

IN THE NEWS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS

Welcome to the first edition of Newsflash for the new academic year, and a particularly warm welcome to the parents and carers of students who have joined the Academy this September.

Published every other Monday, Newsflash is our regular way of keeping families up to date with life at the Academy. Each edition brings together the latest news and achievements from our students, alongside useful updates, reminders and important information.

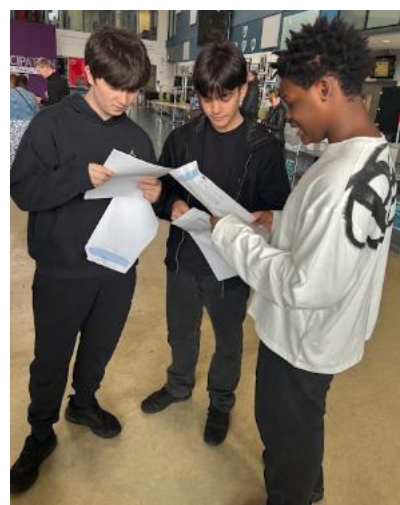
We know from your feedback that parents and carers value Newsflash as an informative and enjoyable way to keep in touch with what is happening across the Academy, and we hope you enjoy reading our first edition of the year.

We are delighted to welcome everyone back and look forward to another busy, successful and rewarding year for our students.

GCSE Results – Congratulations to the Class of 2026



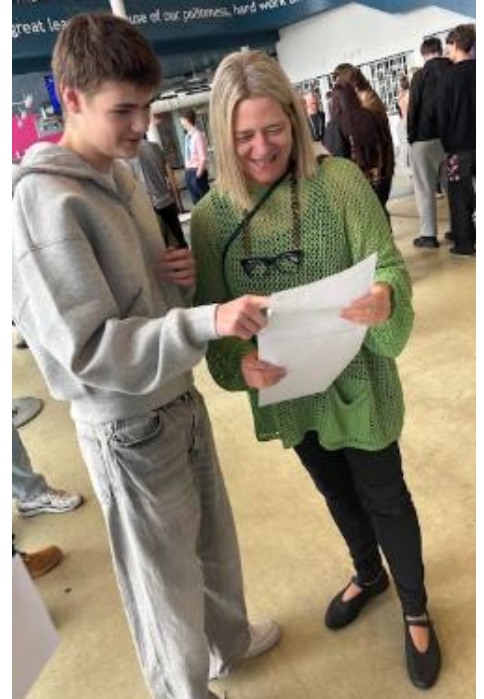
Students and staff at Droylsden Academy are celebrating another exceptional set of GCSE results, continuing the Academy's strong record of academic success.



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The results reflect the hard work, determination and resilience of the Class of 2026, alongside the dedication of staff and the support of parents and carers.



Mr Mayell said, "I am incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved. They leave us with excellent qualifications and the confidence, character and ambition to thrive in the future."



Congratulations to the Class of 2026 – we are enormously proud of you and wish you every success in your next steps!



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Academy Awards Presentation Evening

One of the highlights of the Academy calendar, our annual Academy Awards Presentation Evening, provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students over the past academic year.



The evening recognised excellence across every curriculum area, with each subject department selecting students from every year group to receive **Excellence Awards** in recognition of their outstanding attainment, commitment and enthusiasm for learning. From English, Mathematics and Science to the Arts, Humanities, Languages, Technology and PE, the breadth of talent on display reflected the incredible achievements of students across the Academy.



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Alongside our subject awards, a number of prestigious special awards were presented to students who have embodied the values of Droylsden Academy throughout the year. These included awards recognising exceptional progress, hard work, pride, leadership, service, attendance, sporting and performing excellence, together with our House Awards and the Headteacher's Award.



The Presentation Evening was a fitting celebration of the dedication, resilience and ambition shown by so many of our students. Whether recognised for academic excellence, outstanding progress or the positive contribution they make to Academy life, every award winner should be immensely proud of their achievement.



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Subject Awards



Excellence in Art: Emily R., Esmae E., Jayden S., Jessica B., Miracle A., Nadiia H., Sabrin A. and Tanisha G.

Excellence in BTEC Health & Social Care: Scarlett F. and Viktoria K.

Excellence in Business Studies: Ire A. and Martha B.

Excellence in Combined Science: Dexter A. and Martha B.

Excellence in Computer Science: Rosie S. and Tameem A.

Excellence in Computing: Alexandra Z., Isabelle V., James L., Khang N., Riley R. and Samrah K.

Excellence in Design & Technology: Mahdi K. and Thecla N.

Excellence in Drama: Ella B., Ella-Mae S., Isla M., Jayce P., Jennifer H. and Josh G.

Excellence in English: Amelia B., Bobby R., Dara J., Emma P., Jessica B., Katie S., Lacey H., Lucas J. and Samrah K.



Excellence in Food Preparation & Nutrition: Anya R., Hans K., Hollie R., Izzy P., Jake T., Marley W., Melodie L. and Steve J.

Excellence in French: Abu F., Amelia Y., Jacob A., Kyle F., Mariama B., Samrah K., Treasure E. and Yanying W.

Excellence in GCSE PE: Bethany M. and Mateen A.

Excellence in Geography: Ella B., Kang N., Kian H., Louis S., Millie S., Minhat S., Roman J. and Sam W.

Excellence in History: Evie J., Jennifer H., Katie S., Lily Y., Maisie C., Nawaab F., Sarka S. and Tejiri E.

Excellence in Maths: Emma P., Evan W., Katie S., Kyle F., Leiza S., Noah H., Samuel W. and Sophia G.

Excellence in Music: Bobby O., Daisy B., Daphne H., Dexter A., Hannah P., Noah W., Olivia D. and Ronan P.

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Excellence in Photography: Lily-Mae N. and Lois S.

Excellence in Psychology: Emma P. and Grace L.

Excellence in Religious Studies: Adelle O., Alexandra Z., Camille Ann R., Charlie L., Miracle A., Riley R., Samrah K. and Tameem A.

Excellence in Science: Amelia K., Ella H., Erin B., Isabelle V., Lewis M. and Noah W.

Excellence in Spanish: Allycia K., Bana O., Felix O., Goodgift Brat R., Gustavo R., Isabelle V., James W. and Miller S.

Excellence in Sports & Healthy Lifestyle: Atipa M., Jayno A., Katie S., Kyle A., Maddie C. and Oliver E.

Excellence in Technology: Aiden P., Isla F., Lincoln D., Rebecca S., Samuel H. and Saya H.

Excellence in Triple Science: Camille Ann R. and Rijja Y.

Year Awards: Callen Y., Freddie M., Holly T., Jake G., Jennifer H., Katie S., Libbie K. and Rishi M.

Excellent Attendance Awards: Holly T., Isabella B., Jacob A., Jake P., Jonathan S., Millie S., Paige J. and Samuel W.

Learning Support Award: Isabelle R. and Bethany E.

Performing Excellence Award: Cate R.

Sporting Excellence Award: Mylee D.

Service Award: Ebuka I. and Mylee D.

House Awards: Kaitlin T. and Emma H. (Albion); Sam M. and Lela W. (Oakfield); Dylan T. and Ella B. (Saxon); Lily-Mae N. and Erin B. (Victoria).

Leadership Award: Emilea-Grace H.

Peter Ryder PRIDE Award: Callen Y.

Jenny Worsdale Hard Work Award: Evie W.

Liz Kendal Progress Award: Nawaab F.

Manilal Mistry Achievement Award: Treasure E.



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John Lyne "Make a Difference" Award:
Lagan B.

Headteacher's Award: Felix O.

Character Awards

Year 7

Learning Apprentice

Harry S., Ruby N.

Learning Graduate

Ella S., Erin W., Jacob A.



Learning Apprentice

Brice L.

Learning Master

Darcey W., Lela W.

Leadership Apprentice

Lewis M., Maddie C., MJ O., Ollie S.



Year 8

Learning Graduate

Abdullah A., Abu F., Amelia K., Amelia Y., Ava K., Azai G., Benjamin P., Brice L., Daniel A., Deacon D., Ellis W., Finnley B., George H., Goodgift Brat R., Holly K., Ivy C., Jake P., Jake T., Jensen F., Jessica B., Kaalilah A., Khang N., Kingsley W., Kyle A., Layton S., Leo F., Maisy F., Mason D., Matthew D., Olivia J., Olivia P., Ollie S., Oscar L., Rana S., Ryan P., Ryan P., Skye H., Tyler L., Yaseen Y.



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Participation Apprentice

James W., Max M., Max P., Vincent M.

Service Master

Max M., Theo O.

Year 9

Learning Graduate

Abbie V., Alfie B., Bobby R., Cherish U., Isla F., Jennifer H., Jonathan S., Lilly P., Louise C., Ollie M., Richard Z., Ruby J., Ryan G., Summer H., Tyler B., Farouq O.

Learning Apprentice

Ollie B.

Learning Master

Kyle C., Kyla M., Tia F.



Year 10

Learning Graduate

Aicha A., Chloe G., Erin W., Esme S., Hannah P., Isaac R., Jamie W., Kaamil A., Leo T., Nawaab F., Rijja Y., Rosie M., Ryan A., Thierno B.



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Junior Award Scheme (JAS)

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who have successfully achieved their **Junior Award Scheme (JAS)** awards following their participation in the Outdoor Adventure Elective.

The JAS programme encourages young people to develop new skills, embrace challenge, contribute to their community and grow in confidence through a range of practical experiences. Completing the award is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment, resilience and enthusiasm shown by each student throughout the programme.

Congratulations to:

Harry S., Kimberley F. H., Steve J., Isla H. and Ryan D. S. S.

Congratulations to all of our recipients. We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished this year and look forward to seeing your continued success in the years ahead.

DAFest

What better way to celebrate another successful year at Droylsden Academy than with our very own festival? Introducing... DA Fest!

For our end-of-term Rewards Day, we wanted to do something a little different and give our students a celebration to remember. Students who met the rewards criteria - achieving 5 or more Positive Points each week, alongside good or improving attendance - received their very own DA Fest wristband, giving them access to two hours of festival fun (and a keepsake to take home!) Our fantastic Zero Heroes received special VIP wristbands, complete with those all-important queue-jump privileges!

And what a festival it was!

Learning Master

Jessica P., Max M., Samantha B.



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The sun was shining, the music was playing and our Atrium came alive with performances from our incredibly talented student bands. They were phenomenal and had students dancing, cheering and singing along. Not to be outdone, our staff band also took to the stage - and they were brilliant!



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For students wanting to embrace the full festival look, our craft area was the place to be. Students made flower headbands, bracelets and rings, while others enjoyed mindful colouring and card making.



There was plenty for our more competitive festivalgoers too, with volleyball, football and basketball competitions taking place throughout the event. Laser tag and archery proved hugely popular - and this was certainly where those VIP queue-jump wristbands came in handy!



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Our garden games area was buzzing all afternoon. There were huge tug-of-war competitions, with staff even getting involved, alongside glitter face painting, giant Jenga, football darts, gladiator duels and tin can alley. Students could also enjoy chess and board games, or simply head to our chill-out zone, listen to the music and spend some well-earned time with friends.



And, of course, no sunny summer celebration would be complete without an ice lolly!

The atmosphere throughout DA Fest was fantastic. Seeing our students laughing with friends, cheering one another on, trying something new and simply enjoying being together was a wonderful way to finish the year.

Most importantly, DA Fest was a celebration of our students' hard work, effort and commitment throughout the year. We were delighted to reward so many students for making positive choices, working hard and showing improvements in their attendance.

A huge thank you must also go to our staff, performers and everyone involved in making the event possible. Judging by the smiles on the faces of students *and* staff, it's safe to say DA Fest was a huge success!

What a way to celebrate another fantastic year at Droylsden Academy.



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Friday Pride Day

Both staff and students enjoyed another successful Friday Pride Day event on Friday 10th July. Nearly 60 students were invited to attend by staff presenting golden and diamond tickets for their outstanding work and collecting a fantastic prize.

Students love Friday Pride Day and we love celebrating with our students.



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Sports Day



Sports Day was a huge success, with students from all year groups proudly representing their Houses. Students made banners to show their support and enjoyed taking part in a range of events, while also raising money for their House charities through the sale of ice pops and lollies.

Events included the 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, 1500m, relay, long jump, triple jump, high jump, javelin and shot put.

It was an incredibly close competition, with just three points separating the top three Houses!

Final standings: **Oakfield** – 1st (124 points); **Saxon** – 2nd (123 points); **Victoria** – 3rd (121 points); **Albion** – 4th (112 points).

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New Academy Records

A number of Academy records were broken on Sports Day and throughout the academic year. Congratulations to all our new record holders!

1500m: **Katie S.** (Y7 Girls) – 7:20; **Annie B.** (Y9 Girls) – 6:12; **Noah W.** (Y7 Boys) – 6:30; **Owen H.** (Y9 Boys) – 4:51.

800m: **Sabrin A.** (Y8 Girls).

300m: **Savanna B.** (Y9 Girls) – 51.75; **Kelly A.** (Y9 Boys) – 45.66.

200m: **Mohoba D.** (Y10 Boys) – 25.90; **Ousman N.** (Y7 Boys) – 27.97.

100m: **Deborah A.** (Y10 Girls) – 13.66.

Long Jump: **Miracle A.** (Y9 Girls) – 4.52m; **Stanley H.** (Y8 Boys) – 4.86m.

Triple Jump: **Neesee J.** (Y9 Girls) – 6.49m; **Yaseen Y.** (Y8 Boys) – 8.4m; **Josh J.** (Y9 Boys) – 11.03m.



High Jump: **Kyla M.** (Y9 Girls) – 1.5m; **Tyler D.** (Y9 Boys) – 1.64m; **Marcos A.** (Y8 Boys) – 1.5m.



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Javelin: Y9 Boys – 28.7m.

Shot Put: **Farouq O.** (Y9 Boys) – 10.9m.



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House Results



Our four House Shields have a wonderful history. Made in 1970 by Norman Cook as House trophies for Denton Central Primary School, they later moved to Corrie Primary before being donated to Droylsden Academy by the family of alumni DA student **Taylor Megram**, Norman's granddaughter.

Now known as the *Cook Trophies*, each shield represents one of our four Houses, with the overall winning House proudly displaying its trophy in the Atrium.

Our Houses themselves celebrate Droylsden's industrial heritage, taking their names from four local factories, while the distinctive House logos were designed by our own students.



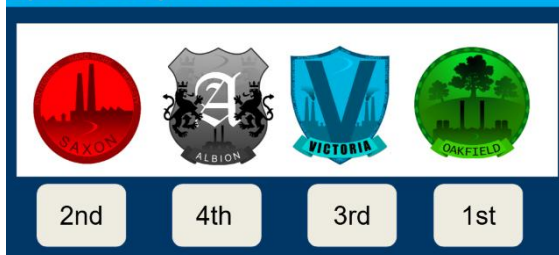
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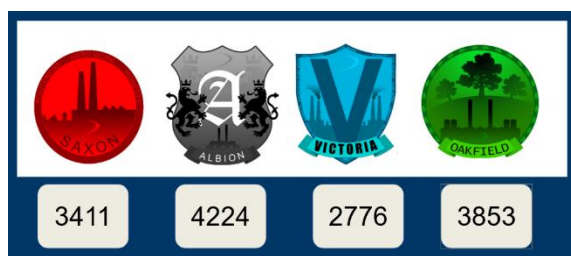
As part of Character development students receive House Points throughout the year for their *Learning, Leadership, Service* and *Participation*.

Here are the final House results for Sports Day:

Sports' Day Winners!



And here are the **final results** for the entire year, *including* Sports Day:



Well done to Albion House who are House Champions for the second year running!



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ELECTIVES ROUND-UP



This is normally where we share some of the fantastic experiences our students have been enjoying through our Electives programme. Electives are an important part of Academy life and give students the chance to try something new, develop their interests and learn new skills beyond the classroom.

Electives are compulsory for Year 7 students, who are expected to take part in at least one, but there is a huge range of enrichment opportunities available across the Academy.

Why not take a look at what's currently on [offer](#)? And if there's something you think we're missing, please let us know. We'd love to hear your ideas about other activities your child might be interested in taking part in.

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Special mentions for the following students who have all been successful in passing their practical music exams

Noah H B:	Grade 1 Drums
Vincent M:	Grade 2 Guitar
Lily M:	Grade 3 Guitar
Millie S:	Grade 3 Guitar



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A message from Transport For Greater Manchester

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has shared some useful information for students and families travelling on the Bee Network.



Igo cards and child fares

Students aged 11–16 need an [igo card](#) to use child tickets on buses and trams in Greater Manchester.

Applications can take up to two weeks to process, so parents and carers are advised to apply in plenty of time. Applications can also be made by post or at a [Bee Network Information and Ticket Office](#).

Further information about eligibility and how to apply can be found on the [TfGM igo card webpage](#).

Staying safe on buses and trams

TravelSafe Support and Enforcement Officers patrol the Bee Network to help keep passengers safe and provide assistance when needed.

TfGM reminds young people to behave safely and responsibly when travelling and to be considerate of other passengers and transport staff.

Anyone who sees something concerning or feels uncomfortable while travelling can contact **TravelSafe LiveChat** through the Bee Network App, using QR codes displayed on vehicles, or through [Greater Manchester Police LiveChat](#).

More advice for young people travelling to and from school is available at tfgm.com/schools.

Helping young people travel independently

TfGM, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Greater Manchester Police and other local partners have developed resources to help young people become confident and safe independent travellers.

The **Greater Manchester Independent Travel Guide** includes practical advice on planning journeys, buying tickets, staying safe, dealing with common problems and finding additional support. A series of travel-training video tutorials is also available.

Parents and carers can find the guide, videos and other resources on the [TfGM Travel Training webpage](#).

Free bus travel for 11–16-year-olds from January 2027

From **January 2027**, 11–16-year-olds in Greater Manchester are expected to be able to travel **free of charge on Bee Network buses** through an extension of the Our Pass scheme.

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Applications are due to open later this year, allowing families to apply in advance of the January launch. TfGM will publish further details about eligibility and the application process over the coming months.

Parents and carers can [read the TfGM announcement](#) or visit the [free travel for young people webpage](#) for further information.

A message from our Catering Team

This week, we will be serving:



🍽️ Main Hatch

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sausage and Mash	Butter Chicken with Rice	Roast Dinner with Trimmings	Steak Bake with Potatoes and Peas	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas
	Veggie Sausage and Mash	Vegetarian Pasta	Veggie Roast Dinner with Trimmings	Cheese and Onion Pie, Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Veggie Burger, Chips and Beans
	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling
🍷 Grab & Go	BBQ Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry and Rice	Spicy Chilli Beef with Wedges	Sweet Chilli Chicken with Rice	Sausage, Chips and Peas
🍹 Juice Bar	Jumbo Sausage in a Roll	Chicken Burger	Pizza Slice	Cheese and Pepperoni Panini	Jumbo Sausage Roll

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And week commencing 14th September

Main Hatch

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chicken with Black Bean Sauce	Lasagne	Roast Dinner with Trimmings	Meat and Potato Pie	Fish, Chips and Peas
	Spanish Omelette	Veg Chilli with Rice	Veggie Roast Dinner with Trimmings	Omelette	Spicy Bean Burger, Chips and Beans
	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato and Filling
 Grab & Go	Chinese Chicken with Rice	Chilli and Rice	Meatball Pasta	Spicy Chicken Wrap	Sausage, Chips and Peas
 Juice Bar	Chicken Burger in a Bun	Jumbo Sausage Roll	Pizza Slice	Cheese and Pepperoni Panini	Beef Burger in a Bun

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Academic Year 2025 to 26

The term dates for the coming academic year are as follows:

Autumn Term

We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 23rd October and re-open on Monday 2nd November.

We close for the Christmas Holiday at noon on Friday 18th December.

Spring Term

The Academy opens for students on Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January is a Staff Training Day).

We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 12th February and re-open on Monday 22nd February.

We close for the Easter Holiday on Thursday 25th March.

Summer Term

The Academy opens for students on Monday 12th April.

We will be closed for May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May.

We close for the Half Term Holiday on Friday 28th May and re-open on Monday 7th June.

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We close for the Summer Holiday at noon on Friday 16^h July.

September

Wednesday 9th September

Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip – River Medlock

Monday 14th September

Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip – River Medlock

Wednesday 16th September

Year 11 Educational Visit – Manchester Cathedral

Wednesday 30th September

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

October

Black History Month

Thursday 1st October

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

Friday 2nd October

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

Flu Vaccinations – All Year Groups

Tuesday 6th October

After Droylsden – Year 11 Drop Down Day and Futures Evening

Wednesday 7th October

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

Thursday 8th October

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

Friday 9th October

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip – Lewis Road Park

Monday 19th October

Year 9 Sex and Relationships Drop Down Day



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If so, why not **'Train to Teach'** with us here at **The Tame River Teaching & Curriculum Institute** through the School Led Route 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 Led training 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.

The Tame River Educational Trust plays host to training and placements in very strong schools (Mossley Hollins High School, Ofsted Good, and Droylsden Academy, Ofsted Good) and we are working in partnership with other schools in Tameside. Bursaries are available!

For further information please contact K.Oag@mossleyhollins.com

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options>

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