

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN 27 SEPTEMBER TO 2 OCTOBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Ealing Half Marathon	27 Sep
Parent Clinics	28 Sep & 29 Sep
House Music Festival	29 Sep & 30 Sep
Community Languages Coffee Morning	7 Oct
Year 13 Parent Success Evening	8 Oct
'Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online Coffee Morning	14 Oct
Sixth Form Open Evening	15 Oct
Drayton Manor 96 th Birthday Celebration	21 Oct
Half Term Break	22 Oct – 30 Oct

1. EALING HALF MARATHON SUPPORTERS AND FAN ZONE – SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 27 September, staff from Drayton Manor alongside parents will be running the highly anticipated Ealing Half Marathon to raise money for the PTA. There will be a fan zone outside the school building for students and parents/carers to support runners during the event in which we will giving out sweets to runners and cheering them along. If you and your child would like to join, please let us know by completing this form. Additionally, if you would like to donate to this amazing cause, please [click here](#) to our fundraising page. Any donation would be hugely appreciated by the school.

2. STUDENT ABSENCE REMINDER

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, parents/carers must report any student absence **before 8:30am** on each day of absence. Absences should be reported either via the **MyEd app** or by emailing studentabsence@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk.

Prompt reporting enables the school to complete safeguarding checks and maintain accurate attendance records. Parents/carers are also reminded that **routine appointments**, including dental, medical and other non-urgent appointments, should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. This helps to minimise disruption to learning and supports students in maintaining strong attendance.

3. PARENT CLINICS – MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER AND TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

Parent Clinics will be running on Monday 28 September and Tuesday 29 September from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. These one-to-one sessions provide an opportunity for students and parents to raise any questions or concerns, however small. We are keen to address any issues promptly and ensure that every student feels happy, confident and supported as they settle into life at Drayton Manor High School. Please [click here](#) to register your interest.

4. HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL – TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER AND 30 SEPTEMBER

The House Music Festival is an annual opportunity for all students in who are interested in music to show us what they can do and win valuable points for their House! This year the event will take place on 29 and 30 September and sign up is already open! A timetable will be shared on Monday 28 September and all students who sign up will come to share their pre-

prepared performance with the Head of Music and a small group of other students at their allotted time. There are winners in each year group but every single student who takes part will win valuable points for their House. Students can perform on their own or in small groups. **Whether they've been playing for years, just started lessons or feel like preparing a song independently, please encourage them to sign up in their lessons or at the Music Office.**

5. YEAR 13 SUCCESS IN SIXTH FORM EVENING – THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

Parents and carers of Year 13 students are invited to attend our Success in Sixth Form Evening in the Sixth Form Building. This event will provide important information and guidance to support students through their final year of sixth form, including academic expectations, key milestones, post-18 pathways and the support available to help them achieve success. Parents and carers should arrive from 4:45pm, with the presentation beginning at 5:15pm and concluding at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be available. Please note that entrance will be via the student entrance to the Sixth Form Building and not through Main Reception. Please [click here](#) to sign up for this event.

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. CHESS CLUB RETURNS WITH GRANDMASTER DAMIAN LEMOS – WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES, THE ATELIER

We are delighted to announce the return of our highly successful Chess Club, led by Grandmaster Damian Lemos. Following the popularity of last year's programme, students once again have the opportunity to learn from an international chess expert, develop strategic thinking skills, and enjoy competitive play with their peers.

Students wishing to participate must complete the Microsoft Forms registration on Satchel One. Places are limited and demand is expected to be high, so we encourage students to sign up as soon as possible. This club will take place Wednesday lunchtimes in the Atelier.

8. FENCING CLUB OPPORTUNITIES – YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT (WEDNESDAY 3.40pm – YEAR 8 STUDENTS, IN THE DOWNSTAIRS GYM)

We are delighted to announce that we have introduced Fencing as an additional enrichment opportunity. During the pilot phase, this will be open to Year 8 students only. Any students interested in attending the Fencing Club please [click here](#) to sign-up and students must sign-up in advance and collect permission slips from the PE office. Places are limited so please sign up now.

9. STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

House Captains and Tutor Representatives have been elected! Congratulations to all students who took part in the election process, whether as candidates or voters. We are delighted by the character, ambition and leadership potential shown by so many students across the school.

A full list of successful candidates will be published in the coming weeks. Students elected to these roles will receive a leadership badge, a letter of congratulations and will have their photograph taken as part of our celebration of student leadership.

A reminder that applications for Wellbeing Ambassadors, Librarians and Communications Officers remain open and will close on Wednesday 30 September. Application forms are

available on SatchelOne. We encourage all students who are interested in developing their leadership skills and making a positive contribution to school life to apply.

Strand	School	House	Academic	Pastoral	Operations
Area	School Leadership	House Leadership	Librarians	Wellbeing	Communications
Positions	- Senior Student Leaders (KS5) - Year Council - Tutor Council	- Head of House (KS5) - Deputy Head of House (KS4) - House Captains (KS3)	- Senior Librarians (KS5) - Library Ambassador (KS4) - Library Representative (KS3/4/5)	- Senior Wellbeing Team (KS5) - Deputy Wellbeing Team (KS4) - Wellbeing Ambassadors (KS3)	- Senior Lead Communications (KS5) - Deputy Lead Communications (KS4) - Communications Officer (KS3)
Key Duties	- Represent student voice at tutor, year, and school level. - Lead and chair council meetings and assemblies. - Mentor younger leaders and support school initiatives. - Communicate student feedback to staff and SLT.	- Lead House assemblies, events, and competitions. - Promote House identity, values, and participation. - Mentor younger House leaders and encourage involvement. - Represent the House at school events and forums.	- Support daily library operations and maintain displays. - Promote reading through campaigns and book recommendations. - Assist with book loans, returns, and shelving. - Help plan and run library events. - Mentor younger librarians and encourage library use.	- Lead wellbeing campaigns and peer mentoring. - Deliver assemblies and promote mental health awareness. - Provide peer support and encourage inclusion. - Plan and run wellbeing events with staff support.	- Create bulletins, newsletters, and digital content. - Promote school events and student achievements. - Report on school life and lead media projects. - Mentor team members and manage communication schedules.
Application Process	Senior Student Leaders: Year Council: Application, Interview, year group vote Tutor Council: Tutor vote	Tutor Vote	Microsoft Forms Application	Microsoft Forms Application	Microsoft Forms Application
Skills Gained	Leadership Public Speaking Organisation	Networking Coaching/mentoring Event planning	Leadership Public Speaking Organisation	Event Planning Teamwork Communication	Leadership Public Speaking Organisation

10. INTER HOUSE LUNCHTIME SPORTS WEEK

House Sports Week is here! From 28 September to 2 October, students from Years 7-11 will have the opportunity to represent their House in a range of lunchtime sporting competitions. Whether it is dodgeball, basketball or football, House Sports Week is a fantastic chance for students to demonstrate teamwork, resilience and House pride while earning valuable points for their House. We encourage all participating students to attend promptly, give their best effort and enjoy the friendly competition.

Next week's competitions include:

- Year 7 Dodgeball - Tuesday lunchtime
- Year 8 Basketball - Thursday lunchtime
- Year 9 Football - Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes
- Year 10 Football - Thursday lunchtime
- Year 11 Basketball and 5-a-side Football - Thursday and Friday lunchtimes

Students should speak to their Head of House or tutor if they would like further information. Good luck to all competitors!

11. 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](#).

12. 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.

13. 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](#)

14. COFFEE MORNING REMINDERS

We are delighted to invite you to our Autumn Half Term 1 Coffee Morning Series. Our coffee mornings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with members of the school team, learn more about topics that support children's wellbeing and development, and connect with other families in our school community. Sessions are informal, welcoming, and include time for questions and discussion with staff at the end. Home Language coffee mornings take place throughout the year in a number of languages.

All sessions will take place from 9:30am to 10:00am. Please arrive from 9.15am for hot drinks and refreshments, the presentation will begin at 9.30am.

- **Next session:** Wednesday 7 October - Community Languages Coffee Morning (Somali). To confirm your attendance please [click here](#) to fill out the form.
- **Last session:** Wednesday 14 October Online Safety - Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online. To confirm your attendance please [click here](#) to fill out the form.

15. 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.

16. TALKING TEEN PARENTING SESSIONS

Talking Teens is a practical and supportive programme that helps parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising teenagers. Learn effective ways to improve communication, understand teenage behaviour, manage conflict, and strengthen family relationships, alongside other parents facing similar experiences. Please [click here](#) for more information and to share with parents and carers who may find this support helpful.

17. YOUR STREET, YOUR SPACE DESIGN COMPETITION

We are delighted to share an exciting new opportunity for students to take part in the Ealing Street Design Competition. Students are invited to imagine what a street in Ealing could look like over the next **5 to 15 years** and bring their vision to life. Entries can be submitted as a drawing, or for those who prefer writing, students may choose to express their ideas through

a letter or poem. Full competition details and entry guidelines have been shared with students. The closing date for entries is **Friday 23 October** (the end of this half term). We encourage all students to get involved and showcase their creativity and ideas for the future of our local community. As part of the competition, selected entries will be displayed in a new public space at Perceval House, Ealing Council's offices, giving students the opportunity to share their work with the wider community. While this is a future-focused competition, students are encouraged to think creatively while keeping their designs realistic and achievable. We look forward to seeing their innovative ideas and imaginative visions for the future of Ealing's streets.

18. 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
	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
Tuesday	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
	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
Wednesday	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	
	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
Thursday	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
	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
Friday	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



NFL Flag football

a programme for boys and girls aged 11-24 that involves:

**A FUN, NON CONTACT
SPORT FOR ALL ABILITIES**
Learn the game, build your
skills and become part of a
team.

A GIRLS' FORUM
A space for girls to connect,
talk and have your voice
heard

MENTORSHIP SESSIONS
Personal support with
your goals and next
steps.

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Locations: Activities will take place across West Ealing and Acton with
our base at [The W13 Impact HUB, 1 Bayham Road W13 0TQ.](#)



Weekly sessions on Saturdays, 10am to 12pm



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