

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
27 APRIL TO 1 MAY 2026**

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
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

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. BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Battle of the Bands returned with a bang on Wednesday 22 April, delivering an electrifying evening of live music as our talented students battled it out for the trophy. The atmosphere was incredible, and the event was a massive success! We will be sharing videos and photos of our wonderful performers by next week. Stay tuned for more details in our upcoming newsletter and blog post!

3. YEAR 11 & 13 PHOTOS – FRIDAY 1 MAY

The annual Year 11 and 13 group photo will take place on Friday 1 May. Please note that the photo will take place at 8.30am for Year 11 and 9.20am for Year 13.

4. YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 30 April from 4.30pm - 7.00pm. The online appointment 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 Wednesday 29 April, at 12.00pm.

5. 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.

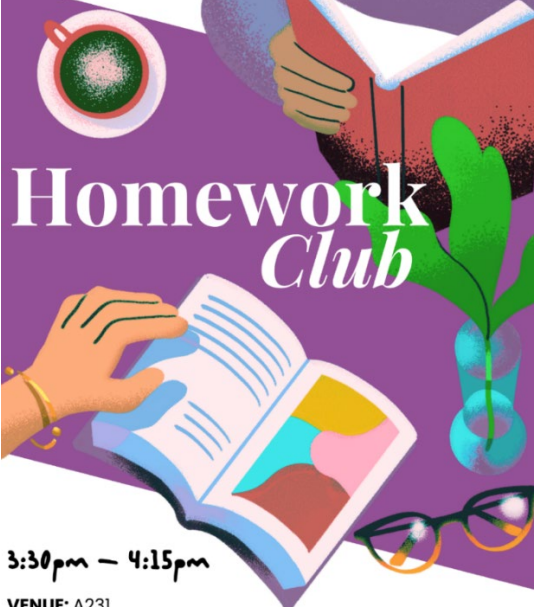
If families feel a phone is necessary for the journey to and from school, students may bring an old-style brick phone, which must remain switched off during the school day and kept in their bags.

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.

6. 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.




Homework Club

3:30pm – 4:15pm

VENUE: A231

DATES:
-ON EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FACILITIES INCLUDE:
-ACCESS TO LAPTOPS



7. 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

8. 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.](#)