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CHANGE OF PARENT COMMUNICATION AND PAYMENT APP

In the next few weeks we will be changing our management information system from SIMS.net to Bromcom. As part of this move, we will also be migrating from Schoolcomms/School Gateway to MCAS (MyChildAtSchool). This will offer us more flexibility with the data we can share with you all under one interface rather than multiple different sites. The move for the communications and payments will take place over the summer break.

We will contact everyone in due course with further details once we are ready to go live with the new system.

Thank you.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Sports and Performing Arts Awards Evening

Congratulations and thank you to all those students who have excelled at Sport and the Performing Arts over the last year and contributed so much to the Academy. Whether that be representing the school at sport, performing in the annual production, singing in the choir, coaching students as Sports Leaders, performing in the Dance Academy, providing technical back-up with sound and lighting, helping with set design or simply supporting our teachers in running clubs and events, we are so proud of you and were delighted to recognise and acknowledge your successes and achievements at this year's Awards Evening.

The following students from Years 7 to 10 received Performance Awards on the evening:

PERFORMANCE AWARDS - YEAR 7

Annie Banks
Ava-Lily Yuile
Caitlin Connor-Lowe
Dara Jimo
Dottie Siddall
Eden Phillips
Eva Walklett
Faridat Salami
Hayley Tomkinson
Jessica Nelson
Kara Meadowcroft
Lily Martin
Lily Pollitt

Logan Gilder
Megan Evans
Marley Wild
Molly Chadwick
Nessee Ama Jamara
Olivia Cunningham-Clarke
Ruby Leigh Mason
Skyia Murphy
Tre'Sean Hamilton
Tia Ferris
Thomas Harrington

PERFORMANCE AWARDS - YEAR 8

Al Hassan Barrie
Cate Roberts
Caleb Bebbington
Emma Petrova
Evie Wilson
Grace Connors
Jacob Barber
Joshua Harris
Jake Gavan
Holly Taylor
Lily-Mae Nicholls
Lola Jones

Mamadou Samb Gueye
Mason Postill-Bowker
Mateen Acheampong
Mayvel Quaicoe
Mohoba Doe Ncha
Mylee Dunbar
Nathan Phillips
Olly Marshall
Ryan Asamoah
Sam Wilson
Sophia Butler

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PERFORMANCE AWARDS - YEAR 9

Akinfemi Bayo-Vergara
Alfie Millington
Charlie Morgan
Chloe Glover
Isabella Edwards
Jack Morgan

Leyla Francis
Lily Hall
Mia Pearce
Olivia Deakin
Rayah Norris
Stephanie Sargaco
Taali Allikmaa

PERFORMANCE AWARDS - YEAR 10

Alyssa Evans
Ben Lees
Caitlin Skelly
Evie Quinlan
Geraldine Morton
Isabelle Sinclair
Isaac Short

Jesse Eastham
Marlia Bah
Marshall Fleet
Zac Devlin
Yunisa Barrie

Students were then shortlisted for the Award of Performer of the Year and, after lengthy debate and discussion, the eventual winners were chosen for each year group.

And the winners were.....

Year 7 **Megan Evans** and **Callum Gilder**

Year 8 **Jake Gavan** and **Lily-Mae Nicholls**

Year 9 **Charlie Morgan** and **Olivia Deakin**

Year 10 **Caitlin Skelly** and **Izzy Sinclair**

An additional Award for Vocal Performance of the Year went to **Rayah Norris** for her rendition of 'Home' from the final of 'The Voice'.

Finally, the prestigious Awards given for Overall Commitment to Sports and the Performing Arts went to **Eva Walkett** and **Annie Banks** for Lower School and to **Alyssa Evans** for Upper School.



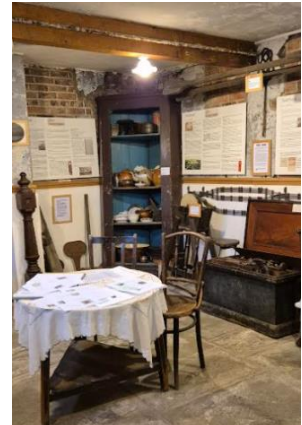
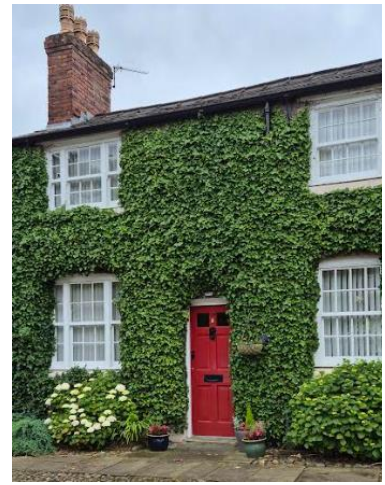
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Visit to the Fairfield Moravian Settlement

This week, a group of Year 8 students visited the Fairfield Moravian Settlement to find out more about the culture, beliefs and lifestyles of these early settlers in Droylsden.

As part of the visit, the students had a tour of the settlement and learnt about the history of the Moravian Church. After the tour, the students visited the College and the Museum where they looked at the artefacts on display and found out how the early settlers used to dress.

Thank you to Sister Barbara and Sister Carol for welcoming us to the Moravian Settlement and for such an interesting, informative and enjoyable morning and thank you, also, to **Coby Haldane** and **Haidar Irfan** who navigated the route and led the group on the walk to Fairfield and then back to school!



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What a striking image!

Thank you to **Daisy Phethean** for submitting this wonderful image from her Photography Portfolio. Daisy took a number of photographs on the recent GCSE visit to Manchester and then experimented with them back at school to produce such an interesting and striking edit.

Aladdin

Thank you to Miss Burgess for organising last week's visit to the Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch an evening performance of Aladdin. The Year 7 students who went on the visit are all taking the Performing Arts Pathway on the Academy Electives Programme and had a really entertaining and enjoyable night!



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Year 7 Leadership Lunch

Thank you to our Year 7 Form Representatives, **Alfie Carter, Millie Smith, Jessica Nelson, Elliott Langford-Cooper** and **Amarece Odigi** who were all invited to a Rewards Lunch in recognition of the wonderful contribution they make to their year group and our school.



Yet more musical talent!

Move over Sonda, our new and upcoming bands are coming through! Students in Year 8 and 10 have been working hard on their band skills and, with the (amazing) help of Mr Acton, have recorded their own versions of 2 classics which you can listen to through the links below!

In Year 8, **Leo Thomas, Caleb Bebbington, William Haughton** and **Tyler George** have recorded the classic 'Boys don't cry' by The Cure (Caleb was absent for the photo!) and **Harrison Lear, Daisy Phethean** and **Anna Nwanze** and **Dexter Adams** from Year 8 have recorded 'Shut up and Drive' by Rihanna. Both bands will perform at Sports Day and we are looking forward to it!

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This week's brightest Sparx!

Congratulations to **Ishaque Rayan**, **Hannah Pong**, **Lacey Walker** and **Chun Wong** who were the brightest Sparx for last week, having attempted the most questions on the interactive Maths website. Samuel, Hannah and Hassan are photographed below.

This week's brightest sparx

Year 7	Ishaque Raiyan	6,700 XP
Year 8	Hannah Pong	9,372 XP
Year 9	Lacey Walker	7,106 XP
Year 10	Chun Wong	23,520 XP



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Lottie Stanley** from Year 7 and **Aimee Butler** from Year 10 who have both been nominated as Student of the Week.



Lottie has been nominated by the English Department as she is always polite and hard-working; she enters the classroom attentive and ready to learn and works diligently throughout the lesson. This week, she has also done a super job in performing the role of Mina in our class play 'Dracula'. Well done Lottie, you are a pleasure to teach!

Aimee has been nominated by the Science Department for the hard work she has put into the preparation for her Triple Science Pre-Public Examinations. Aimee has been staying behind after school to revise and is really well organised, working through her required practicals first and then working through the remaining content. Good luck with the exams Aimee, you really deserve to do well!

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GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 10, there are only 34 school weeks left, just 170 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

You are half way through your Pre-Public Examinations and we hope they are going well. The timetable for the remainder of your examinations can be found below:

Date	Session	Exam
Monday 24 th June	am	Maths (Paper 1) Drama
	pm	Food and Nutrition
Tuesday 25 th June	am	History PE (Practical)
	pm	French (Listening and Reading)
Wednesday 26 th June	am	Combined Science: Physics Triple Science: Physics
	pm	Geography
Thursday 27 th June	am	Further Maths Music
	pm	Spanish (Listening and Reading)
Friday 28 th June	am	Maths (Paper 2) French (Writing) Spanish (Writing)
	pm	Technology



Remember, there are no short cuts or easy routes to exam success. Those of you who commit to your studies, work hard and prepare thoroughly will do well; those of you who don't will not. Take control of your future now!

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UPDATE FROM THE CATERING TEAM

Next week, the Catering Team will be serving...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Option	Chicken Curry & Rice	Beef Lasagne & Veg or Salad	Roast Dinner	Tex Mex Meat Balls & Rice	Fish, Chips & Peas
Vegetarian Option	Veggie Sausage and Potatoes	Chickpea Curry & Rice	Veggie Roast Dinner	Frittata with Potatoes & Corn	Cheese Whirl, Chips & Beans
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
Mixed Pepper Pasta Bake	Chicken Wrap & Wedges	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread	Chicken Pasta Bake	Sausage, Chips & Beans

Happy Eid!

We hope that the Islamic Community really enjoyed the celebrations for Eid this week and that everyone enjoyed our special menu that we prepared to mark the occasion.



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Please get involved and support Reuben's Retreat

Reuben's Retreat needs you!



Do you want to improve your Service and support a school charity? Get involved with Droylsden Academy's biggest independent fundraiser yet! (Open to staff and students)

You will have the opportunity to set up your own fundraising activity and Just Giving page to support Reuben's Retreat.

Reuben's Retreat have an affinity with the number 23...with this in mind, you will have the chance to fundraise between 23rd June - 23rd July (the last day of this academic year).

For more information please go to Miss Worsley at lunchtime on one of the following days:

Tuesday 11th June - Humanities	Monday 17th June - Humanities
Thursday 13th June - Humanities	Wednesday 19th June - Humanities
Friday 15th June - Technology	Thursday 20th June - Technology
	Thursday 21st June - Humanities



Important information about the Uniform Voucher Scheme

You may be aware that, historically, the Academy has supported families with the cost of buying new school uniform through providing vouchers which can be used at the 'pop-up' shops that run during the summer holidays. The vouchers have been offered to the families of those students in Years 6 to 10 who are eligible for free school meals and we know that this support has been helpful. Whilst schools are under no obligation to give any financial assistance, and the vast majority of schools do not, we have always tried to provide this support as times have been difficult and budgets are tight for many of our families.

Unfortunately, the Academy Budget is now also very tight and we cannot continue to run this scheme in its current form across all year groups; we are no longer in a financial position to do so. As such, we will now only be able to provide this support to families on two occasions as their child moves up through the Academy: in Year 6 when students are due to start with us in September and then, again, in Year 9 when students are about to move into Year 10. We will no longer be able to operate the voucher scheme for students who are currently in Years 7, 8 and 10.

This year, we will continue to issue £50 vouchers to all Year 6 students who are eligible for free school meals, as previously, and only the families of Year 9 students who are eligible for free school meals will receive a letter offering support should they need it. The families of Year 6 students will receive the vouchers automatically but, as in previous years, the families of Year 9 students will have to contact the Academy to confirm that they would like a voucher to be issued, once they have received their letter in June.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

1 MAKE IT FUN

Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING

Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

5 VARIETY IS KEY

Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION

Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

7 SET REALISTIC GOALS

Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE

Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE

Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

Home-Start need you!



**Volunteering -
it's life-changing!**

Home-Start volunteers support parents with young children, offering support & friendship through challenging times.

Volunteers are the heart of Home-Start - whatever your experience, and however much time you can give, we can support you to make a real difference to families in your community.



Home-Start volunteers support parents when they need it most – in the early years. The early years of a child's life have a huge impact on their future, and parents who have a source of support find it easier to cope with life's challenges. You'll be...



A friendly face - our volunteers visit weekly for a couple of hours, something both parents & children (and volunteers!) really look forward to.

A helping hand - something as simple as leaving the house can be hard with little ones. An extra pair of hands makes all the difference!



A listening ear - You'll be someone a parent can share their worries, thoughts and successes with.

We also have varied opportunities to volunteer with Cascade Family Essentials, providing children's clothes and essential daily items to families in need across Greater Manchester.

Find out more at home-starthost.org.uk or get in touch:

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☎ 0161 344 0669 or 01204 216 537



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Teacher Evening for the parents and carers of Year 7 students will take place on Thursday 27th June.

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 28th June.

The Year 7 Electives Performance Evening will be held on Tuesday 2nd July.

The Music and Performing Arts Residential to London's West End will be taking place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July.

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork days are planned for Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July.

Achievement Evening for students in Years 7 to 10 will be held on Thursday 18th July.

The Academy will break up for the Summer Holiday at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23rd July.

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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

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