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"This is a happy school where positive relationships between teachers and pupils enable pupils to thrive."

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IN THE NEWS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS

Outstanding Recognition for Droylsden Academy in Ofsted Inspection



We are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that Droylsden Academy has received an overwhelmingly positive report following our recent Ofsted inspection.

Under Ofsted's new and significantly more demanding inspection framework, schools are judged across six separate areas rather than receiving a single overall grade.

We are immensely proud that **Droylsden Academy has achieved the higher judgement of Strong in four of the six areas**, meeting the Expected standard in the remaining two.

This is a particularly impressive achievement, with **no other high school in** Tameside having yet received a Strong judgement in any category under the new framework.

Our Ofsted Judgements

- Inclusion - Strong
- Achievement - Strong
- Teaching and Curriculum - Strong
- Attendance and Behaviour - Strong
- Personal Development and Wellbeing - Expected
- Leadership and Governance - Strong

A School to Be Proud Of

While these judgements are wonderful recognition of our work, we are particularly delighted by what inspectors had to say about our students and the everyday life of our Academy.

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Inspectors praised our students' ambition, hard work and positive attitudes, observing that **"*pupils' conduct supports a purposeful learning environment where teachers can teach and their peers can learn.*"** They also noted that students wear their uniform with pride and understand the importance of a positive work ethic.

Our academic success was recognised too, with inspectors highlighting that students achieve GCSE results above national averages.

Equally pleasing was the recognition of our commitment to inclusion. Inspectors described our leaders as being driven by **"*an impassioned commitment to reduce any barriers to learning or wellbeing that a pupil may face.*"** This reflects our determination to give every young person the opportunity to succeed.

More Than Just Examination Results

The report also celebrated the wider opportunities available to our students, particularly through our Electives Programme. Inspectors praised the range of activities that allow students to explore new interests, develop their talents and discover new passions, concluding that **"*there is something for everyone.*"**

The positive relationships, calm atmosphere and strong sense of community throughout the Academy were also recognised, alongside our commitment to keeping students safe and supporting their wellbeing.

A Wonderful Achievement for Our Whole Community

Perhaps the most fitting words come from the inspectors' recognition that our leaders have **"*an unrelenting drive for evermore success*"** *and* **"*place no limits on what can be achieved by pupils and staff at Droylsden Academy.*"**

This fantastic report is a tribute to our students, whose hard work, kindness and ambition make us proud every day; to our dedicated staff and governors; and to our parents and carers, whose encouragement and support are so important to our success.



Thank you to everyone who makes Droylsden Academy such a special place. We have so much to celebrate, and even more to look forward to!

You can read our report by using the QR code at the top of the page or by following this link

Droylsden Academy Remembers

On Wednesday 11th November, the Droylsden Academy community came together in a moving act of Remembrance, honouring those who have lost their lives in conflict and reflecting on the extraordinary sacrifices made in the service of others.



Members of our Combined Cadet Force, staff, Governors and Senior Prefects took part in a solemn Service of Remembrance in the Academy grounds, while across the school, lessons paused as students and staff joined together in two minutes of silence. It was a powerful moment of reflection, observed with dignity and respect throughout the Academy.

Remembrance has particular significance for Droylsden, a community with proud and enduring connections to the Armed Forces. Like so many communities across Britain, Droylsden has experienced the devastating consequences of war, with generations of families affected by loss and sacrifice.



At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the guns fell silent on the Western Front, bringing an end to the fighting of the First World War. More than a century later, as conflicts continue to affect lives across the world, the message of Remembrance remains as relevant and important as ever.

We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, but also those who returned from conflict carrying wounds both visible and unseen. We remember families torn apart, communities changed forever and the countless ordinary people whose lives have been shaped by war.



For our students, Remembrance offers an important opportunity to look beyond the pages of history and consider the values of courage, compassion, service and responsibility. It reminds us that the peace and freedoms we enjoy should never be taken for granted.

Our Academy is a community of many cultures, backgrounds and experiences, united by a shared commitment to respect and understanding. Remembrance brings us together, not to glorify war, but to honour those who suffered through it and to reaffirm our hopes for a more peaceful future.

We are immensely proud of the maturity and respect shown by our students, and particularly grateful to our cadets and staff for helping us mark this important occasion.

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.





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Food and Nutrition - Civilised Dining

Our Year 9 Food and Nutrition students are combining their culinary skills with the art of hospitality through their 'civilised dining' afternoon tea.



After preparing a selection of treats, students invite available members of staff to join them, sharing the food they have made and enjoying conversation around the table.



The experience gives students an opportunity to take pride in their cooking while exploring how good manners and consideration for others help make dining a welcoming, sociable occasion.

Additionally, to round off their unit on fruit and vegetables, **Year 10 Food and Nutrition** students planned and prepared their own vegetarian dishes. The challenge gave them a chance to show what they could do in the kitchen, from choosing how to use their ingredients to presenting the finished dishes with care. The results showed impressive practical skills and a real eye for presentation.







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Year 9 Explore Healthy Relationships and Wellbeing

On Monday 19th October, Year 9 students took part in a special Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Drop Down Day, swapping their usual lessons for a series of engaging and thought-provoking workshops.

Working with specialist organisations YouThink, Tough Cookies and Odd Arts, students explored important issues including healthy relationships, consent, online safety, social media, body image and sexual health.

The sessions encouraged students to ask questions, challenge misconceptions and develop the knowledge and confidence to make safe, informed decisions as they grow older.

Our Year 9 students approached the day with maturity, enthusiasm and respect, engaging positively with some challenging and sensitive topics. Visiting facilitators were impressed by their contributions and willingness to participate. Well done to Year 9 for demonstrating such a positive attitude towards this important aspect of their personal development!

Friday Pride Day

Golden and diamond tickets brought over 70 students together for Friday Pride Day on Friday 23rd October, as staff recognised their outstanding work.

Invited students collected a prize and shared in the celebrations with staff. A firm favourite with students, Friday Pride Day gives us a chance to put their achievements in the spotlight and celebrate the effort behind them.



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Vanessa T (Y7)

I was awarded three golden tickets - I couldn't believe it! I was awarded the tickets for excellent effort in Science lessons. Making full calculations. Excellent contribution in lessons to complete work to a high standard. Excellent extended writing in Geography and RS. I was surprised, very happy and proud of myself. There is a good variety of prizes to pick some but would love it if there are more chocolates! Friday Pride Day is such a good event. It's really nice to have music at lunch time for a feel-good event and it is enjoyable time with friends. It's great to also support how well your friends have done as well as yourself.



Annie A (Y7)

I was awarded a golden ticket in English for my hard work. I was very proud of myself. I was a bit nervous about it but found it to be a joyful event. There are so many good prizes on offer, I love stickers - please can we have some more next time. It is such a nice event because it has nice music and it's joyful.



Erin C (Y7)

I was awarded a golden ticket in Spanish for my excellent writing. I couldn't believe it was me! I was really happy and proud of myself. I felt confused - why me? But it was amazing. Friday Pride Day is so good because every student wants to get a ticket - it helps to bring out the best in us. There are so many good prizes on offer too.



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Cate R (Y11)

I was awarded a golden ticket for my independent work and excellent effort in Maths. I was really proud of myself and felt seen by a teacher and felt a lot of pride in myself that I was chosen out of everyone. The prizes are inclusive, there are lots of different choices and well-rounded options. I really like Friday Pride Day, it's not just the school that counts down, students do it too, there is an eagerness from everyone to get a ticket. The music at lunch time creates a happy vibe, it is a celebration of the whole month which encourages you for the next month. I think that Friday Pride Day validates all students' feelings, it is spread out across the school which I really like, it's for everyone.

Lois S (Y11)

I received a golden ticket because my Photography teacher recognised that I had been doing a lot of my own photoshoots and other extra work outside of school. I was quite proud of myself, happy with what I had done and accomplished. I love the prizes; I managed to get a cute little pen with a character. There is so much to suit everyone. Friday Pride Day is really good, I thought it would be annoying at first when it was launched with the music at lunch time, but I actually do enjoy having the music on whilst I am eating my lunch with my friends and it is nice to win something and to celebrate with others.





ELECTIVES ROUND-UP

Here is the full list of recipients:

Tameem A, **Bahreddin A**, **Jacob A**, **Annie A**, **Deborah A**, **Olivia B**, **Tyler B**, **Niall B**, **Alfie B**, **Isabella B**, **Emily B**, **Thomas C**, **Munachi C**, **Rubie Lillie C**, **Keira C**, **Erin C**, **Mia C**, **Lincoln D**, **Olivia E**, **Treasure E**, **Divine E**, **Bethany E**, **Kashfa F**, **Millie F**, **Kyle F**, **Corey F**, **Zachary G**, **Joshua G**, **Coby H**, **Emilea-Grace H**, **Daphne H**, **Ellie-Mae H**, **Isla H**, **Tullulah I**, **Ruby J**, **Jack J**, **Amna K**, **Melissa-Patricia L**, **Evie M**, **Bethany M**, **Marley N**, **Isa M**, **Flynn M**, **Thecla N**, **Phoebie N**, **Nathan Ngassam N**, **Eniola O**, **Ryder O**, **Anais P**, **Cate R**, **Reyansh S**, **Awa S**, **Alizah S**, **Jayden S**, **Lois S**, **Millie S**, **Jack T**, **Louie T**, **Vanessa T**, **Tommy T**, **Isabelle V**, **Kingsley W**, **Renesmai W**, **Ellis W**, **Martha Y** and **Jacob Y**.

Year 7 Hit the Right Notes

There was music in the air this week as Year 7 form groups took part in an exciting singing competition during their Music lessons.

Each form performed a different pop classic, with songs ranging from *Wonderwall* and *I'm Still Standing* to *We Will Rock You*, *Happy* and *California Gurls*. Students showed plenty of enthusiasm, teamwork and courage as they performed in front of their classmates and a camera.

After some fantastic performances, congratulations go to **7E from Saxon House**, who were crowned the winners with their brilliant rendition of Miley Cyrus's *Party in the USA*.

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As a reward, the winning form will enjoy a free form breakfast, with every student also receiving three Participation points for their House.

A huge well done to everyone who took part. Singing in front of an audience takes real confidence, and we're incredibly proud of all the students who stepped up to the challenge!

ELECTIVES ROUND-UP

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. Have a look at our offer.

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.

Electives (September 2026)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Football (Astro)	Football (Astro)	Football (Astro)	Football (Astro)	Football (Astro)
	Chess	Chess	Band Practice	Arts Award Elective	Chess
	DA Dissectologists	KS3 Art	Droylsden Debating Union (I4)	British Sign Language	Creative Writing
	Connect	Volleyball/Badminton	History and Politics	Chess	Drama
	Droylsden Voices	Guitar/Ukulele Group	Advanced Vocal Group	Fantasy Football	Einstein
			Chess	Lego	Sonic Screen
			English Homework Support	News at One	GCSE Art Catch-Up
				Superheroes	English Homework Support
				Puzzle	
				English Homework Support	
After School	Cricket (Invite Only)	Combined Cadet Force	Fitness Suite	Table Tennis	Year 7 Football
	KS4 Football	DIY	Netball	Girls' Football	Gardening
	Robot Club (T7)	Band Practice (P4)	Year 8/9 Football	Band Practice (P4)	STEM
		School Musical Rehearsals	Band Practice	School Musical Rehearsals	
		Year 10 Further Maths	School Musical Rehearsals	Outdoor Adventure/Junior	
				Year 11 Further Maths	



For further information about any of these Electives, please see the e-booklet in the 'Student' section of the Droylsden Academy website.

Please remember to get your Elective Passport signed!

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Performing Arts Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIMES				
Droylsden Voices	Guitar/Ukulele Group	Advanced Vocal group	Arts Award Elective	Drama Club
AFTER SCHOOL				
Band Practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday				
School Musical Rehearsals Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday *(See Schedule)*				

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PE Elective Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cricket provided by Lancashire Cricket Club (Invitation Only)	Badminton/ Volleyball (Alternating each half term)	Fitness Suite	Table Tennis	Year 7 Football
KS4 Football		Netball	Girls' Football	
		Year 8/9 Football		

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



Yanying W in Year 11 has been recognised by Mr Mayell for her consistently thoughtful and detailed work in English. *She remains focused and attentive, engaging superbly in every lesson, and her work continues to go from strength to strength. Her hard work has put her in a strong position for November's PPEs in both English Language and Literature. Well done, Yanying!*

Merveille B in Year 11 has been recognised by Ms Fitzpatrick for *her hard work and dedication in English. She has completed several essays in her own time, with each showing further improvement. Her commitment to independent study is putting her in a strong position for November's PPEs.*



Damian Y in Year 10 has been recognised by Mrs Wood for his *exceptional hard work in* Maths*. Often the first to complete tasks correctly, he works quietly and independently while always asking for help when needed. His strong performance in the baseline assessment at the start of the year shows that his efforts are paying off. Well done,* ***Damian****!*



A huge congratulations to Jobie PC, who has impressed the Science department (nominated by Ms Dillon) with *his enthusiasm, positive attitude and excellent effort in lessons. Jobie consistently contributes to class discussions, engages enthusiastically with his learning and shows a real determination to develop his scientific knowledge and understanding. A fantastic example of our academy values.*

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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES



Anti bullying week is 16th-20th November. The theme this year is **"Break the silence**". Like all schools right across the UK, Droylsden Academy will be taking part to highlight bullying and the steps that we can take to work collaboratively to stop it. We will have events and resources that will be incorporated into lessons, assembly and the pastoral programme to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be involved.

'Odd Socks Day' will take place on **Friday 20th November** which will help us raise awareness about this important event.

The anti-bullying alliance has produced resources for parents/carers to help you support your child further. Please take a look here.

There is a work pack that parents/carers can use as an important tool. This work pack includes information about bullying, activities, advice & support:

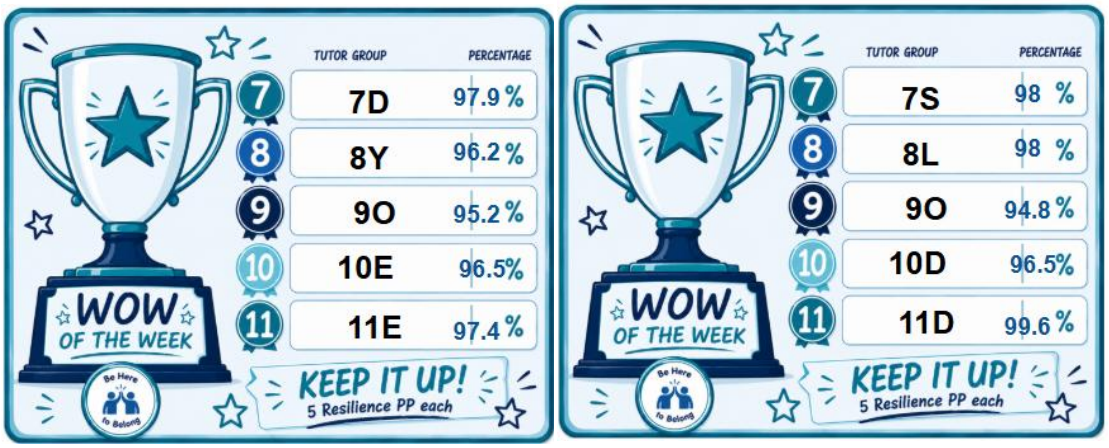
We look forward to sharing more information about the activities that the students have taken part in during the week.

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Good attendance is vital to success. Every school day helps students build knowledge, skills, and confidence — and every missed lesson means missed learning that can't be fully replaced. Being in school consistently keeps you on track, helps you develop positive habits, and strengthens your connections with teachers and friends.

Every single day matters, and each opportunity in the classroom helps shape your future success.

Here is the WOW of the Week Attendance Leaderboard for the past two weeks - congratulations to all our winners!



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 23rd November.

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 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.

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

Here are some important dates and upcoming events to look out for over the next few weeks.

November

Thursday 19th November

- Production Late Night Rehearsal, 2.35pm–6.30pm

Monday 23rd November

- GCSE Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Exams, 8.45am–3.20pm

Wednesday 25th November

- GCSE Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Exams, 8.45am–11.00am

Thursday 26th November

- Class of 2026 Recognition Evening

December

Thursday 3rd December

- Production Late Night Rehearsal, Atrium

Tuesday 8th December

- Year 8 Trip to the Science and Industry Museum (to be confirmed)

Thursday 17th December

- History and Politics Trip to Parliament, Years 7–11

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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!

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