

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
20 APRIL TO 24 APRIL 2026**

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Battle of the Bands (Hall 6-7.30pm)	22 Apr
Year 7 Parents' Evening (4.30-7.00pm)	23 Apr
Year 12 Assembly Degree Apprenticeships and Student Life	28 Apr
Year 10 Introductory Session to Higher Education	28 Apr
Year 8 Parents Evening (4.30-7.00pm)	30 Apr
Year 11 and 13 Photos 8:30am	1 May
Year 12 Trip to New York	21-22 May
HALF TERM	25-29 May

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sorry to share the news that we have been informed of the passing of Mr Brian Grant, a long-standing former member of staff at Drayton Manor Grammar school and High School. Mr Grant gave significant service to the school as a Teacher of Physics for 34 years between 1961 and 1995. Mr Grant was able to visit the school more recently, spending time with science staff and revisiting the science laboratories where he once taught. We understand that this visit meant a great deal to him.



Our thoughts are with those who knew him and who have been affected by his passing.

Kind regards,
Mrs L. Mills

1. BATTLE OF THE BANDS – WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

We are excited to invite you to this year's Battle of the Bands, taking place on Wednesday 22 April at 6:00pm (doors open at 5:30pm). This is always a fantastic evening showcasing the incredible musical talent of our students, and we would love to see as many families as possible there to support them.

Students from across the school have been working hard in rehearsals and preparing to take to the stage.

Buy tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/t-vxxojpn>

We do not want finances to be a barrier to attendance, so if you need assistance, please contact music@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk to arrange tickets.

2. YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING – THURSDAY 23 APRIL

The Year 7 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 23 April from 4.30pm-7.00pm. The online booking system School Cloud is now live, please [click here](#) to book your appointment. During these appointments you will receive key information about your child's progress in each of their subject areas. The evening will focus on how your child progresses in their subjects, and we will therefore not be able to facilitate appointments with tutors at this time.

You can also [click here](#) for a short tutorial on how to book your appointments. Please note that all online bookings will close on midday on 23 April.

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.

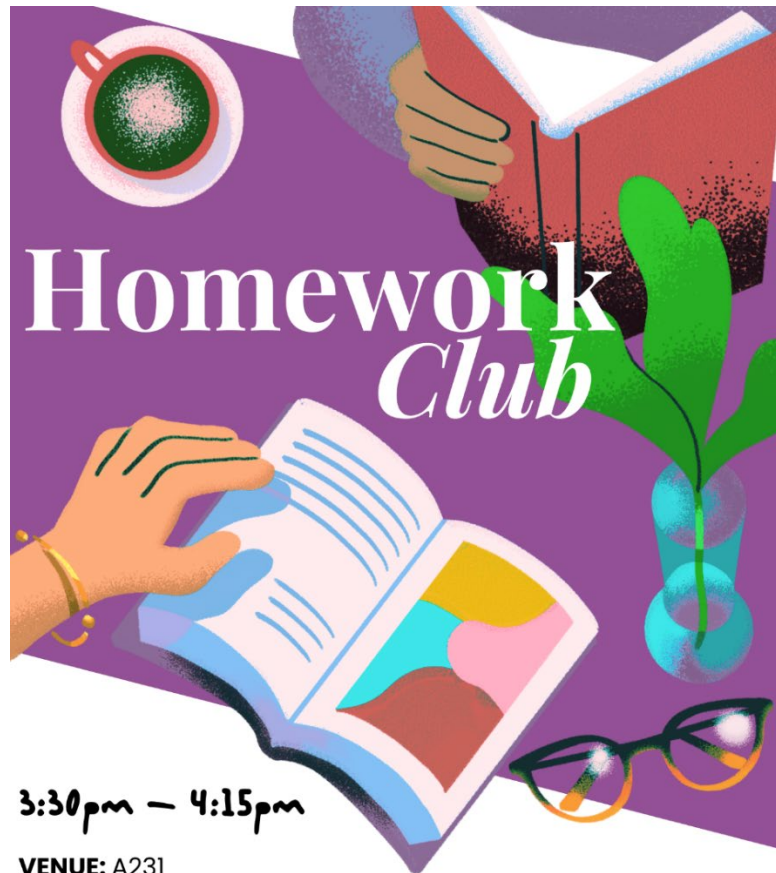
In line with our Mobile Phone Policy, any mobile phone found or used in school will be confiscated, and parents/carers will be required to book an appointment to collect it.

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.



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL



3:30pm – 4:15pm

VENUE: A231

DATES:

-ON EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

-ACCESS TO LAPTOPS



5. 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

6. VENUES FOR GAMES LESSONS - SPRING TERM 2026

Please [click here](#) to see the following information for the venues for Games lessons this term.

7. ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVISION

Drayton Manor will continue to run internal affordable pre-loved uniform sales and accept donations and we will share a date for an upcoming sale soon, however we would also like to make parents and carers aware of several local services offering free school uniform items to families. Details are as follows.

The Hub at Greenford Library

A permanent uniform hub operates at Greenford Library and is open weekly at the following times:

- Tuesday, 11.00am–5.00pm
- Wednesday, 10.00am–2.00pm
- Thursday, 1.00pm–5.00pm

[Download the flier here](#)

Monthly Pop-Up at Southall Manor

A monthly uniform pop-up stall is held outside Southall Manor on the last Saturday of each month, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The next scheduled date is Saturday 28 April 2026.

[Find all the up to date information on the Ealing uniform project here.](#)