

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN 12 OCTOBER TO 16 OCTOBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online Coffee Morning	14 Oct
Year 7 – Year 9 Flu Vaccinations Programme	14 Oct
Sixth Form Open Evening	15 Oct
Drayton Manor 96 th Birthday Celebration	21 Oct
Half Term Break	22 Oct – 30 Oct

1. 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.

2. SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT (WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER)

A reminder to our Year 7 Parents/Carers to save the date of Wednesday 4 November. The Year 7 Concert is always an event for our Parents/Carers to look forward to.

3. WEEKLY WEBSITE WINS

Each week, we'll be shining a spotlight on a different feature of our school website. This week, we're highlighting our **School Meals** page, where you'll find everything you need to know about the food that is served to our students during lunchtime. Please [click here](#) to see the page.

4. FLU VACCINATIONS PROGRAMME (YEAR 7 – YEAR 9) – WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

On Wednesday 14 October, students in Years 7 to 9 will have the opportunity to receive their flu vaccinations, organised by Ealing Council. This programme helps to keep our students healthy and reduces the risk of them catching and spreading flu during the winter months. Please [click here](#) for more information and to give or refuse consent for your child's vaccination.

5. SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2026 – THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Year 11 students and their parents/carers are invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening to learn more about joining Drayton Manor Sixth Form in September 2027. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet staff and students, explore our excellent facilities, and find out more about the wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities available. The Headteacher's presentation will begin promptly at 5.15pm.

Students should attend in full school uniform. Entry is by pre-booked ticket only. Please [click here](#) to book your free ticket. We look forward to welcoming you to Drayton Manor Sixth Form.

6. SHARING COMMUNITY SUCCESS

We love to hear what our Draytonians are up to outside of school and their successes. If you have any stories, you would like us to consider for the upcoming newsletter. Please let us know. This could be sporting/musical/volunteering/special work in the community. Please contact Mr. Mistry at the school.

7. HOUSE SPELLING BEE – WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER (PERIOD 4 LUNCHTIME)

On **Wednesday 23 October**, we are holding a House Spelling Bee in the library during lunchtime. Students can drop in to one of two sessions, at 12:40pm or 1:10pm, and no sign-up is needed. Our Sixth Form students will host the event, and students will be competing to win house points.

The words are taken from our Tier 2 vocabulary list. These are the ambitious, everyday academic words that help students read, write and speak with confidence across all their subjects.

Please encourage your child to come along and have a go. We'll share the results and the winning house in a future Parent bulletin.

8. CYCLING TO SCHOOL REMINDER

Students who cycle to school must do so safely and responsibly by following the Highway Code and ensuring their bicycles are well maintained. We expect students to wear a helmet and they should be using lights when visibility is poor. Students should lock their bicycles in the designated storage area on the Dryden Avenue playground. For safety reasons, students must dismount at the school gates and walk their bicycles onto the site. Cycling is not permitted anywhere on school premises, including the car park.

Please [click here](#) to view and complete the Cycling Code of Conduct. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe.

9. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SIGN UPS

If your child would like to sign up for musical instrument lessons, please [click here](#) to complete the form.

10. YEAR 7 INTERTUTOR SINGING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all Year 7 students for their participation in the Intertutor Singing Competition on Friday 9 October. The winning form will be announced very soon!

11. CHESS CLUB RETURNS WITH GRANDMASTER DAMIAN LEMOS – WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES, THE ATELIER

Our Chess Club led by Grandmaster Damian Lemos is up and running. Following the popularity of last year's programme, students once again have the opportunity to learn from an international chess expert, develop strategic thinking skills, and enjoy competitive play with their peers.

Students wishing to participate must complete the Microsoft Forms registration on Satchel One. Places are limited and demand is expected to be high, so we encourage students to sign up as soon as possible. This club will take place Wednesday lunchtimes in the Atelier.

12. FENCING CLUB OPPORTUNITIES – YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT (WEDNESDAY 3.40pm – YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 STUDENTS, IN THE DOWNSTAIRS GYM)

Fencing club is in full swing and is open to Year 8 and Year 9 students only. Any students interested in attending the Fencing Club collect permission slip from the PE office. Places are limited so please sign up now.

13. HOMEWORK

Homework plays an important role in reinforcing learning, securing knowledge and helping students develop independence, organisation and effective study habits.

All homework is set through Satchel One and students are expected to record homework tasks and deadlines in their school diary. To help students manage their workload, the school operates a dedicated homework timetable, with homework typically set on specific days for each subject and issued with a one-week completion window. Parents and carers can support their child's learning by regularly checking Satchel One for homework tasks, deadlines and feedback. Guidance on accessing and using Satchel One can be found via the Satchel One Parents & Carers Help Centre found [HERE](#). The 2026-27 Homework Timetable is available via the homework section of the school website and can also be accessed using the link [HERE](#).

14. WEEKLY PLANNER CHECK

Please remember to review and sign your child's planner/diary each week. The planner helps students record homework, stay organised, and share important school information. Your regular check and signature provide valuable support and help us work together to ensure your child is successful in school. Thank you for your continued support.

15. SACHEL ONE, MYED APP, AND PARENTPAY GUIDANCE

Please click on the links below for helpful information to support your child.

[Satchel One](#)

[MyEd App](#)

[ParentPay](#)

16. COFFEE MORNING REMINDER

We are delighted to invite you to our Autumn Half Term 1 Coffee Morning Series. Our coffee mornings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with members of the school team, learn more about topics that support children's wellbeing and development, and connect with other families in our school community. Sessions are informal, welcoming, and include time for questions and discussion with staff at the end. Home Language coffee mornings take place throughout the year in a number of languages.

All sessions will take place from 9:30am to 10:00am. Please arrive from 9.15am for hot drinks and refreshments, the presentation will begin at 9.30am.

Next session: Wednesday 14 October Online Safety - Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online. To confirm your attendance please [click here](#) to fill out the form.

17. FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

We would like to make families aware of recent updates to Free School Meals eligibility. If you receive Universal Credit, your child may now be entitled to free school meals, and we encourage you to apply through Ealing Council.

Ealing Council will contact the school directly informing us of a list for students who are eligible and we will update our records. Once we update SIMS it takes around 24 hours to sync to Parent Pay and our catering system. If after 24 hours it has not changed, Parents/Carers should send the school a letter of confirmation they received which we will use to contact Ealing Council directly.

18. LYRIC START PROGRAMME

The Lyric START Programme is offering young people aged 16 to 25 the chance to take part in a FREE six-week programme at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre. Participants will develop confidence, creativity and performance skills through a range of professional theatre workshops and experiences. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people interested in the arts, performance and personal development. Schools are encouraged to share this opportunity with any students who may be interested by downloading and sharing the flyer [Lyric Start Programme Flyer](#)

19. EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2026

The following extra-curricular clubs will be running this half-term. If your child would like to attend a club, they must collect a permission letter from relevant staff. The letter must be signed by a Parent/Carer and returned on their first attendance of the club. Please can students make a note of the start date of the clubs. Please note that there will be more clubs to follow and we will keep you updated.

If your child has any questions they can speak to a member of the PE department.

Extra-Curricular Clubs (Autumn Term - 2026)					
Day	Club	Time	Location	Year Group (s)	Staff Member
Monday	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	Clarinet Choir	08:40	Practice Room 3	All years	Mr Hunt
	Drayton Connect	Lunch	Main Hall	All years	Ms Hynes
	Steel Pans	3:30-4:30	Main Hall	All years	Ms James
	Sax Band	3:30-4:30	Practice Room 3	All years	Mr Hunt
	Crochet Club	3:30-4:30	Library	Year 7 & 8	Ms Hatch
	Inclusion HW club	3:30-4:15	S305	Year 7	Inclusion
	Boys Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 7	Coach Tasham
Tuesday	KS3 Girls Football *selected dates	3:30-5:00	Astro	Year 7-9	Mrs Williams/Coach Sarim
	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	Drayton Connect	Lunch	Main Hall	Year 7-11	Ms Hynes
	Art Club	Lunch	SMS 311	Year 7-8	Ms Flores
	Science Club	3:30-4:30	A151	Year 9	Ms Kilford
	Inclusion HW club	3:30-4:15	S305	Year 8	Inclusion
	Girls Netball	3:30-5:00	Astro/Playground	Year 7-11	Mrs Wallace/Mrs Kear/Coaches
	Boys Football	3:30-5:00	Games Field	Year 7-10	Mr Grudgings/Mr Black/Mr Bowman/Coaches
Wednesday	Senior Boys Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 10 & 11	Mr Black/Coach Sarim/Coach Noah
	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	Instrumental Scholars	08:40	Music Dept.	Year 7-9	Ms Hoban
	Drayton Connect	Lunch	Main Hall	Year 7-9	Ms Hynes
	Classics Club	12:45-1:25	C106	Year 7 & 8	Mr Kelleher
	Chess Club	Lunch	Atelier	Year 7-11	Grandmaster Damian Lemos
	Chess Club	2:30-3:30	Atelier	Year 12 & 13	Grandmaster Damian Lemos
	Inclusion HW club	3:30-4:15	S305	Year 9	Inclusion
	Girls Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 7-11	Mrs Wallace/Coach Tasham
	U18 Girls Football	1:30-2:30	Astro	Year 10-13	Mrs Williams
	Cross Country *selected dates	3:30-4:45	Games Field	Year 7-13	Mr Grudgings
	Extended Project Qualification	1:30-3:30	SMS 304/205	Year 12 & 13	Ms McClean, Ms Sullivan, Mr Kelleher
	Boys Football	1:30-3:30	Games Field	Year 12 & 13	Mr Black, Mr Grudgings, Mr Bowman
	Music	1:30-2:30	A137	Year 12 & 13	Ms Ward
	Girls Football	1:30-2:30	Astro	Year 12 & 13	Ms Williams
	Volleyball	1:30-2:30	Upper Gym	Year 12 & 13	Ms Kear
	Debating	1:30-2:30	Drama	Year 12 & 13	Mr Rogan
	Boys Basketball	1:30-2:30	Lower Gym	Year 12 & 13	Coach Tasham
	Girls Hockey	2:30-3:30	Astro	Year 12 & 13	Ms Ward
	Fencing	2:30-3:30	Lower Gym	Year 12 & 13	Ms Williams
	Netball	2:30-3:30	Astro	Year 12 & 13	Ms Kear
	Art Club	2:30-3:30	SMS	Year 12 & 13	Ms Twieg
	Girls Basketball	2:30-3:30	Upper Gym	Year 12 & 13	Ms Wallace
	Crochet	2:30-3:30	Library	Year 12 & 13	Ms Hatch
	Chess Club	2:30-3:30	Atelier	Year 12 & 13	Grandmaster Damian Lemos
	Fencing Club	3:40-4:30	Lower Gym	Year 8	
Thursday	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	Vocal Scholars	08:40	A131	Year 7-9	Mr Rogan
	Drayton Connect	Lunch	Main Hall	Year 7-9	Ms Hynes
	Junior Strings	1:00-1:30	Practice Room 3	Year 7-9	Ms Wilson
	Senior Strings	01:30	Practice Room 3	Year 9 - 11	Ms Wilson
	Orchestra	3:30-4:30	A160	All years	Ms Singh Sohi
	Crochet Club	3:30-4:30	Library	Year 9 - 11	Ms Hatch
	Inclusion HW club	3:30-4:15	S305	Year 10 & 11	Inclusion
Friday	Junior Boys Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 8 & 9	Coach Tasham
	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	Theory Club	8:10-8:45	A160	All years	Ms Dias
	Wind Band	08:40	A160	All years	Ms Dias
	New Voices	1:00-1:30	A160	Y7-9	Mr Rogan/Ms Ward
	Drayton Connect	Lunch	Main Hall	Year 7-9	Ms Hynes
	Senior String Quartet	2:00-2:30	Practice Room 1	Year 9-11	Mr Newell
	Vocal Collective	2:00-2:30	A160	Year 9-11	Ms Singh Sohi



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YR 7 MUSIC

Concert

This evening celebrates the musical achievements of our Year 7 students, showcasing the work they have been developing in their music lessons.



4 November

TIME: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Save the date and
tickets will be available
soon!

