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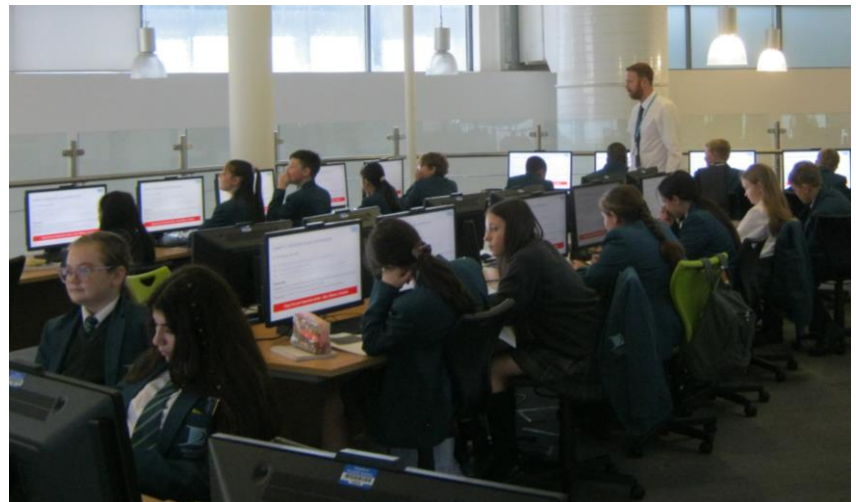
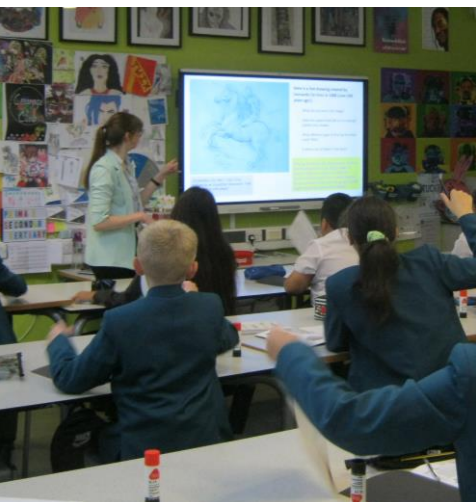
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 7

Although Year 7 are only in their third week at the Academy, they all seem very at home in their new school. Early reports indicate that they are settling in well, making new friends and working hard! We hope that you have enjoyed your first few weeks as members of the 'Droylsden Family' Year 7; we have really high hopes for the 'Class of 2028'!



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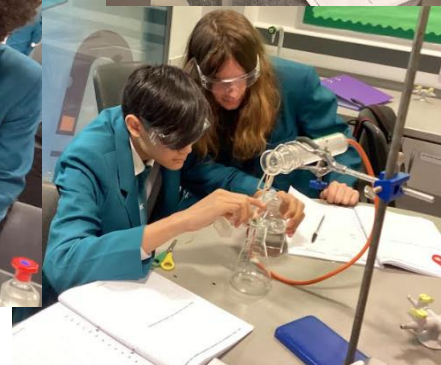
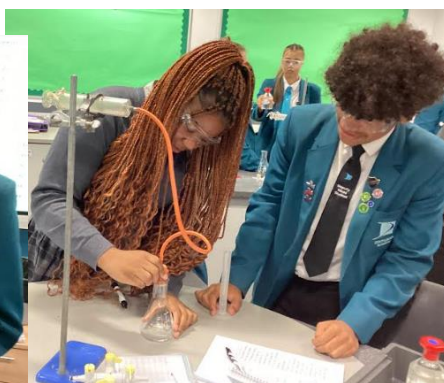
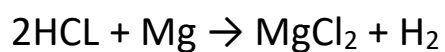
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Science

Meanwhile, in Science, Year 8 have been learning about the reactivity series of metals by watching a demonstration of the reaction of lithium, sodium and potassium with water. Stand well back!



Year 11 have been investigating rates of reaction by measuring the rate of hydrogen production when hydrochloric acid is added to magnesium. Hydrochloric acid reacts with magnesium to make magnesium chloride and hydrogen; the quicker the reaction happens, the faster that the hydrogen gas is produced and the quicker the gas syringe fills up, amazing!



Finally students attending Einstein Club have been carrying out the 'squeaky pop' test for hydrogen gas.

The test for hydrogen is called the squeaky pop test as when a lit splint reacts with the gas, it makes a sound like a squeaky pop!



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West Side Story

Congratulations to all the students who auditioned successfully for parts in this year's Blockbuster Academy Production of 'West Side Story'. Rehearsals are now under way with live performances of the production scheduled for the New Year on the evenings of 24th, 25th and 26th January. There will, of course, be regular updates in Newsflash!

TEAM JET		TEAM SHARK	
TONY	Evie Quinlan	MARIA	Millie Haggerty
RIFF	Isaac Short	BERNARDO	Ruben Mistry
DIESEL	Ben Lees	ANITA	Izzy Sinclair
A-RAB	Lucas Turnbull	CHINO	Jacob Dennerly
BABY JOHN	Cate Roberts	PEPE	Lacie Nevins
ACTION	Jesse Eastham	INDIO	Sam Bratt
BIG DEAL	Daisy Phethean	CONSUELA	Olivia Deakin
SNOWBOY	Anna Nwanze	ROSALITA	Leyla Francis
ANYBODYS	Neveah Smith	FRANSISCA	Hannah Phillips
MOUTHPIECE	Holly Taylor	FRANCISCO	Rayah Norris
TIGER	Rachel King	ANXIOUS	Isabella Edwards
VELMA	Alyssa Evans	NIBBLES	Stephanie Sarcargo
GRAZIELLA	Ollie Mansell		
MINNIE	Taali Allikmaa		
CLARICE	Grace Lawton	DANCE CAPTAIN Lily-Mae Nicholls	
PAULINE	Lexie Norris		
SHRANK Pippa Mansell DOC Amy Lea GLADHAND Zac Devlin OFFICER KRUKPE Charlie Ricketts			
ENSEMBLE		ENSEMBLE	
Amber Carney, Jamie Ellis, Ellie-Mae Howard, Lily Leigh, Olivia Thorpe, Jessica Pearce, Lola Jones, Charlotte Travers and Macey Ellison		Olivia Blanchard, Neide Barroso, Jessica Clarke, Sophie Dean, Erin-Amelia Fray, Chloe Glover, Tia Hart, Laura-Elena Herscovici, Emilia Raynes, Cara Lea, Caitlyn Shaw, Geraldine Morton and Taira Jabeen	



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The annual Academy Production is a real team effort and Year 7 students are already making the set for West Side Story through the Tuesday evening Electives Programme! Thank you also to all the students who are providing technical support with staging, lighting and sound.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Liam Tomkinson, Sam Askew, Lewis Maddocks, Charlie Boardman, Jasmine Lockie, Oliver Phillipson, Eden Rutter, Lois Smith, Ruby Wood, Lily Yarwood, Jia Yu He, Hafiz Sadiq



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Performer of the Month

Congratulations to Mariama Balde from Year 7 and Nathan Philip and Tyler Wolstencroft from Year 8 who have all been nominated as Performers of the Month by the Performing Arts Faculty.



Mariama has been nominated by the Dance Department as she has started the year extremely well, demonstrating commitment and enthusiasm, both in class and at extra-curricular activities such as our Dance Academy and rehearsals for the Academy Production. Mariama is a great role model for her peers, she always has a smile on her face and is a pleasure to teach!

Nathan has been nominated by the Drama Department as he has also started the year really well. Nathan is a natural and confident performer and is a fantastic leader during rehearsal times too; he approaches all tasks with professionalism and a sense of humour. In Nathan's first lesson back, he modelled some excellent improvisation and really helped the class to develop their understanding of third person narration. Well done and thank you Nathan!

Tyler has been nominated by the Music Department as he too has made a really excellent start to this academic year. Tyler is eager to answer questions in class and has shown an excellent understanding of the work we are covering. He has already performed in our 'Theme and Variation' lessons and has made an excellent start to our new topic on 'Logic Pro'. Well done, Tyler!

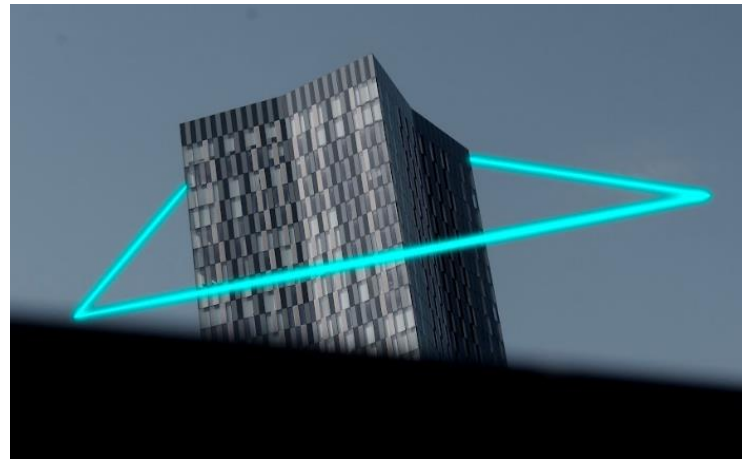
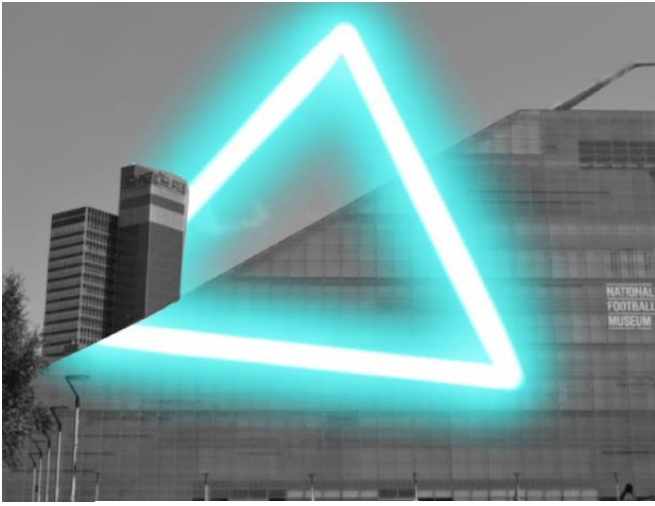
Photography

Year 11 are studying the techniques used by celebrated Urban Photographer Nico Goodden, including the use of 'glowing shapes', to edit and manipulate their images.

Thank you to Ellie Louise Carter, Lora Petrova and Lacey Lawson for submitting some excellent examples from their Coursework Portfolios for inclusion in this week's edition of Newsflash.



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This week's brightest Sparx!

Congratulations to **Leighton Hall**, **Abdullah Alaboush**, **Olivia Sherran Foliard**, **Talha Tahir** and **Jessica Clarke** who were the brightest Sparx for last week having attempted the most questions on the interactive Maths website.

This week's brightest **sparx**

Year 7	Leighton Hall	3,747 XP
Year 8	Abdullah Alaboush	1,669 XP
Year 9	Olivia Sherran Foliard	1,279 XP
Year 10	Talha Tahir	2,224 XP
Year 11	Jessica Clarke	1,309 XP



As Parents and Carers will be aware, Sparx is an online Maths resource which students can log onto at any time to practise and reinforce or develop their understanding of a topic, revise and complete homework tasks. Students are awarded 'XP Points' every time they attempt a question and evidence clearly shows that regular use of Sparx boosts a child's GCSE Grade. Parents and Carers can receive Sparx updates for their child by email and we hope that they will encourage their child to use this brilliant resource regularly at home.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 26 school weeks left, just 130 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. Details of the Open Days at Clarendon Sixth Form College and Tameside College can be found over the page:

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CLARENDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

**OPEN EVENT
2023**

**Wednesday
27th
September**
5pm to 8pm

**Saturday
14th
October**
10am to 2pm

**Monday
13th
November**
5pm to 8pm

Clarendon
Sixth Form College

Ofsted
Good
Provider

**Monday
2nd
October**
5pm to 8pm

**Saturday
14th
October**
10am to 2pm

**Monday
13th
November**
5pm to 8pm

Tameside
College

www.tameside.ac.uk
0161 908 6789

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Good
Provider

Key Dates

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

Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will be held on Thursday 12th October.

Your first set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 13th to 23rd November.

Your second set of Pre Public Examinations will take place from 5th to 25th February.

A second Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will take place on Thursday 7th March.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Olivia Sherran Foliard** from Year 9 and **Natalia Kowa** and **Alyssa Evans** from Year 10 who have all been nominated as Student of the Week.



Olivia has been nominated by the Maths Department as she has made a brilliant start to the year. Olivia always gives 100% in lessons and consistently models the Academy values of politeness, hard

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work and honesty. Similarly, she works hard at home too and is this week's top points scorer on the Sparx website for Year 9. Well done Olivia, the Maths Department expect you to make great progress this year!

Alyssa has been nominated by the Science Department for making such a fantastic start to her Triple Science GCSE. Keep up the good work Alyssa, Mr Evans has high expectations!

Natalia has been nominated by the English Department as she has made a flying start to her English GCSE Course. Natalia has really focussed and worked hard on her written assignments and has also been keen to contribute her ideas and opinions to class discussions. Well done Natalia, Mrs Abel is very impressed!

UPDATE FROM THE CATERING TEAM

And next week we will be serving...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Tandoori Chicken & Rice	Beef Lasagne, Veg or Salad	Roast Dinner	Mince Beef & Onion & Mash	Fish, Chips & Peas
Vegetarian Option	Cheese Omlette & D'phinoise Pots	Veggie Sausage & Pasta Bake	Veggie Roast Dinner	Chick Pea Curry & Rice	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
BBQ Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry & Rice	Spicy Chilli Beef with Wedges	Pasta Arrabiata	Fried Chicken, Chips & Corn

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chickenburger on a Bun	Giant Hotdog	A Hot Panini	A Large Slice of Pizza	Cheese & Onion Pasta

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Key Stage 3 Technology Club

The Key Stage 3 Technology Club will run every Thursday from 2.35pm to 3.30pm; why not get involved?



Year 8, remember your empty plastic milk containers!

Year 8, please remember to bring any empty plastic 2 or 4 pint milk containers to school as soon as possible so that we are ready to upcycle them into amazing African Masks! You can drop off any containers at Student Services or with your Art Teacher!

Don't forget and thank you!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe, rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be Geography Field Trips to the River Medlock for Year 11 students on 26th, 27th and 29th September.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 28th September.

Futures Evening will be held on Wednesday 4th October.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening will be held on Thursday 12th October.

The Academy will break up for the Half term Holiday on Friday 20th October.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?

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.**

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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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Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Level 4) SEND & Power of Language Strategy (POLS) Co-ordinator

Pay Scale: Grade F, Point 17-22, (Actual starting salary at Point 17 of £21,695)

Hours: 34 hours per week, Term Time Only

Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Wednesday 27th September 2023 (12 noon)

Interview Date: Week beginning 2nd October 2023

Start Date: As soon as possible

Interested applicants should complete an Application Form available on the school website at

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