

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
19 OCTOBER TO 23 OCTOBER**

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Drayton Manor 96 th Birthday Celebration	21 Oct
Half Term Break	22 Oct – 30 Oct
Year 7 Concert	4 Nov
Awards Evening	11 Nov

1. 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. Please [click here](#) to sign up for this event.

2. HELPING US RETURN LOST PROPERTY QUICKLY – LABELLING UNIFORM AND PROPERTY

As a large school, students move around the site throughout the day, and it is understandable that from time-to-time items such as jackets, PE kits, bags and other belongings may be misplaced.

To help us reunite students with their lost property as quickly as possible, we kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that all uniform items, PE kit and bags are clearly labelled with your child's first and surname. Clear labelling makes a significant difference and enables staff and students to identify ownership quickly. We will also be reminding students of the importance of labelling their belongings through Tutor Time and assemblies. As part of our community support programme, our Sixth Form students carry out a range of duties across the school day and do an excellent job supporting younger students. They are always happy to help reunite students with lost property, and clearly labelled items play a vital role in making this possible. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

3. 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 or special work in the community. Please contact Mr. Mistry at the school.

4. HOUSE SPELLING BEE – WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER (PERIOD 4 LUNCHTIME)

On **Wednesday 21 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.

5. 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.

6. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SIGN UPS

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

7. GCSE REVISION SUPPORT AT THE HUB (GREENFORD LIBRARY)

Give students a confidence boost ahead of their GCSEs with free weekly English Literature revision support at The Hub, Greenford Library. Please [click here](#) for more information. Starting 15 October, these supportive sessions will help students strengthen their understanding of key GCSE Literature topics, including:

- ☒ GCSE set texts
- ☒ Essay writing and analysis skills
- ☒ Exploring themes, characters, and context
- ☒ Answers to questions they may be struggling with

8. LUNCH TIME MEAL DEALS

Students who would like a lunchtime meal at the school can select the Main Meal Deal for £2.85 which includes one main meal and one of the following dessert items below

- Cake/Cookie
- Fruit
- Jelly

Students may select bottled water as an alternative to dessert, but please note that we have a cold-water machine and encourage students to fill their own reusable water bottles.

Please see the poster at the end of the bulletin for more information. Please see the poster at the end of the bulletin for more information

9. 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](#).

10. 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.

11. SATCHEL ONE, MYED APP, AND PARENTPAY GUIDANCE

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

[Satchel One](#)

[MyEd App](#)

[ParentPay](#)

12. 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.

13. 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](#)

14. 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
	KS3 Girls Football *selected dates	3:30-5:00	Astro	Year 7-9	Mrs Williams/Coach Sarim
Tuesday	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
	Senior Boys Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 10 & 11	Mr Black/Coach Sarim/Coach Noah
Wednesday	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
	Junior Boys Basketball	3:30-5:00	Gym	Year 8 & 9	Coach Tasham
Friday	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!





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MAIN MEAL DEAL £2.85

1

Choose ONE of these
main items

- Hot main meal
of the day!
- Sandwich
- Pizza
- Panini

2

Add ONE of the
following items

- Cake/ Cookie
- Water
- Fruit
- Jelly