

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN 14 SEPTEMBER TO 18 SEPTEMBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Sixth Form Induction Event	16 Sep
Open Evening – 5pm to 8pm (Early finish for students at 12.40pm)	24 Sep
Late start for students – 10.10am	25 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. 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. SIXTH FORM INDUCTION EVENT - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Year 12 and 13 students will be taking part in the Sixth Form Induction Event on Wednesday 16 September, held at the school field. Students are required to wear appropriate sports clothing for the activities. The event will conclude at 3:30pm, and students will depart from the school field at that time. Further details will be shared with Sixth Form students directly.

3. OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

The school Open Evening is a major school event where the parents of many prospective students visit the school. The school will close early on 24 September at **12.40pm** to enable staff to prepare for the event. In addition to this, there will be a later start on Friday 25 September in which students will register for **10.10am**. Attendance to our Open Evening is by ticket only. Please [click here](#) for those who are interested in attending.

4. STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LAUNCH

Next week, we will be launching our Student Leadership Opportunities Programme, giving students the chance to develop leadership skills, represent their peers, and make a positive contribution to school life. Students will have the opportunity to apply for the roles of House Captain, Tutor Representative, Wellbeing Ambassador, Student Librarian, and Communications Officer. Students interested in becoming a House Captain or Tutor Representative will be required to prepare and deliver a short speech explaining why they

would be a strong candidate. Information about these roles will be shared during Student Leadership Assemblies in the week beginning 14 September, with speeches delivered during Extended Tutor Time on 22 September before tutor group voting takes place. Applications for Wellbeing Ambassador, Student Librarian, and Communications Officer positions will open on Monday 21 September at 8.00am via a Microsoft Form on SatchelOne and close on Wednesday 30 September at 6.00pm.

These roles provide excellent opportunities for students to support wellbeing initiatives, promote reading and library events, help communicate school news and achievements, and develop valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, organisation, and public speaking. We encourage all students to consider applying.

5. CHESS CLUB RETURNS WITH GRANDMASTER DAMIAN LEMOS

We are delighted to announce the return of our highly successful Chess Club, led by Grandmaster Damian Lemos. 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. Registration deadline: Monday 14 September at 6.00pm.

Places are limited and demand is expected to be high, so we encourage students to sign up as soon as possible.

6. FENCING CLUB OPPORTUNITIES – YEAR 8 & SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT (Wednesday 3.40pm for Year 8, Period 6 for Sixth Form)

We are delighted to announce that we will be introducing Fencing as an additional enrichment opportunity. During the pilot phase, this will be open to Year 8 and to Sixth Form students during enrichment time. Any students interested in attending the Fencing Club please [click here](#) to sign-up by Tuesday 9am. Permission slips will be given during the day, and students will attend the club at the Downstairs Gym. Places may be limited; therefore, we ask students to sign-up in advance.

7. 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.

8. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2026

The following extra-curricular clubs will be running this term. If your child would like to attend a club, they must collect a permission letter from the PE office (A105). 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. Information can also be found on the PE notice board next to A107. If your child has any questions they can speak to a member of the PE department.

Day	Activity	Age	Time	Venue	Staff	Start Date
Monday	Year 7 Boys Basketball	Year 7	3.30-5.00	Gym	Coach Tasharn	14 September
	KS3 Girls Football *selected dates	Year 7 - 9	3.30-5.00	Astro	Mrs Williams Coach Sarim	
Tuesday	Girls Netball	Year 7 - 11	3.30-5.00	Astro/Playground	Mrs Wallace Ms Kear Coach Evie Coach Mabel	15 September
	Boys Football	Year 7 - 10	3.30-5.00	Games Field	Mr Grudgings Mr Black Mr Bowman Coach Sarim Coach Noah	
	Senior Boys Basketball	Year 10 & 11	3.30-5.00	Gym	Mr Black Coach Tasharn	
Wednesday	Girls Basketball	Year 7 - 11	3.30-5.00	Upper Gym	Mrs Wallace Coach Tasharn	17 September
	U18 Girls Football	Year 10 - 13	Period 5 1.30-2.30	Astro	Mrs Williams	
	Cross Country *selected dates	Year 7 - 13	3.30-4.45	Games Field	Mr Grudgings	
Thursday	Junior Boys Basketball	Year 8 & 9	3.30-5.00	Gym	Coach Tasharn	

9. 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.



NFL Flag football

a programme for boys and girls aged 11-24 that involves:

A FUN, NON CONTACT SPORT FOR ALL ABILITIES
Learn the game, build your skills and become part of a team.

A GIRLS' FORUM
A space for girls to connect, talk and have your voice heard

MENTORSHIP SESSIONS
Personal support with your goals and next steps.

GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN – WE WANT YOU ON THE FIELD!



Get in touch with us at: NFLPROJECT@GOSAD.ORG.UK



Locations: Activities will take place across West Ealing and Acton with our base at [The W13 Impact HUB, 1 Bayham Road W13 0TQ](https://www.gosad.org.uk).



Weekly sessions on Saturdays, 10am to 12pm



Visit our dedicated project page to find out more <https://gosad.org.uk/> OR scan the QR below to register. <https://forms.gle/uASa5veoUqK5NZEx7>





