stocked mini bar which would be free; no added charges. Each room is equipped with a built in TV which comes with free streaming sites such as Netflix and Amazon Prime video.

The rooms all have balconies which are accessed via double sliding doors and have their own comfy seating areas. The external windows and doors are connected to the console where you can change the glass to open or set an image up such as hills, a sunset or even a family photo.

There would be no keys or swipe cards to access the rooms, instead you would have an electronic key on your smart phone or smart watch.

On the top floor of the hotel there will be four penthouses which would have an emperor size bed, separate living space with a luxury sized sofa and cinema sized TV. There would be a spa room which could also be used as a cinema room. There

Hotel homework: (I chose on it, basic everything I)

My ideal hotel, is Hotel Gotham. There are many reasons this as its such an exquisite place to stay at, the design of the place so cool and outgoing with colours and the cool palette is so creative compact other boring plain hotels. Hotel Gotham has Zebra print wall paper with bright pink and black painted walls. Also the furniture matches with the wild designs. Secondly, the food there looks divine. The chefs are amazingly talented to be thinking of the meals they are serving and how well presented it looks. Now, the food is one thing but to be sat at one perfectly made tables, with many fancy cutlery is another. The people that present everything that post should be artistic.



that you can enjoy with your friends and your family. This is great if you want to have family time and to chat about how amazing the hotel and its features are. In this hotel, it's also just the little add ons that make a great impression. Some of these little things are how well presented the workers are. They don't just wear normal uniform there, different types of uniform for different jobs. People greet you at the door which you

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## Food and Nutrition

This week we were delighted to welcome back **Kenzie Rees**, an ex Droylsden Academy student who studied GCSE Food and Nutrition as one of her option subjects. Kenzie is pictured below, in her apron, back in 2019 when she was in Year 10!



Kenzie, who now runs her own successful cake-making business which has thousands of online followers, came into the Academy to lead a workshop with Year 9 on 'finishing techniques'. Thank you Kenzie, everyone enjoyed the afternoon and we are all really proud of your achievements!



## Racism has no place in our community

Thank you to **Emmanuel Ajayi**, **Tyrese Latham** and **Alwiya Mansur** from Year 8 who have been producing posters to display around school to remind us all about the importance of equality, understanding, fairness and justice.



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## AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS ORMROD, THE ACADEMY LIBRARIAN!

As a new feature in Newsflash, Mrs Ormrod, the Academy Librarian interviews regular users of the Library about their love of reading. This week Mrs Ormerod interviewed **Bobby Dean** from Year 8.

Q: How would you describe your relationship with reading Bobby?

*A: I have a love/hate relationship with books because I love books that are engaging from the beginning and have me gripped straight away and I hate books that seem slow or boring from the start. I don't like to wait until around page 50 for things to get going.*

Q: Surely you understand that some authors like to take some time to give background information on the characters and set the scene?

*A: Of course, but those types of books aren't what interests me.*

Q: So what do you do if you choose a book that you thought was a good choice but turns out not to be interesting to you?

*A: From the point that I decide I'm not interested I give another 9 or 10 pages a go, or maybe another chapter and if I still find it boring I put the book down and choose another.*

Q: Since the library reopened in January, have you been reading more?

*A: Yes, definitely. I don't have a public library card and the books I have at home don't interest me or I've already read them. I can easily access the school library 5 days a week and I like it here. I also like to use the library to play chess.*

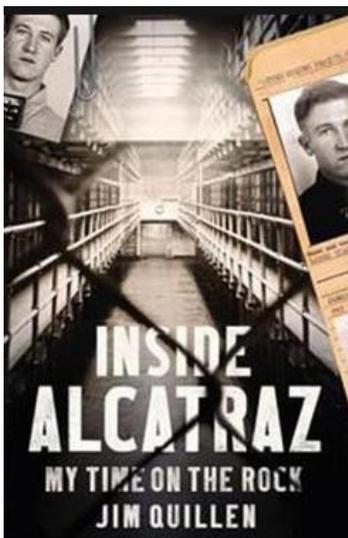
Q: You've been lending mainly non-fiction books lately, do you read these types of books for personal interest or to assist with your studies?

*A: I read non-fiction to expand my general knowledge. It's a big world out there and there's so much to learn.*

Q: Do you find our non-fiction library system easy to use and can you find what you're looking for?

*A: At first I didn't know what I was doing but after you explained it to me I found it easy. You just look at the guide on the side of the non-fiction bookshelf, find the subject you're after and go to the corresponding letter on the shelf.*

Q: If someone told you they didn't enjoy reading for pleasure, how would you motivate them to give it another go?

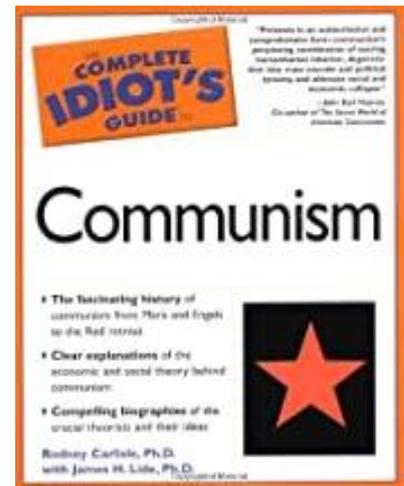


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A: I'd tell them to choose some books on topics that interest them. I started with books about football but now I'm reading *Inside 'Alcatraz: My Time On The Rock'* by Jim Quillen and *'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Communism'*.

Q: So your reading journey has taken you from Sport to Crime and Politics, that's impressive. What's next on your list?

A: After I finish these books I'd like to read some titles on paranormal activity.



I'm very impressed with the diversity of your book selections Bobby. I think you'll be a brilliant conversationalist with all of this knowledge. Thanks so much for talking to me about your relationship with reading!

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Raffya Smagulova** from Year 8, **Yan Samb Gueye** and **Olivia Buckley-Wild** from Year 9 and **Charlie Greenough** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the week.



Raffya has been nominated by the English Department for continued excellence throughout this term. She has fully immersed herself in the science-fiction genre and produced several fascinating stories; all of which have included relevant conventions, ambitious punctuation and sophisticated language features. Raffya has also been able to offer thoughtful interpretations of the texts studies including extracts from 'The War of the Worlds', 'A Sound of Thunder' and 'The Time Machine', commenting on both language and structure effectively. To top it off, she has confidentially and proudly showcased her work to her peers via 'stand and share' with charisma and varied intonation! Well done Raffya, Miss Marlowe is bursting with pride in nominating you as Student of the Week!

Yan has been nominated by the Maths Department as he is working extremely hard. He has recently moved up a class and has worked independently to catch up on anything he has missed, showing resilience, commitment and determination. In addition, Yan is always very polite and helpful at all times, he models the Droylsden Way and is a pleasure to teach. Keep it up, Yan!

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Olivia has been nominated as Philosopher of the Week as she has been working consistently hard in her Religious Studies and Lifeskills lessons. She always takes pride in both her classwork and her homework and is making great progress. Keep working hard Olivia and a big well done from Miss Worsley.

Charlie has been nominated by the Science Department as he has made really strong improvements since the start of the year, especially with homework, and he is now consistently performing at the top of the class. He shows a real interest in the subject and asks some outstanding questions which demonstrate how deeply he is thinking about the topics we are studying. Well done Charlie, Miss Sandiford is very impressed!

**MAIN MEAL MENU OF THE WEEK!**

The hot 'Main Meal' menu for the next week can be found below:

Week 2	Meat Option	Veggie Option	'Lighter Bites'
Monday	Chicken Curry & Rice	Veggie Chiil & Rice	Jacket Potato & Filling
Tuesday	Sausage Casserole & Potatoes	Cheese Whirl, Potatoes & Beans	Jacket Potato & Filling
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with all the trimmings	Veggie Roast Dinner with all the trimmings	Jacket Potato & Filling
Thursday	Mac and Cheese	Veggie Lasagne & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato & Filling
Friday	Hamburger, Chips & Peas	Veggie Sausage, Chips & Peas	Jacket Potato & Filling

The photographs here show some of the healthy and nutritious meals served up this week and include Strawberries with Greek Yoghurt, homemade Lasagne, Red Pepper stuffed with Quorn and spicy Chickpea, Jerk Chicken and Fruit Salad!



The Catering Team hope you have enjoyed this week's menu and look forward to feeding you again next week!

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## A Letter from the Secretary of State for Education about the new T Level Qualifications

### T Levels: Information for Students and Parents

I am writing to give you information about new T Level qualifications and why they might be right for you or, if you are a parent, for your child.

T Levels are high quality new qualifications that follow on from GCSEs and enable 16–19 year olds to move onto a job, a higher apprenticeship or further study at university.

From September 2022 the following T Level subjects will be available:

- Digital production, design and development
- Digital business services
- Digital support and services
- Education and childcare
- Design and development for engineering and manufacturing
- Engineering, manufacturing, processing and control
- Maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing
- Building services engineering for construction
- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Onsite construction
- Health
- Science
- Healthcare science
- Management and administration
- Finance
- Accounting

T Levels have been designed with over 250 leading employers, so students can be confident that they will get the skills and knowledge that employers really want - and will be able to progress in their chosen career. All T Level students will complete a 45-day industry placement so they will spend 20% of the course getting on-the-job experience with a real employer.

T Levels also attract UCAS tariff points in line with three A levels. 125 higher education providers have so far said that they will accept them, including 84 universities, of which 12 are members of the Russell Group.

We know that young people and parents want information on all of the options available and how they compare. Clear and helpful information about all post-16 choices including T Levels can be found at [gov.uk/get-the-jump](https://www.gov.uk/get-the-jump).

There is also more detailed information on T Levels available at [tlevels.gov.uk/students](https://tlevels.gov.uk/students), including a search function where you can use your postcode to search for T Levels available in your area.

I hope that you will find this information useful, and that you will use the resources linked above to explore all the options available to you or to your child.

Yours sincerely,



**Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP**  
Secretary of State for Education

Get involved!

## YOUR HOUSE NEEDS YOU...

### DOUBLE HOUSE POINTS

FOR ANYONE WHO ATTENDS AN AFTER SCHOOL  
SPORTS CLUB BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

MONDAY- **VOLLEYBALL**  
TUESDAY- **GYM CLUB (YR 9&10)**  
WEDNESDAY- **GIRLS RUGBY**  
WEDNESDAY- **TABLE TENNIS**  
THURSDAY- **GIRLS FOOTBALL**  
THURSDAY - **BASKETBALL**  
FRIDAY- **ATHLETICS**

THE OVERALL WINNING HOUSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SPORTS DAY



### Religious Studies and World Views Drop-Down Day

Parents/Carers of all students in Year 10 should have received a copy of the following letter over the last week.

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Religious Studies and World Views Drop-Down Day**



At Droylsden Academy we want to encourage students to embrace the diversity of religions and world views, equipping them with the knowledge, understanding and tolerance to take their place as active citizens in society.

Whilst we recognise that Parents and Carers are the prime educators of their children on many of these matters, the school can complement and reinforce what students learn at home so that, together, we can deliver a good education.

With this in mind, on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, Year 10 will take part in a 'Religious Studies and World Views Drop-Down Day' aimed at delivering important aspects of the Religious Studies and World Views curriculum.

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On the 'Drop-Down Day', the normal school timetable will be suspended and, instead, your child will take part in five different workshops, each facilitated by a representative from a different place of worship or organisation as detailed below:

- Ashton Central Mosque
- Manchester Buddhist Centre
- Sri Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara Educational and Cultural Centre
- Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Oldham
- Shree Bharatiya Mandal, Indian Association Tameside
- Ann Angel Education – Jewish Educator
- Professor Kevin Malone – A Humanist member of Tameside SACRE

The workshops will address the following:

- Islam – introduction to Islam, Muslim beliefs, religious dress, the features of a Mosque and Islamic artefacts.
- Buddhism – origins of Buddhism, the life of the Buddha, meditation and its purpose.
- Sikhism – introduction to Sikhism, the five K's, Shabad Kirtan.
- Hinduism and the Hindu Dharma – Hindu worship, diet, festivals, naming system, marriage.
- Judaism – diversity of Jewish life, Sabbath, Jewish artefacts, Jewish food and customs, introduction to Hebrew.
- Humanism – introduction to Humanism and values, Humanist thinking, dilemmas and ethical issues.

We invite parental involvement and seek your views. I hope that you see the value of this important aspect of your child's education and encourage you to discuss their learning with them.

Yours faithfully

*I Worsley*

Miss I Worsley

**Co-ordinator of Religious Studies and Life Skills and Head of Oakfield**

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 11 Spanish GCSE students will be visiting 'El Rincon' in Manchester on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June for a Tapas Meal.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and Carers of students in Year 7 should have received a letter about this important evening.

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Students from years 7 and 8 who are graduating from the Scholars Programme will be attending their Graduation Ceremony at Sheffield University on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The Combined Cadet Force will be attending Summer Camp from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The Assessed Expedition for students taking the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award will take place over three days from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be a Geography Field trip to Manchester for Year 10 students on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.



Year 10 students will be attending a College Taster Day at Tameside College and Clarendon Sixth Form college on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 9 Students studying Food and Nutrition will be visiting 'Hotel Gotham' on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

A group of students from the cast of 'Matilda' will be visiting London for a two-day residential to watch West End performances of 'And Juliet' and 'Wicked' on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 9 students studying GCSE Photography will be visiting Manchester for a 'photo shoot' on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

The Academy will break up for the Summer Holiday at 12.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 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.**

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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](mailto:e.duggan@tret.org.uk)

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## JOB VACANCY AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

### Cover Supervisor and Sports Coach

**Pay Scale:** Grade F, Point 17 – 22 (Actual salary of £21,339 at Point 17)

**Contract:** Permanent, Term Time Only

**Hours:** 36 hours per week

**Closing Date:** 3rd July 2022

**Start Date:** As soon as possible

As our Cover Supervisor and Sports Coach you will provide stability and continuity for students whose lessons are affected through staff absence, whilst providing support to staff and students within the Sports and Performing Arts area.

You will also 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.

When not required to cover lessons, you will support the Sports and Performing Arts team in the delivery of PE lessons and maintain facilities and sports equipment.

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

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

Completed applications should be returned to

[hr@droylsdenacademy.com](mailto:hr@droylsdenacademy.com)

or posted to Human Resources, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, M43 6QD.

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