

Droylsden Academy is a good school

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

OFSTED Section 8 Inspection

The Academy underwent an unannounced Section 8 OFSTED Inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. 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 and the feedback we received and look forward to sharing it with students, parents and carers when the Report is published.

Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

This week, Year 11 GCSE Geography students took advantage of the good weather to complete their fieldwork on the geomorphology of a flood plain and river meander by investigating the River Medlock. The group investigated river width and depth and how these affected velocity and flow rates, using both 'flow meters' and the less conventional method of timing how long oranges took to travel a certain distance..... before eating the oranges!

Year 11 Geography students will also have the opportunity to go on a residential Field Trip to the East Coast later this year when they will study coastal erosion and defences and the formation of headlands, bays, caves, arches and stacks!



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Year 7 are settling in!

We hope that Year 7 are settling in at the Academy, making new friends, working hard and enjoying their learning. Here are just a few photos of our new intake in their second full week at their new school!



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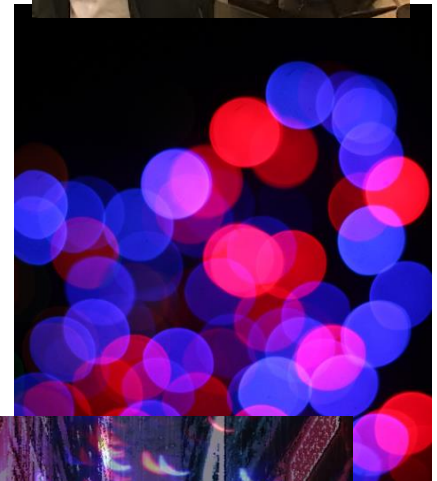
Food and Nutrition

Thank you to the apple and pear trees in Mrs Arnold's garden for another bumper crop and to her children for collecting in the harvest! The fruit was put to good use by Year 7, in the photographs above, and Year 10, in the photographs below, who made delicious and nutritious Fruit Salad and Tarte Tatan respectively!



Photography

The Year 11 GCSE Photography group are currently learning about a technique called 'Bokeh' in which parts of an image are intentionally blurred. Apparently, you can create a 'Bokeh' effect by shooting a subject using a fast lens at the widest aperture! Thank you to **Elisha Holland**, **Gracie Plant** and **Amy McGuire** for the excellent examples they have submitted to Newsflash this week and to **Molly Nash** and **Daniel Arora** who for demonstrating their skill with a light pen.



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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 28 school weeks left, just 140 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 on offer. There will be lots of Open Days or Events over the coming term and it is important that you visit as many as you can so that you can start to make informed decisions about your future.

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



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Ibrahim Ali Muhammad** and **Michael Belcher** from Year 9 and **Lora Petrova** from Year 10 on their nominations as Student of the Week.



Ibrahim has been nominated by the Maths Department. This week saw the launch of 'Sparx' homework across the Academy. This is a platform that sets students homework on what they have been learning in class and what they have learnt previously. Each week, students have to complete a compulsory task, but they also have the chance to earn XP points through boosters and extra tasks. This week, Ibrahim scored the highest number of XP points across the Academy with a score of 7146 points (the next highest score was 3310). The benchmark has officially been set! Well done Ibrahim! If any other students or parents would like additional information about [Sparx.co.uk](https://www.sparx.co.uk), please see your maths teacher.

Michael has been nominated by the English Department as he has made a superb start to Year 9. He is approaching every lesson with a focused and enthusiastic attitude and has contributed great ideas in class. Well done Michael and keep up the hard work!

Lora has been nominated by the Science Department as she has made an excellent start on her GCSE Combined Science Course. She is completing all her work to a very high standard and volunteering some very well-articulated answers in class as well as demonstrating some excellent practical Science skills. Keep this up Lora, Miss Sandiford is proud of you!

DINING AT THE ACADEMY

Welcome back from the Catering Team who look forward to feeding us all over the new academic year!



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Thank you to the members of the Gardening Club who planted potatoes for us last year in the Academy Garden. These have now grown and been picked, cooked, eaten and enjoyed! We hope to serve up more home grown produce over the coming year.



SCHOOLS GATEWAY

Dear Parents/Carers

We launched School Gateway at Droylsden Academy in July 2018 – a parent engagement app that allows you to pay for school trips, communicate with the school and view your child's achievements at anytime from anywhere.

All school related [communication, newsletters, timetables, attendance figures, payments for lunches and trips](#) will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download. Simple.

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information Droylsden Academy already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to admin@droylsdenacademy.com.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

Kind regards,

Mr R Pilkington

IT Manager

SCHOOL CLOSURE

As you will be aware, the Academy will be closed on Monday 19th September as we join with the Nation in remembering and celebrating the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926
Princess Elizabeth is born in London.

1945
Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.

1947
Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.

1948
The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.

1953
The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.

1957
Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.

1966
Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.

1977
Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.

2015
Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.

2022
The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

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REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Cycle Helmets

This is a reminder that Cycle Helmets must be worn if you wish to come to school on your bike. Students who do not bring a helmet with them will not be allowed to cycle home until a parent brings a helmet in.

HELMETS MUST BE WORN

You must wear a helmet when riding to or from school on your bike



Students who do not wear a helmet will not be able to cycle home until a parent brings a helmet in

School Photographs for students in Years 7 and 10

A company called Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 20th September to photograph the students in Year 7 and Year 10. Although the photographs will primarily be for our school records, Tempest will email a link to parents/carers so that they can view the photos of their child too. The email will also include an option for parents/carers to order copies of the photographs should they wish to buy them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following events and activities will take place over the coming half term:

There will be GCSE Geography Field Trips for Year 11 students on the afternoons of Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th of September.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 29th September.

There will be events and activities to celebrate Black History Month throughout October.

Year 8 students will be vaccinated against HPV1 in week beginning 4th October. Further information and consent forms will be sent home prior to vaccinations being given.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 13th October.

Year 9 students will be attending a Life Skills 'Drop Down Day' on Sex and Relationships Education on Monday 17th October. Further information will be sent out to parents and carers beforehand.

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Pastoral Behaviour Manager

Pay Scale: Grade F, Point 17 (Actual salary of £21,339)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 36 per week
Closing Date: 18th September 2022
Start Date: As soon as possible

Some students need extra support to be able to succeed in lessons. The successful candidate will work directly with these students and provide mentoring and/or pastoral support to overcome particular obstacles to learning whilst ensuring our values of Politeness, Hardwork and Honesty are ingrained in all that we do. If you want to join an excellent team who love seeing students succeed, we welcome your application.

Teaching Assistant – Level 2 (Maths)

Pay Scale: Grade D, Point 7 – 10 (Actual starting salary of £15,804 at Point 7)
Contract: Term Time Only
Hours: 32.5 per week (8.30am until 3.30pm daily)
Closing Date: 25th September 2022
Start Date: As soon as possible

As a Teaching Assistant you will supervise individuals and groups of children in order to accelerate their progress and learning. You will also work with the Director of Special Educational Needs and Learning Support to assist with the planning and delivery of the Key Skills and Catch-Up group workshops and support teachers to ensure such students develop good and great attitudes to learning. There will also be the opportunity to gain your Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification with the Academy.

Interested applicants in either of the above posts should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on our website at

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

Completed applications should be emailed to:

hr@droylsdenacademy.com

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

Library and Power of Language Strategy [POLLS] Manager

Pay Scale: Grade E, Point 11 – 16 (Actual starting salary of £18,852 at Point 11)
Hours: 36 hours per week (term time only)
Contract: Permanent
Closing Date: Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 12 noon
Interview Date: Interviews are likely to be held in week beginning 26th September
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Library Manager to join the English Faculty. The role will involve supporting the development and promotion of the School Library and ensuring that an effective reading resource and information service is provided to all students and staff. You will also work closely with small groups of our students, supporting their development of reading skills. The post-holder will also act as Deputy Lead First Aider.

Deputy Head of English Faculty (Maternity Cover)

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR + TLR 2b (£5,021)
Hours: Full time
Contract: Fixed Term Contract
Closing Date: Monday 26th September 2022 – 12 noon
Start Date: 1st January 2023
End Date: 31st December 2023 or until the return of the post-holder

Classroom Teacher of English (Maternity Cover)

Pay Scale: MPR/UPR
Hours: Full time
Contract: Fixed Term Contract
Closing Date: Monday 26th September 2022 at 12 noon
Start Date: 1st January 2023
End Date: 31st December 2023 or until the return of the post-holder

Interested applicants in any of the above posts should complete an Application Form available on the school website at

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

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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>

Apply here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training Course Provider Code 2A1>

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