

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN 1 DECEMBER TO 5 DECEMBER 2025

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Family Services Fair	3 Dec
Year 9 Workshop	3-4 Dec
PTA Quiz and Curry Night	5 Dec
Parent Afternoon Tea event	8 Dec
Flu Vaccinations	9 Dec
Year 12 St George's University Exploring Medicine talk	9 Dec
Christmas Concert (6:00-8:00pm)	10 Dec
Year 13 Winter Party Care Home Visit	15 Dec
Year 7 Pantomime Trip	16-17 Dec
END OF TERM	19 Dec

1. PTA QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT ON 5 DECEMBER

All parents, teachers and students, with a special welcome to Year 7 parents, are invited to a nail-biting, toe-curling quiz designed to entertain, enlighten and provide an evening of great fun.

Come and meet fellow parents and pit your wits against them! Curry supper included. Please feel free to bring your own drinks, soft drinks and crisps will be available for sale. All for £13 per person! All proceeds to Drayton Manor students via the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA).

Please fill in the form below and return it with ticket money to Student Reception by Monday 1 December, or pay via ticket source using the link below. For any questions, please email PTA@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk for more information. We will allocate people into teams, unless you bring enough friends and family with you to form a whole team (six to eight people). We look forward to seeing you.

Tickets: PTA Quiz and a Curry at Drayton Manor High School event tickets

2. PARENT AFTERNOON TEA EVENT – MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

On Monday 8 December from 4-5pm we will be hosting a Coffee Afternoon/Afternoon Tea for Year 11-13 families. The theme is How to Support Your Child with Exam Stress and will be facilitated by our Mental Health Support Team Practitioners through the NHS.

This session will provide practical strategies to help students manage exam pressures and maintain wellbeing. Families will have the opportunity to:

- Hear guidance from staff on effective support techniques
- Share experiences and approaches with other parents
- Enjoy refreshment



3. PARENT GOVERNOR

As you will have seen from previous bulletins, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The recruitment process is now open. <u>Click here</u> to find a letter from The Head outlining further details. The deadline for applications is Monday 8 December.

4. SAVE THE DATE - DRAYTON MANOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are excited to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 10 December. Doors open from 5:15pm, and the concert will begin at 6:00pm and finishes at 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased here. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you.

5. SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH TEMPORARY MEDICAL NEEDS OR INJURIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to making sure every student is supported and able to access their learning, we kindly ask that you let us know in advance if your child has sustained an injury outside of school or has any temporary medical needs.

Providing this information before they return allows us to:

- put the appropriate support or risk assessments in place,
- make any necessary adjustments to lessons or movement around the site, and
- ensure all relevant staff are fully informed.

Please contact the school via telephone and ask to speak to Ms Hynes (Family Support Worker) or Ms Segani (Welfare Officer) or mark an e-mail for their attention to adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk

6. YEAR 7 PTA VOLUNTEERS

The PTA is always on the lookout for volunteers. If any Year 7 parents are interested in helping or parents from any other Year group, please email PTA@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk to sign up and join the list of parental helpers and support.

7. SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AHEAD OF GCSE MOCKS

For any parents, carers, or students who couldn't attend live, the full replay is now available here: https://thedegreegap.com/GCSE-Mocks-Webinar-Playback

In this practical, parent-focused session, families will learn:

- How to turn mock exams into a source of motivation rather than stress
- The proven RAG-rate roadmap top tutors use to focus revision effectively
- Early warning signs of burnout and how to rebuild focus quickly
- Conversation frameworks for keeping motivation high and communication calm



8. UNIFORM AND SCHOOL COAT DONATIONS

We would be grateful for any donations of school uniform, PE kit, or school coats over the coming weeks. Please feel free to ask your child to deliver any donations to the Students' Reception. Many thanks for your assistance.

9. GROWING CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUBS

We are currently growing our crochet and knitting club project at lunch time. If you have any donations of wool or yarn or if you have any expertise, please get in touch.

10. FAMILY SERVICES FAIR

A reminder that our Family Services Fair will take place on Wednesday 3 December in the Sixth Form Centre. We look forward to welcoming all families to this inclusive and informative event.

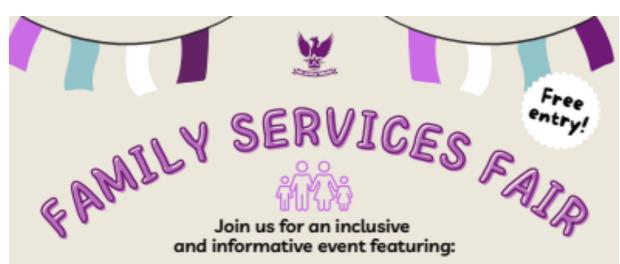
Please drop by anytime between 4-7pm

This event will feature:

- Stalls hosted by ten community organisations offering practical advice and support
- Engaging activities run by students
- A pre-loved uniform sale organised by the PTA
- A chance to meet staff and strengthen our school community
- Raffle prizes for attendees no tickets required, your presence is your entry

We hope you will join us and take part in this valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and feel supported. The link to confirm your attendance can be found here: Drayton Manor's Family Services Fair - Fill out form





Community Support Stalls

- · QPR Football Club Mentoring and enrichment programmes for students
- Circle Café (via MIND) Mental health resources and crisis support
- CAMHS Ambassadors Mental health guidance and student-led insight
- · School Nurse (NHS) Health advice and medical needs support
- · West Side Youth Centre Local youth services available in Ealing
- Ealing Family Information Service (FIS), Early Help (EHAP) and Ealing Parenting Service
 Advice on childcare, education, and family support
- · Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Early intervention for anxiety and low mood
- · Contact Support for families with SEND children
- Here4You Counselling In school counselling and emotional support for young people
- · PTA Family partnership, fundraising, and support for school activities
- Mencap Services and advocacy for people with learning disabilities and their families
- . Ealing Carers Guidance, respite, and practical support for unpaid carers in the community
- Southall Black Sisters Advocacy and support for women facing domestic or cultural challenges
- Women's and Girls Network Specialist support for survivors of gender-based violence, including counselling and advocacy

Plus

A variety of enrichment, sports, literacy and other clubs at Drayton Manor High School and in Ealing



Live Music & Art displays Information sessions (4.30,5.15 and 6pm) Fun activities led by students for Parents Children's Area



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Opportunities to meet school staff and other families.
Raffle prizes



11. FLU VACCINATIONS (YEAR 9-11 AND YEAR 7-8) 9 DECEMBER

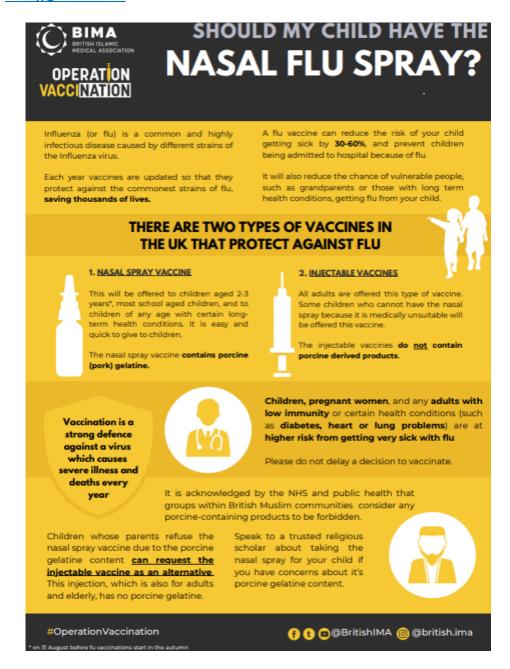
The Ealing Vaccinations Team will be visiting our school 9 December (Year 9-11 and to Year 7-8 and anyone who missed the first event) to offer flu vaccinations to students. This is a free and optional service provided through the NHS, designed to help protect young people from the flu. Families can choose between two vaccine types

- Nasal spray vaccine (needle-free)
- Injection vaccine (pork-free and gelatine-free)

To provide consent, parents must sign up via the Vaccinations Portal:

https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/ealing

If you have questions about the vaccination or the consent process, you can email: ealing@v-uk.co.uk





12. FLU CLINICS

We're recruiting for flu season! <u>Click here</u> for our regional vacancies.



Brent

Saturday 22nd November, 9:30am - 12:30pm Church Lane Family Wellbeing Centre, NW9 8JD

Westminster

Saturday 22nd November, 10:00am - 2:45pm Bessborough Family Hub, SW1V 2JD

Westminster

Wednesday 26th November, 4:00 - 5:30pm The Portman Early Childhood Centre, NW8 8DE

<u>Hillingdon</u>

Friday 28th November, 2:30 - 5:00pm Stockley Park Community Clinic, UB11 1FW

Harrow

Saturday 29th November, 9:30am - 2:30pm Kenmore Park Community clinic, HA3 9HZ

Kensington & Chelsea

Saturday 22nd November, 11:30am – 2:00pm Kensington Central Library, W8 7RX

Hammersmith & Fulham

Tuesday 25th November, 3:30 - 5:00pm Old Oak Community Centre, W12 0AP

Hounslow

Thursday 27th November, 4:00 - 6:00pm Brabazon Community Centre, TW5 9LT

Ealing

Saturday 29th November, 9:30am - 1:30pm Crown Street Surgery, W3 8SA

Westminster

Saturday 29th November, 11:00am – 2:00pm Bessborough Family Hub, SW1V 2JD



13. Winter HAF 2025

A reminder that HAF is a free programme for those receiving benefits related free school meals. We have a small discretionary pot of funding to support young people not receiving FSM that can be referred. More details can be found here: Winter 2025 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme referrals | Ealing Grid for Learning Click here for more information.











