

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
18 MAY TO 22 MAY 2026

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Year 11 and 13 Leavers Celebration Assembly	22 May
HALF TERM	25-29 May
SCHOOL STARTS	1 June

1. **EALING HALF MARATHON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers from our school community to take part in the Ealing Half Marathon to help raise funds for the School's PTA. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our school while staying active! The PTA will cover the entrance fee for all participants. If you or your family members are interested, [please fill out this form.](#)

2. **SEND COFFEE MORNING**

Following parent feedback, we are pleased to share that we will be offering a **second SEND coffee morning next half term.**

We are also keen to gather wider parent views on the types of events and support you would find most helpful. Please take a few minutes to complete our **parent survey** ([Parent Events - Looking Ahead – Fill out form](#)) to help us shape future coffee mornings, workshops, and support sessions.

3. **REMINDER: MOBILE PHONES**

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us maintain a phone-free environment at school for students in Years 7 to 11. This plays an important part in ensuring students can focus on their childhood, friendships and learning, and we are very grateful for your partnership in upholding this aspect of our school culture.

Students in Years 7 to 11 must not bring smart phones to school.

If families feel a phone is necessary for the journey to and from school, students may bring an old-style brick phone, which must remain switched off during the school day and kept in their bags.

If helpful, the school can loan a traditional brick phone free of charge. Please contact Ms Hynes, who will be happy to support with arrangements.

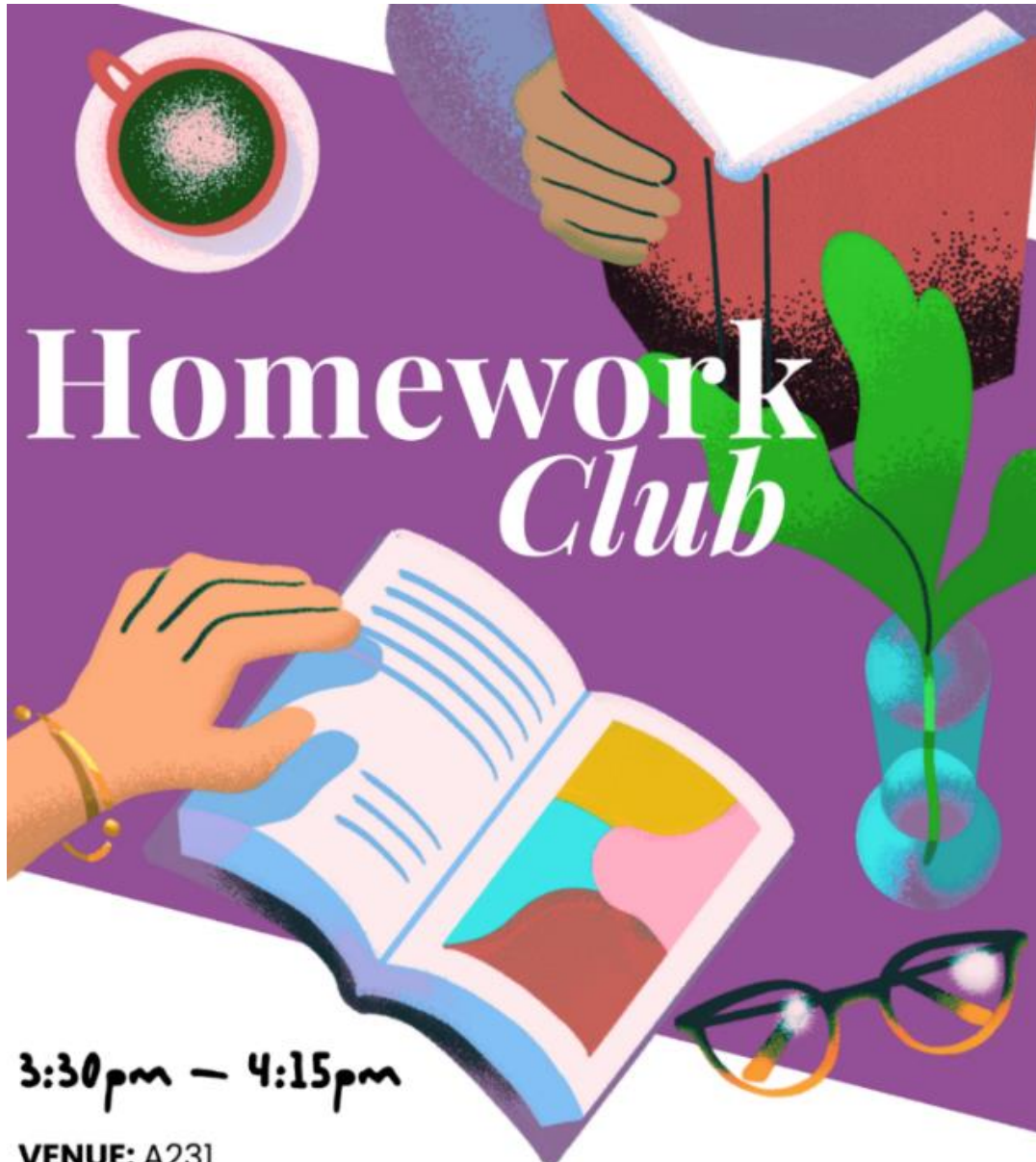
In line with our Mobile Phone Policy, any mobile phone found or used in school will be confiscated, and parents/carers will be required to book an appointment to collect it.



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4. HOMEWORK CLUB

We are holding a Homework Club to give students a supportive and calm space to complete their work. Join us in A231 from 3:30pm to 4:15pm, where you'll have access to laptops and staff on hand to help. The club runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and is a great opportunity to stay organised and get your homework done with confidence.



3:30pm – 4:15pm

VENUE: A231

DATES:

-ON EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FACILITIES INCUDE:

-ACCESS TO LAPTOPS



5. SCHOOL SHOES SUPPORT

For families experiencing financial hardship, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are able to offer support, including providing new school shoes or school bags for students who may need them.

6. PARENT SUPPORT CLINICS

As usual, parents and carers can book a 10-minute meeting with our Family Engagement Officer, Ms Hynes, for support with any concerns. You can sign up for support here: [Parent Support Clinics \(Summer Term\) – Fill out form](#)

This may include:

- Friendship issues
- Mental health concerns
- ParentPay or login issues
- General advice or signposting

7. SCHOOL UNIFORM DEPOSIT SCHEME AT KEVINS SCHOOLWEAR

Between May 1 – 31 July Kevins Schoolwear are operating a pre-order deposit scheme on purchases over £80.

How it works:

- Bring your child in-store for a uniform fitting.
- Pay a minimum, non refundable 20% deposit
- Kevins Schoolwear will hold your order until fully paid, no later than 15 August (after this date, all items will be returned to stock)
- If you upon collection that your child requires another size, no problem, it can be changed for you

Please inquire in-store for more details.



KEVINS SCHOOLWEAR

Buy your uniform early and avoid the Queues!

We are expecting high volumes of customers between

17th August 26 & 12th September 26

To beat the queues and ensure availability, we recommend buying your uniform prior to these dates. To encourage this, all purchases made in July or August can be exchanged up until 30th September 2026.

(subject to the usual returns terms and conditions)

8. WRAPAROUND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

A reminder to all families that the school can offer support in a wide range of areas. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Referrals to the Crisis Fund, Food Bank, and other grants for families experiencing financial difficulty
- Support with digital access, including referrals to the Good Things Foundation or similar organisations where lack of a device is affecting your child's education
- Referrals to the school nurse for concerns around a child's ongoing physical or mental health
- Practical support with uniform, including brand-new school shoes, tights, or a school bag for families facing financial hardship
- Free sanitary products, including pads, tampons, and period underwear, available to all female students
- Access to in-school counselling for students experiencing low mood, worries, anxiety, or anger
- Various clubs and extracurricular activities to help students build friendships, confidence, and interests
- Lunch Club (Drayton Connect) is available to all students

If you feel your family would benefit from any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Hynes (Family Engagement and Safeguarding Officer) or your child's Head of Year through adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk



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9. ADDITIONAL PARENT SUPPORT – WEST YOUTH ZONE

We are also sharing a poster from West Youth Zone, who are offering a drop-in support session for parents and carers of children with ADHD or autism.

- Open to residents of North West London
- No appointment needed
- Mondays, 10:30am–12:00pm (during term time)

Drop-In

For residents of North-West London

Drop-In Support at WEST Youth Zone



For parents and carers of ADHD/Autistic children
We kindly ask that children do not attend

These support sessions offer a welcoming introduction to our services, giving you the chance to learn about the support available for you and your family, and meet other parents and carers in similar situations

When: Mondays during term time
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: WEST Youth Zone, 2 EdCity Walk,
London, W12 7TF

Contact enquiries@adhdandautism.org for more info

www.adhdandautism.org | Charity Registration No. 1193799





10. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) WORKSHOPS

A reminder that the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are running a number of workshops that are available to all parents/carers of children in Ealing. Please see the attached poster, which includes a QR code and link for easy access and sign-up.

Ealing Mental Health Support Team

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUMMER TERM 2026

Over the Summer term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSFE1pRvVORNckT3vmIRWqzbzTQotfSMsEaOdkhncR_-tsAqXGw/viewform

If you have any questions, please do email us on: Ealing.mhst@nhs.net

<p>AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM IN ADOLESCENTS</p> <p>This workshop supports parents/carers of secondary-aged children. It aims to introduce parents to the changes and impact of adolescence within autism, equipping parents with strategies to promote positive mental health among autistic teenagers.</p> <p>Date: 18th May 2026 Time: 1pm-2pm</p>	<p>SUPPORTING APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY USE IN CHILDREN</p> <p>This workshop supports parents/carers of primary-aged children. It introduces parents to strategies in managing and promoting healthy technology use in their child/young person.</p> <p>Date: 28th May 2026 Time: 12pm - 1pm</p>	<p>HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY ARE EXPERIENCING LOW MOOD: FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS</p> <p>This workshop is aimed at parents/carers of young people attending Secondary school who would like to learn more about how to manage low mood in young people!</p> <p>Date: 12th June 2026 Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm</p>
<p>BEHAVIOURS THAT CHALLENGE</p> <p>This workshop is aimed at parents/carers of children attending Primary and Secondary. The workshop introduces how and why behaviours may occur in children with a range of needs, and how to support positive behaviours in children.</p> <p>Date: 22nd June 2026 Time: 12pm-1pm</p>	<p>TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL</p> <p>This workshop is designed for parents who want to confidently support their child's transition to secondary school, offering practical strategies, reassurance, and guidance to help families navigate this important milestone with ease.</p> <p>Date: 13th July 2026 Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm</p>	<p>PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL: PARENTS SUPPORTING 18+</p> <p>This workshop is aimed to support parents seeking to better understand and support their child's transition after leaving school at 18+</p> <p>Date: 21st July 2026 Time: 10:30am-12pm</p>



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11. SUPPORTING YOUR YOUNG PERSON WITH SEND: PATHWAYS, PREPARATION AND NEXT STEPS WEBINAR

Guest Presenters: [Vicky O'Connor](#) from [IncludED Careers](#)

Secure your spot [here](#).

WEST LONDON CAREERS HUB

Supporting Your Young Person with SEND: Pathways, Preparation and Next Steps



**FORTHCOMING WEBINAR
FOR PARENTS**

Thursday 11th June | 5pm - 6pm

Presented by Vicky O'Connor from IncludED Careers

This online session is designed to support parents and carers of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including those with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). The session will explore the different pathways available after school or college, how to prepare young people for adulthood and employment, and how parents can confidently engage with schools and professionals.

Parents will gain practical guidance, clear explanations of key transition points, and a set of useful questions to help them advocate for the right support and opportunities for their child.

Aims:

- To help parents understand the range of post-16 and post-18/19 pathways available for young people with SEND
- To build confidence in supporting preparation for adulthood, including employment, independence, and life skills
- To explain how schools, colleges and services should support effective transitions
- To equip parents with practical questions and tools to use in meetings with schools and professionals

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Parents with a SEND young adult(s) should come along and find out how to confidently support your child/children into adulthood, employment, and independence.
- **Don't miss out - secure your spot [here!](#)**
- For more info, please email: info@wlcareers.org



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