

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN 07 SEPTEMBER TO 11 SEPTEMBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Year 7 CATs (Baseline reading and spelling tests)	8 Sep & 9 Sep
Year 12 Parents' Success Evening	9 Sep
New Year 7 Parents' Evening	10 Sep
Open Evening	24 Sep
House Music Festival	29 Sep & 30 Sep
Year 13 Parent Success Evening	8 Oct
Sixth Form Open Evening	15 Oct
Drayton Manor 96 th Birthday Celebration	21 Oct
Half Term Break	22 Oct – 30 Oct

1. WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin a new school year. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting months ahead.

We are delighted to welcome our students back and look forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities. We would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership, which plays such an important role in your child's success and wellbeing.

2. KITCHEN UPDATE

Thank you to our families for your patience and understanding with the lunchtime arrangements. This week following delays from our summer building works we should be resuming a normal schedule from Monday 7 September. Thank you for all your support.

3. YEAR 7 CATs (BASELINE READING AND SPELLING TESTS) - TUESDAY 8 AND WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Year 7 Baseline Assessments will be taking place next week on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September. There is nothing for students to prepare in advance. The assessments will be used by class teachers for their lesson planning. If parents have any queries, please email transition@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk

4. 13. YEAR 12 SUCCESS EVENING – WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of Year 12 students to our **Year 12 Success Evening**, which will take place on **Wednesday 9 September** in the **Sixth Form Centre**.

The evening is designed to help parents understand the demands of sixth form study and provide practical guidance on how they can support their child throughout Year 12. Members

of the Sixth Form Team will share key information about academic expectations, independent learning, attendance, wellbeing and the support available to students as they begin their sixth form journey.

Programme:

- **5.00 pm** – Welcome and presentation from the Sixth Form Team
- **5.30 pm** – Refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions
- **6.00 pm** – Finish

This event is for **parents and carers only** and will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about sixth form life and how we can work together to help students achieve success. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

5. NEW YEAR 7 PARENT EVENING – THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

New Year 7 Parent Evening will take place on Thursday 10 September. Parents should arrive by 4.50pm for a prompt 5pm start and finish at 7pm. The event will last approximately 2 hours, and parents/carers will have the opportunity to stay for refreshments and to meet staff as part of the event and other parents. This evening will provide useful information to support Year 7 students as they navigate their first year of study at the school.

6. STUDENT ABSENCE REMINDER

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, parents/carers must report any student absence **before 8:30am** on each day of absence. Absences should be reported either via the **MyEd app** or by emailing **studentabsence@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk**.

Prompt reporting enables the school to complete safeguarding checks and maintain accurate attendance records. Parents/carers are also reminded that **routine appointments**, including dental, medical and other non-urgent appointments, should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. This helps to minimise disruption to learning and supports students in maintaining strong attendance.

7. TALKING TEEN PARENTING SESSIONS

Talking Teens is a practical and supportive programme that helps parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising teenagers. Learn effective ways to improve communication, understand teenage behaviour, manage conflict, and strengthen family relationships, alongside other parents facing similar experiences. Please [click here](#) for more information and to share with parents and carers who may find this support helpful.



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