

## Droylsden Academy is a good school

### IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

#### OFSTED Section 8 Inspection

As you may remember, the Academy underwent an unannounced Section 8 OFSTED Inspection earlier this term. A Section 8 Inspection is not graded like a full Inspection and, in essence, was to check that, following our last Inspection in September 2017, Droylsden Academy was still a Good School.



We were really pleased with the outcome of the Inspection with His Majesty's Inspectors confirming that Droylsden is, indeed, a Good School. We are also pleased to share the following comments from the published report with our students, parents and carers.

The report detailed that:

- Pupils are proud to attend Droylsden Academy;
- Pupils are happy and accepting of each other's differences ... our school is a place where they can be themselves;
- Pupils feel safe in school ... there is always someone that they can talk to;
- Bullying is rare and when it does happen it is dealt with quickly;
- Teachers' expectations of pupils' behaviour and academic achievement are high ... pupils rise to these standards;
- Pupils behave well and work hard ... they are well prepared for life in modern Britain;
- Pupils are expected to develop their character and confidence ... they develop leadership skills;
- Pupils benefit from an extensive range of extra-curricular clubs;
- There is a carefully designed, broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum ... thought has gone into the knowledge that students must learn;
- Teachers are successful in helping pupils to deepen their understanding of ideas and concepts across the curriculum ... teachers think carefully about how to teach new subject content ... effective support helps pupils remember more over time;
- Continuous training and development is prioritised;

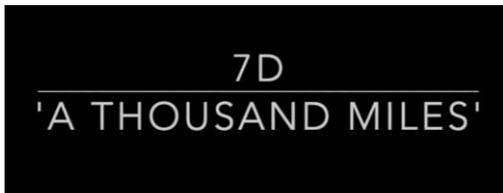
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- Teachers receive quality information about pupils with SEND... teachers use effective strategies to adapt learning for these pupils;
- Teachers prioritise the development of pupils' subject-specific vocabulary ... they also encourage a love of reading;
- An extensive programme of pastoral support and life lessons ensures that pupils learn about healthy relationships and the wider world;
- A strong culture of safeguarding permeates this school ... there are effective systems in place to identify pupils who may be at risk of harm.

As a staff we are, rightly, proud of the comments made by the Inspectors and are looking forward to the continuing development of our school. We would also like to congratulate parents, carers and students and thank them for the contribution they make to the Academy.

### Choir of the Year!

All the Year 7 Form Groups have now recorded their songs for this year's Droylsden Academy 'Choir of the Year' competition! Thank you to all the students who took part; we hope you enjoyed the experience and look forward to the result. Staff and students will cast their votes over the coming week and this year's 'Choir of the Year' will be announced in next week's edition of Newsflash!



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7Y  
'COUNT ON ME'

7L  
'I WANT IT THAT WAY'



7S  
'SHOTGUN'

7E  
'POMPEII/I'M UNSTOPPABLE'



### The Combined Cadet Force

Last weekend, a group of Cadets attended a STEM Day at Fulwood Barracks in Preston to find out more about how Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are used and applied in today's Armed Forces. The group took part in a range of engaging and enjoyable activities, some of which are detailed below, and also found out about related career pathways and opportunities open to recruits.



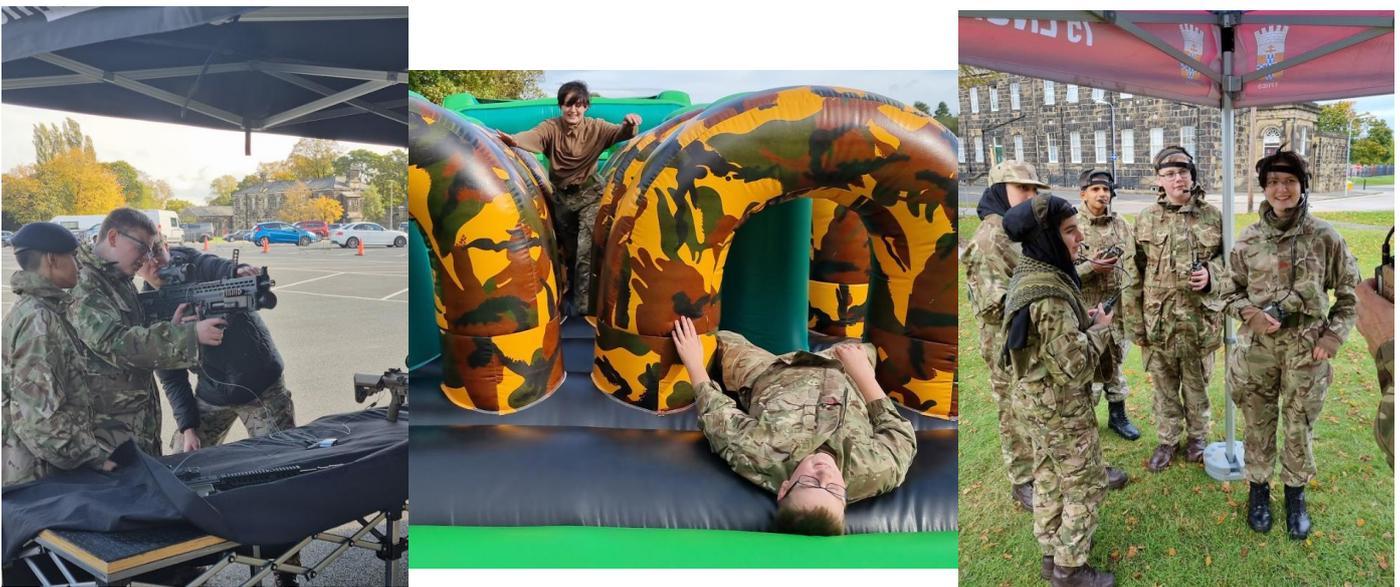
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On a very busy day, the group learnt about different offensive and defensive weapons and modelled the effect of changing the angle of trajectory on the distance travelled by a missile using paper rockets, built tipis for transport and storage and learnt about army intelligence in an exercise where they either tried to gain control of an airport or defend it from the enemy! Our Cadets then had the opportunity to handle some weaponry, try on some specialist kit, including webbing and bergens, and take part in a rocket launching challenge. Congratulations to **Alex Givens, Haya Noor** and **Muneeba Muneeba** whose rocket travelled the furthest and stayed in one piece!



The day finished off in the 'Gaming Double Decker', with access to 'Playstations' and 'Xboxes', and on an inflatable obstacle course. **Lennon James** and **Ibrahim Muhammad** enjoyed a very competitive, or should that be 'heated', game of FIFA and Mrs McCallum actually managed to score a goal when she had a go, although nobody really knows how! Another well done to Mrs McCallum for finishing second on the obstacle course, although some distance behind Ibrahim, our winner.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the day and gave it '10 out of 10'. They went on to comment that it was 'informative', 'amazing' and 'wonderful' and a 'great experience' that they would like to take part in again!



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### Visit to Fairfield View Care Home

Year 11 students studying Health and Social Care have been visiting Fairfield View Care Home over the last few weeks to complete a controlled assessment based on their observations and discussions with residents and staff. The residents have really enjoyed meeting with our students who have been a real credit to the Academy. Similarly, Mr Rick, their Health and Social Care Teacher has been both delighted and very proud of them following the wonderful feedback he has received from the staff.

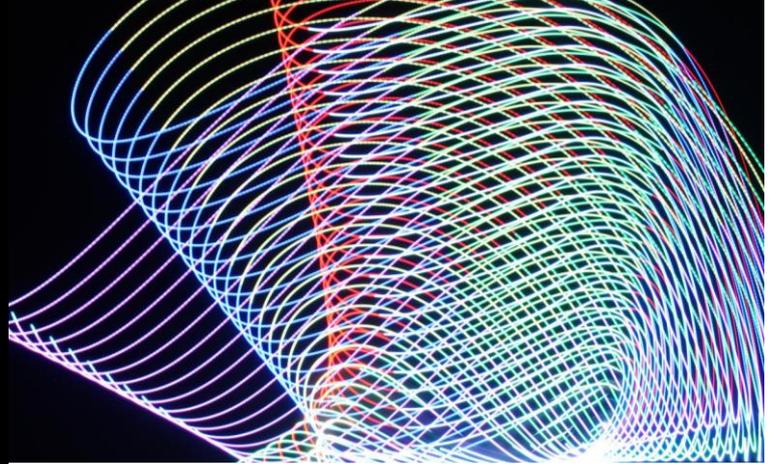
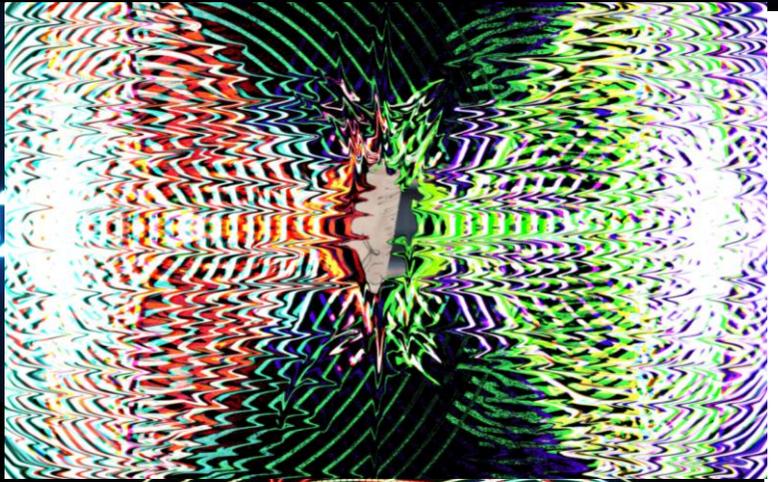
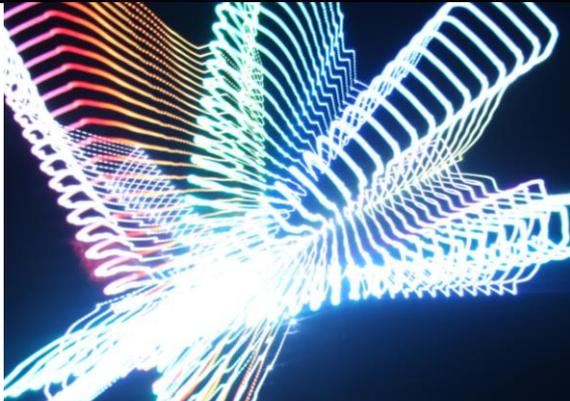


### Photography

Thank you to **Ana De Barros Afonso**, **Daniel Arora**, **Elisha Holland**, **Riley McConnell**, **Laura Lilley**, **Alex Hume** and **Amy McGuire** for submitting the following photographs and edits from their GCSE Coursework Portfolios.



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## Food and Nutrition

Meanwhile, in Food and Nutrition, Year 7 students have been sampling various 'dips' and displaying some wonderful etiquette at the dinner table, a real fine dining experience.....



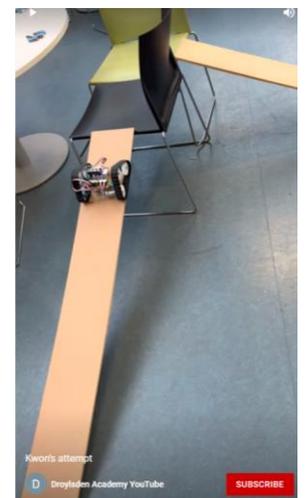
...and Year 9 students have been practising the skill of 'lamination' to make puff pastry for their Sausage Rolls and Cheese and Onion Pasties!



## Robot Club

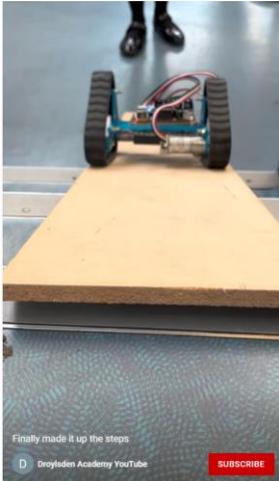
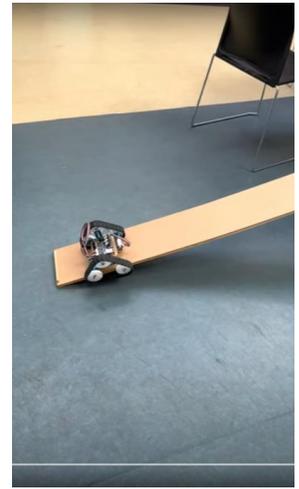
This week **Kwon Leong** pushed our Robotic Tank to its limits! We replaced the gentle incline up a pile of books with a much steeper challenge up the atrium steps. Then came an even bigger challenge with a narrow ramp up to the top of a chair, a change in direction and a steep descent. If you look at the videos using the QR Codes, you will see it was trickier than it sounds!

This video clip will show you Kwon's attempt.



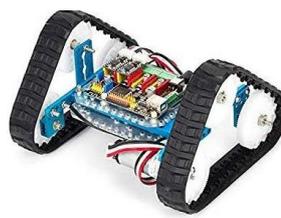
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This video clip will show you Miss Patel's attempt.



Our Robot finally makes it up the steps!

Next week, we will see which Robot wins, our Robotic Tank or our Robotic Ant!



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Max Mulvey** from Year 7, **Jessie Cooper** from Year 9 and **Elisha Holland** from Year 11 who have all been nominated as Students of the Week.



Max has been nominated by the Maths Department as he has worked really hard since joining the Academy. Max is also a talented mathematician and he has really impressed Mr Kerwin, his Maths teacher, with his work on negative numbers, square numbers and square roots.

Jessie has been nominated by the English Department as she too has worked really hard since returning to school in September. Her attitude, behaviour and effort have been excellent and it is a pleasure to see the work she produces. Jessie regularly shares her work in class and contributes great answers during discussion. Not only this, but Jessie can quite often be found in the English Open Zone after school, either helping her teachers or completing her homework. Keep up the fantastic work Jessie, you have an excellent attitude to learning!

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Elisha has been nominated by the Science Department as she has shown real resilience with her bi-weekly tests and has been working particularly hard on the group's new science topic on 'chemical analysis'. Keep up the hard work Elisha, you really deserve to succeed! Elisha is also a model student who always displays our values and is an asset to the class.

### THE ACADEMY FORM AND YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to those students who have been nominated as Form Representatives for their Form Group for their respective Year Group Councils and to those Form Representatives who have been nominated as Year Group Representatives to serve on the Academy Student Council. We hope you enjoy your year in office and make an important contribution in representing student voice, views and opinions from across the Academy.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<b>Form Representatives</b>	<b>Form Representatives</b>	<b>Form Representatives</b>
<p><b>Tyler Wolstencroft</b>  <b>Ksenia Cotov</b>  <b>Asa Beecham</b>  <b>Brooke Bowden</b>  <b>Liliy Mae Nicholls (Year Rep)</b>  <b>Lola Jones</b>  <b>Rosie swayer</b>  <b>Felix Oboh</b>  <b>Pijus Kuraitis</b>  <b>Kayden Kellet</b></p>	<p><b>Leyla Francis</b>  <b>Olivia Deakin</b>  <b>Lily Hall</b>  <b>Bobby Sherratt</b>  <b>Taira Jabeen</b>  <b>Stephanie Sargaco</b>  <b>Riley Haslam (Year Rep)</b>  <b>Shanaya Green-Leach</b>  <b>Evie Killick</b></p>	<p><b>Alyssa Evans (Year Rep)</b>  <b>Blessed Agbonlahor</b>  <b>Mollie Johnson</b>  <b>Muneeba Muneeba</b>  <b>Jai Kang</b>  <b>Kiki Akingbogun</b>  <b>Yunisa Barrie</b>  <b>Michael Preece</b>  <b>Luka Torskyj</b>  <b>Zac Devlin</b>  <b>Bobby Dean</b></p>
<b>Year Representative</b>	<b>Year Representative</b>	<b>Year Representative</b>
		

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Year 10	Year 11
Form Representatives	Form Representatives
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Befe Gudeta</b>  <b>Harry Belfield</b>  <b>Alfie-Lee Murphy</b>  <b>Philippa Mansell</b>  <b>Neha Nasrullah</b>  <b>Paige Richardson (Year Rep)</b>  <b>Bailey Johnson</b>  <b>Brogan Williams</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Jephtah Adams</b>  <b>Andrew Chen</b>  <b>Filippo Silvestri</b>  <b>Jack Crowther</b>  <b>Maddison Briggs</b>  <b>Muhammed Aliu</b>  <b>Telsia Tallon</b>  <b>Dene Blake</b>  <b>Rory Hand</b>  <b>Maria Bundache (Year Rep)</b>  <b>Lucas Taylor</b>  <b>David Da Costa Ambrozio</b>  <b>Karen Charles</b> </p>
	

All the students received their Academy badges this week and attended an initial meeting where the various roles and responsibilities were assigned to different members of the respective teams. The students also decided that their key priorities for the coming year would be:

- Maintaining the good behaviour and positive ethos around the Academy;
- Rewards systems for students;
- Supporting students with, and raising awareness of, mental health issues; and
- Reviewing and strengthening our anti-bullying policies and strategies.

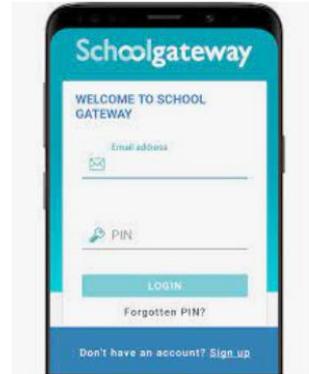
Finally, the group discussed ways in which they could best get the views and opinions of students in their Form Group.

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**Please ensure that notifications are switched on for your School Gateway app**

As a school we are looking at ways to reduce costs and one area highlighted is the amount we are spending on text messages.

Even if you have the School Gateway app you must ensure that you are logged in all the time and have push notifications manually turned on for this app within your phone settings. Every device will have other settings that can affect push notifications (for example, battery optimisation, which prevents some devices from receiving push notifications when the battery is below a certain percentage).



Please also ensure that you are running on the latest version of the app, which can be confirmed in the Play Store or App Store. If you are still not receiving notifications and have followed the guidance below, you would need to refer to the help guide for your specific device and/or contact your device manufacturer:

If both parents\carers are registered on Gateway please ensure that each registered user is using the School Gateway app.

### Apple



1. On your phone, go to settings
2. In here, scroll down to the 'Notification Centre'
3. Select School Gateway
4. In here, ensure that under the heading 'Notification Centre' is switched on
5. Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through

### Android



1. On your phone go to Settings > Applications Manager
2. Scroll down the list of apps until you find School Gateway and select it
3. In here there will be a tick box that says 'Show Notifications'. Ensure this is selected
4. Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through

### Huawei

1. Tap the Apps icon on your home screen
2. Tap settings
3. Tap Apps or App Manager
4. Scroll down and tap School Gateway
5. Tap Notifications



6. Confirm 'Block all' is toggled OFF (Samsung / other devices - toggle 'Allow Notifications' ON)
7. Restart your device

### Samsung

1. On your phone got to Settings > Notifications and Status Bar > Notifications Centre
2. Scroll down your list of apps until you find 'School Gateway' and select it
3. Activate 'allow notifications' and also 'priority display'
4. Restart your device
5. You will now receive notifications when new app messages come through

**SAMSUNG**  
**Galaxy**

## GCSE COUNTDOWN

**Year 11, there are only 24 school weeks left, just 120 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 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 5.00pm to 8.00pm



### Tameside College

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 5.00pm to 8.00pm



### Ashton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 1.00pm



### Laurus Ryecroft

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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

## NEWS FROM THE CATERING TEAM

Our Hot Meals Menu runs on a 3 week cycle. Next week will be the Menu for Week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Salmon Fishcakes, Potatoes & Peas	Sausage, Mash, Peas or Beans	Roast Beef Dinner	Meatballs, Potatoes & Veg	Fish, Chips & Peas
Vegetarian Option	Mixed Pepper Pasta Bake	Chickpea Curry & Rice	Veggie Roast Dinner	Frittata, Potatoes & Veg	Veggie Mince Pie, Chips & Peas
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
Fish Fingers on a Bun	Giant Hotdog	A large slice of Pizza	Spicy Beef in a Wrap	Pepperoni & Cheese Quesadilla

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
Chicken, Rice & Curry Sauce	BBQ Pasta Bake	Chilli Beef Pin Wheel & Salad	Mac & Cheese	Fried Chicken, Chips & Corn

Next week's guest dish for Black History Month is 'Jollof Rice', a fragrant dish which is renowned for its sweet taste and subtle spiciness! The dish has its origins in West Africa and is typically made with long-grain rice, tomatoes, onions, spices, vegetables and meat in a single pot. Enjoy!

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and look forward to feeding you next week!



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**Student Leadership opportunities**

Technology and Food and Nutrition are looking for a group of dedicated students from Year 9 to become Student Leaders. As a Student Leader you will have the opportunity to:

- Act as an Ambassador for your subjects around the Academy
- Work with a friendly and dedicated team
- Ensure that student views and opinions are heard and listened to through Student Voice
- Support with the running of the Electives Programme and other events
- Have your say about projects that you do and how the curriculum is structured
- Take part in external competitions



If you are interested please see Mr Jones for an application form. The deadline for these to be handed in is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Student Leader opportunities in Art will follow shortly!**

**Inter-House Table Tennis**

# Inter-House Week: Table Tennis

**When?** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Where?** Sportshall

**Who?**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10 (3.35 – 4.30)	Year 7 (3.30 – 4.30)	Year 8 (2.35 – 3.30)	Year 9 (2.35 – 3.30)	Year 11 (3.30 – 4.30)

**Why?** To earn house points and compete to be selected for the school team for upcoming competitions



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## Road Safety

This is an important message and reminder to all drivers and pedestrians about road safety at the mini roundabout at the junction of Manor Road and Lewis Road.

Staff have recently noted some confusion at this busy junction and, in the interests of everyone's safety, it is important to note that since January 2022 the Highway Code has stated the following:

*'At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.'*

As such, from January 2022, a pedestrian waiting to cross should be given priority. Previously, drivers were told to give way to pedestrians if they 'have started crossing and traffic wants to turn into the road'.

Clearly the safety of both drivers and pedestrians is paramount so everyone needs to be aware of these changes and be mindful of them when approaching this busy junction either on foot or by car.



## The 'Tameside Hack'

Are you interested in coding? If so, why not join the 'Tameside Hack competition' and pit your skills against other students from around Tameside?

The 'Hack' takes place at Tameside College during half term, on 26th and 27th October, and there are prizes to be won in what will be a really enjoyable event.

To sign up, type 'Tameside Hack8' into Google and sign up for free via Eventbrite.

**Tameside Hack8**  
26th & 27th October 2022  
9.30am – 4pm

Tameside College,  
Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

Book now to secure your place via Eventbrite  
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## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

**Anti - Bullying Ambassadors  
2022-2023**

**Would you like to lead on a key role in school?**

**Are you interested in becoming an anti-bullying ambassador?**

If you are genuinely interested, please sign up on the sheet outside Mrs Arnold's office.

Full training will be given to all ambassadors and this is an opportunity available to students in all year groups.

## Support for families experiencing issues with drug or alcohol misuse



**ARE YOU A PARENT/RESIDENT IN TAMESIDE?**

**Want to learn more about  
drugs and alcohol locally?**

Tameside's drug & alcohol service for young people, **BRANCHING OUT** are delivering hour-long briefings online, to share our knowledge.

**THESE SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:**

- » Local drug trends
- » New popular substances
- » Modern media & new technology
- » Child Sexual & Criminal Exploitation
- » County Lines
- » What we're doing in response
- » Time to ask your questions

Click/scan to sign up on Eventbrite

 **Drug & Alcohol Awareness**  
TUE 18 OCT 7PM

 **Child Exploitation Awareness**  
THU 20 OCT 7PM

 **Branching Out** Tameside

 **MY RECOVERY** Tameside

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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.**

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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