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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Open Evening

We held our annual Open Evening last week when we invited Year 5 and 6 pupils from local primary schools, along with their families and other members of the community, to visit our school. Over 1000 people attended the evening and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments from our visitors.

Around 300 students gave up their time to attend the Open Evening and help staff with displays, activities and performances. They were an absolute credit to their families, and to the Academy, and many of our visitors commented on how friendly, confident, polite and helpful our students were. Thank you, in particular to our Head Girls, **Aastha Patadia** and **Harriet Sykes** and Year 7 students **Ksenia Cotov** and **Joshua Harris** who, along with our Headteacher, Mr Wilson, gave a presentation about the Academy, which was then repeated later in the evening, to two packed audiences. Thank you also to **Andrew Chen** who played the piano beautifully for our visitors.

As you may be aware, the current Year 7 is full and oversubscribed and, for the fourth successive year, we have a waiting list of students who wish to join us. Early Indications from last week are that the Academy will be a popular choice again in 2023.



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Academy Football News

The Year 11 Football Team have had an unbeaten start to the season with a tight 1-1 draw against Laurus Ryecroft, in the 'Local Derby', followed up by a really good performance in the First Round of the English Cup against Trinity High School from Manchester. Trailing 3-1 at half-time, the team showed real character and resilience, and with goals from **Mason Thompson (2)**, **Calex Yeung (2)** and **Daniel Ihejirika**, came back to win the game 5-3. **Daniel** also scored our goal against Laurus Ryecroft.



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The Year 9 Team have had a mixed start to the season but played some great football. In the First Round of the English Cup we were beaten 7-2 by a very good team from Harrytown. Droylsden played really well too and were unlucky to lose by that margin; the score line certainly does not reflect the performance. Droylsden's goals were scored by **Yunisa Barrie** and **Tyrese Latham**. Following on from the cup game, the boys have played two League matches, beating Alder 4-3, with goals from **Shayne Conlon (2)**, **Celso Alberto** and **Callum Gilder**, and then losing 2-0 to St Thomas More.



The Year 7 Team (above) have played two very tight games, drawing one of them and narrowly losing the second. In the League, we played Laurus Ryecroft and, after trailing 4-1 at one stage of the game, came back to snatch a 5-5 draw with three goals from Man of the Match **Mayvel Quicoe** and one each from **William Houghton** and **Mylee Dunbar**. In the English Schools Cup, we lost 5-4 to Wilmslow High School having led the opposition 4-1 at half-time. Droylsden's goals came from **Mayvel (2)**, **Mamadou Samb Gueye** and **Ryan Asamoah**.

The Combined Cadet Force

Last Saturday evening, 2 Troop Cadets attended a performance of 'Beating Retreat', a traditional Army Ceremony, played out at Fulwood Barracks in Preston. The Ceremony, originally held each evening to recall any troops that had left the barracks during the day, was performed by a Military Band and accompanied by a display of 'Drill'. The Cadets really enjoyed the performance and a great evening was topped off with ghost stories in the minibus on the way home and a trip to the Chippy!



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Year 7 Outdoor Adventure Elective

This week, students on the Outdoor Adventure Elective came inside and worked on the important skills and qualities of leadership, teamwork and problem solving. The students were given the challenge of building the highest tower, which could stand unsupported for 5 seconds, using spaghetti and marshmallows. All the groups did really well and all the towers that they made passed the test. There were some great examples of leadership and teamwork and, at the end of the lesson, the students also demonstrated the very important skill of clearing up!



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A Masterclass in Chinese Cooking!

Chefs from the Ming-Ai Institute visited the Academy this week to give presentations and lead workshops on Healthy Chinese Cuisine. On Friday, they worked with the Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition Group and then, on Saturday, they gave a Masterclass and delivered an Advanced Skills Course to teachers and practitioners from schools across the North West. Both days were really engaging and enjoyable and the Academy would like to thank Lee Kum Kee Sauces who sponsored both days and who also regularly donate ingredients to support our students on their GCSE course.

If you look at the photos below, you can see Mrs Arnold attending the Advanced Skills Course on Saturday in the unusual role of student rather than teacher! We hope that she paid attention worked hard and was a good Ambassador for our school!



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Meanwhile in Science...



This week Year 10 students investigated rates of reaction in the disappearing cross experiment! When sodium thiosulphate reacts with hydrochloric acid, it makes, sulphur dioxide, water, sodium chloride and solid particles of sulphur. The particles of sulphur make the solution go cloudy. The quicker the reaction happens, the quicker the sulphur particles are made, the quicker the solution goes cloudy and the faster the cross disappears! The wonders of Science!

Meanwhile, Year 7 and Year 9 students have been investigating cells using the microscopes.



Away from lessons, students have also been attending the lunchtime 'Einstein Club' to further explore their interest in Science!

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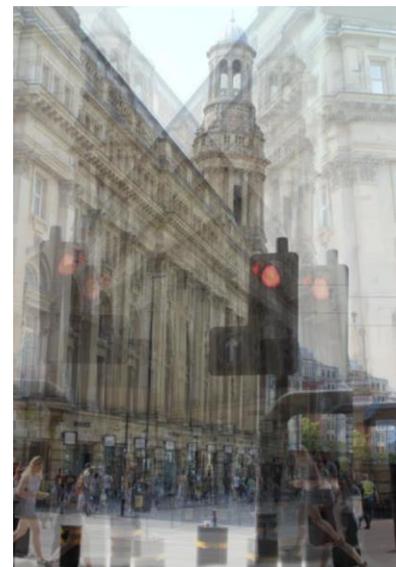
Our talented Linguists!

Congratulations to **Nassim Rivoire** and **Lacey Hopkins** from Year 7, **Olivia Jarvis** from Year 8, **Harry Chambers** from Year 10 and **Eunice Sarpong** and **Toyin Peter** from Year 11 who have all been nominated for the Academy Linguistic Roll of Honour! Nassim, Lacey and Harry are studying Spanish and Olivia, Eunice and Toyin are studying French.



Photography

Thank you to **Bliss Doyle**, **Harrison Hilton** and **Ethan Stanley** for submitting the following edits from their GCSE Coursework Portfolios. Bliss and Harrison have used a technique called 'multiple exposure' inspired by Photographer Stephanie Jung.



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Robot Club

Over the last couple of weeks, Robot Club has worked on 2 different Robots.

Robot Number 1 has been cleverly adapted by **Kwon Leong** as a 'spirograph', by attaching different pens at various distances along its length, and Robot Number 2, still in development, will eventually stand vertically.



Unfortunately, gravity proved too much when we were testing Robot Number 2 and it tumbled over with the batteries falling out! Kwon can be seen here with a wonderful piece of art work created by Robot Number 1 and if you scan the QR Codes above, you can see both robots in action



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month, Mrs Ormrod, our Librarian is hosting a series of poetry reading sessions which will be held every Tuesday lunchtime in the Library. This week students listened to and discussed a poem called 'The Ship they called The Zong' by a poet called Liam, a member of a group called the Mongoose Collective.



The Zong was an overloaded slave ship which crossed the Atlantic in 1781. Due to a navigational error, the ship missed its destination in the Caribbean and had to spend an extra three weeks at sea. Drinking water was growing short and sickness had spread among the enslaved people and crew. With the worsening conditions, the decision was made to throw the slaves into the sea, alive and bound and many of them women and children. Altogether 132 slaves were thrown to their death in an appalling massacre and those behind it then tried to claim insurance against their financial losses.

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You can watch a performance of the poem on YouTube.

You can also listen to Liam reading the poem through the link below.



<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/poets-corner/the-ship-they-called-the-zong-poem/>

Thank you to those students who took part on Tuesday and who participated in a meaningful and moving explication of the poem. Mrs Ormrod is looking forward to seeing you again next week



In another celebration of Black History Month, the Catering Team will be preparing a popular African or Caribbean guest dish each week which they hope our students will enjoy. Next week they will be preparing a dish called 'Kuka Paka', a chicken dish in a coconut based curry sauce. The dish originally had Arabic influences and is now particularly popular in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **George Huzu** from Year 8, **Philian Emmanuel**, **Baydon Cullen** and **Charlie Morris** from Year 10 and **Kavita Joshi** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Students of the Week.



George has been nominated by the Science Department as he has made a fantastic start this year. He always gives 100% in lessons and completes his work to a very high standard. George is also very kind to other members of the class; he is patient, considerate and always explains tasks to them when they do not understand. George shows great character development and models our Academy values at all times. Keep it up George!

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Philian has been nominated by the English Department as she has made an excellent start to her English GCSE course and is a real pleasure to teach. She is continually engaged, curious and eager to learn. Philian contributes brilliantly to discussions in class and reads aloud beautifully, currently taking on the role of Sheila in 'An Inspector Calls'. Her written work is developing very well and she always takes feedback on board and uses it to make her writing even better.

Both Charlie and Baydon have been nominated as 'Philosophers of the Week' by Miss Worsley, their Religious Studies teacher. They have both made great starts to their GCSE course and are working extremely hard. Everything Charlie and Baydon have been asked to do has been completed to a very high standard and with a real attention to detail. Similarly, they are always positive, enthusiastic and well-motivated.

Kavita has been nominated by the Maths Department for her resilience, positive attitude and outstanding approach to learning. Kavita is a model student in every way; she consistently demonstrates our values of hard work, politeness and honesty and is a real asset to our school.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 25 school weeks left, just 125 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

By now you should all have an idea what you may want to do when you leave Droylsden at the end of this academic year. It is important, however, that you get as much information as you can about the different colleges you can apply to and the courses and qualifications you can take. Why not go along to the Open Events listed here to find out what's on offer?

Clarendon 6th Form College

Saturday 15th October from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Monday 14th November from 5.00pm to 8.00pm



Tameside College

Saturday 15th October from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Monday 14th November from 5.00pm to 8.00pm



Ashton 6th Form College

Saturday 15th October from 10.00am to 1.00pm



Laurus Ryecroft

Thursday 3rd November from 6.00pm to 8.45pm



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Key Dates

Make sure that the following important dates are in your Student Planner:

- Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will be held on Thursday 13th October.
- Your first set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 21st November to 2nd December.
- Your second set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 6th to 17th February.
- A second Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will take place on Thursday 9th March.



NEWS FROM THE CATERING TEAM

Our Hot Meals Menu runs on a 3 week cycle. Next week will be the Menu for Week 3 which can be found below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Chicken Curry & Rice	Sausage Casserole & Potatoes	Roast Dinner & Trimmings	Mac & Cheese	Beefburger in a Bun & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Veggie Chilli & Rice	Cheese Whirl, Potatoes & Beans	Veggie Roast Dinner	Veggie Lasagne & Sweetcorn	Veggie Sausage & Chips
Lighter Bites	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato & Filling

We also have a 'Grab & Go' Menu. The Menu for next week is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indian Style Flatbread	Crispy Chicken on a Bun	Fishburger on a Bun	Pizza Sub	Giant Sausage Roll

Finally, we also have a Menu for the meals we serve from the Pod. The Menu for next week is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Pasta & Meatballs	Cheese & Onion Pasty & Beans	Jerk Chicken, Rice & Peas	BBQ Chicken, Rice & Peas

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Futures Evening

All parents and carers should have received the following letter by email this week.

Dear Parents/Carers



Re: Futures Evening

I am writing to inform you of an important Academy event that is taking place on **Wednesday 12th October**.

As your child progresses through school, it is crucial that they begin to think about life after Droylsden Academy. The employment market is changing rapidly and there is an ever-increasing demand for more highly skilled and educated individuals to enter the workforce. Research clearly shows that earning potential increases significantly for those people who achieve good degrees or high-level vocational training.

With this in mind, we are holding our annual **Futures Evening**. This is an opportunity for your child to speak to a number of local colleges, apprentice providers and other further education agencies, as well as a range of employers who will all offer an insight into the world of work and education. The event allows young people to begin planning for life after school.

Your child's attendance at this event will allow them to begin to formulate plans as to what they intend to do in further education, work and beyond.

The **Futures Evening** will run from **4.00pm until 6.00pm** and your child is welcome to attend at any time and for as long as necessary. This is an extra special event as having the colleges, further education providers, apprentice providers and employers under one roof, makes it a unique evening.

If you have any questions about the event then please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing your child on **Wednesday 12th October**.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Jackson
Director of Character and Life Skills
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Flu Vaccinations

The UK Health Security Agency is urging everyone [eligible](#) for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster to take up the offer as soon as possible ahead of what could be a winter with respiratory viruses circulating widely. All primary school children and children in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be offered the flu vaccine in order of school year (starting with the youngest first). The flu nasal spray will be used this year and will normally be given at school.

Support with Autism



What does autism look like in teenagers?

Evening Q&A sessions

For parents and carers of young autistic people aged 10 to 16.

Get together with other parents to share experiences and ask any questions you have to our experienced team. We will discuss topics such as; understanding autism in teenagers, women and girls, self-esteem, stress and anxiety, puberty and planning for the future.

Join from the comfort of you home on Zoom

Tues Oct 11th 2022 7-8.30pm

Tues Nov 15th 2022 7-8.30pm

Mon Dec 12th 2022 7-8.30pm

Book your Free place now by visiting:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-does-autism-look-like-in-teenagers-tickets-393086992777>

Or call 0161 998 4667

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Personal Assistant to the Headteacher

Pay Scale: Grade F, Points 17-22 (Actual Salary at Point 17 of £24,920).
Contract: Permanent.
Hours: 36 hours per week/Full Year (there may be an opportunity for some flexibility)
Closing Date: Monday 31st October 2022 (12 noon). We may decide to close this vacancy early if we receive a high volume of suitable applications.
Start Date: November 2022.

Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Total Hours
Monday	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	7:00
Tuesday	8:15 AM	5:30 PM	8:45
Wednesday	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	7:00
Thursday	8:15 AM	3:30 PM	6:45
Friday	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	6:30

Further details are available on the school website at www.mossleyhollins.com

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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>

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