DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
23 NOVEMBER to 27 NOVEMBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Year 11 Mock Examinations	23 Nov – 4 Dec
Year 13 Mock Examinations	23 Nov – 4 Dec
Year 10 Parents' Success Evening	26 Nov
Staff Training Day	27 Nov
Family Community Fair	1 Dec
Christmas Concert	9 Dec
Year 13 Christmas Meal	14 Dec
Year 11 Mock Results Assembly (Period Six)	17 Dec
End of Term	18 Dec

1. YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examinations will take place from Monday 23 November to Friday 4 December. These assessments provide an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their progress, identify areas for improvement, and gain valuable experience of examination conditions ahead of their final exams.

2. SHINE YEAR 7, 9 AND 10 FINANCIAL EDUCATION MORNING – WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

On Wednesday 25th November during Period One - Period Three we will be delivering our first 'Beyond Shine' drop-down morning on 'Financial Education' to Year 7, 9 and 10. Students will be covering a range of topics from being a critical consumer to understanding how tax works and much more, in order to develop their financial literacy.

3. YEAR 10 PARENTS' SUCCESS EVENING – SAVE THE DATE (WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER)

Please save the date for our Year 10 Parents' Success Evening. Parents and Carers have been written to separately with further details.

4. STAFF TRAINING DAY – FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

On Friday 27 November, the school will be closed to all students on Friday 27 November due to a Staff Training Day. Students should not attend school on this day. The school will reopen as normal on Monday 30 November. Thank you in advance for understanding and your support.

5. FAMILY COMMUNITY FAIR – TWO WEEKS TO GO!

Our Family Community Fair takes place on **Tuesday 1 December**, and we would love to see as many families as possible attend.
Date: Tuesday 1 December
Time: 5.00pm-7.30pm
Location: Lower Gym and Sixth Form Centre
The event will feature:

- 18 local organisations offering information, support, opportunities and activities

- Student-led interactive stalls
- A PTA pre-loved uniform sale
- Free refreshments for families
- Raffle prizes kindly donated by local businesses

Families will receive a free raffle entry simply for attending, with opportunities to earn additional entries on the evening. Whether you are looking for local opportunities, useful information or simply a chance to connect with other families, we hope you will join us. Please click here to book our free tickets for the fair.

6. CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Please save the date for our Christmas Music Concert on Wednesday 9 December.

7. 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.

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. 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.

10. 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

11. 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.

12. HEALTHY START VOUCHERS – TOP UPS AVAILABLE AT SAINSBURYS

Sainsbury's will top-up NHS Healthy Start scheme with £3 per week in the run up to Christmas.

Schools and settings are encouraged to share a new funding opportunity with families who receive NHS Healthy Start support. Sainsbury's has announced it will provide an additional £3 per week for six weeks to eligible Healthy Start customers, helping families purchase more fruit, vegetables, beans and pulses in the lead-up to Christmas. Eligible households could receive up to £18 in additional support.

Families must register by 11:59pm on 9 November 2026, with weekly eGift cards being issued from 18 November. Given the short application window, projects are encouraged to promote this opportunity as soon as possible.

