

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
9 MARCH TO 13 MARCH 2026**

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Year 9 Options Evening (5.00-7.00pm)	10 Mar
Year 11 Geography Field Trip	11 Mar
Year 9 Parents Evening (4.30-7.00pm)	12 Mar
Year 11 Geography Field Trip	12 Mar
Year 10 Work Experience Week	16 Mar
'Dare to Dream' School Production (6-7.30pm)	18 Mar
A Level trip to Geneva	19-20 Mar
Year 11 Mock Results Assembly	23 Mar
DTP/Meningitis Vaccine	24 Mar
UCAS Discovery Day – Excel Centre	24 Mar
Year 10 Parents Evening (4.30-7.00PM)	26 Mar
Year 9 GCSE Options Deadline	26 Mar
END OF TERM	30 ar-10 Apr

1. STUDENT SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY – UPDATE

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the calm, measured and supportive way in which you assisted the school last week in maintaining student safety in the community. This was following awareness of an online trend circulating nationally on social media in which anonymous individuals were reported to be categorising schools into 'red' or 'blue' groups to promote conflict. Your partnership and cooperation were greatly appreciated.

Following liaison with the Police and the Local Authority, we have been advised that no incidents were reported across Ealing in relation to this online trend. We are grateful to our parents and students who continue to share information with us whenever concerns arise, which enables us to respond proactively.

As families are aware, we take student safety in the community extremely seriously. During the period when this online content was circulating, a range of precautionary measures were put in place to provide reassurance and visibility in the local area.

However, it is important to emphasise that the work we undertake to ensure safety in the community takes place every day. The systems and expectations we have in place form part of a wider culture around community conduct and student safety. These measures form strong foundations which allow us to respond quickly and effectively should issues ever arise.

For this reason, we maintain clear expectations for students when travelling to and from school, including that students must not invite students from other schools or any outsiders to gather near the school gates or meet them on their journey home.

Students are expected to travel directly home after school and not loiter in shops, parks or other local businesses.

Our existing safety measures include:

- A visible Senior Leadership Team presence in the local community before and after school.
- Staff duty teams positioned around the local area to support students on their journeys.
- Senior staff driving patrols in the wider community to provide reassurance and oversight.
- Close and ongoing communication with external agencies when required.

Again, we are very grateful to our parents, carers and students for continuing to support these expectations and for sharing any relevant information with senior staff when necessary. We often receive praise from members of the public regarding the conduct of our students in the wider community.

Thank you again to everybody for your continued support.

2. SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2026 - WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

Our school production, Dare to Dream, will take place on Wednesday 18 March at 6:00pm. We encourage all families to save the date and join us for what promises to be a wonderful showcase of our students' creativity and talent. Tickets are now available here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-oeejkj>



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL



3. CHESS CLUB

Chess is booming at Drayton Manor High School, and you asked for MORE! We're excited to launch a special 10 week chess programme taught by a Grand Master starting Wednesday 11th March.

Learn new strategies, sharpen your thinking, challenge your friends and take part in our Inter-House Chess Tournament at the end of the programme!

Places are limited, and you must sign up in advance. Spaces will be allocated, so get in quickly!

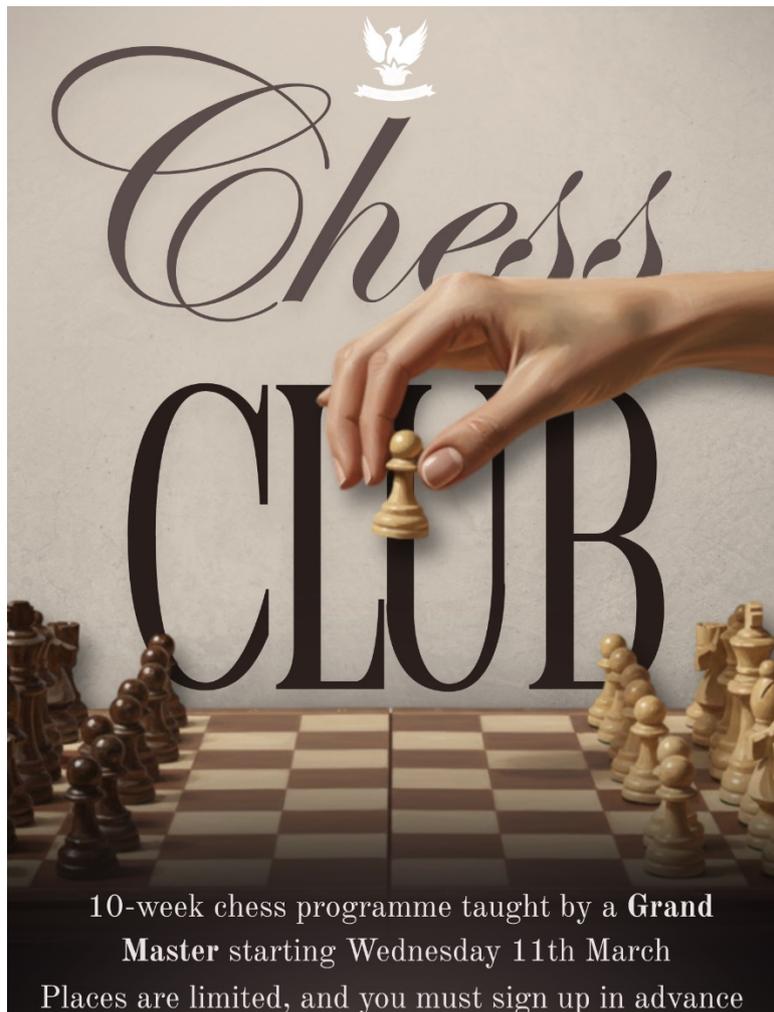
SIGN-UP BY 4PM MONDAY 9 MARCH USING THIS LINK: [Chess Club Sign Up – Fill in form](#)

Club 1 – Years 7–9

 Wednesdays, 12:40pm (lunchtime)

Club 2 – Years 9–11

 Wednesdays, 1:30pm (lunchtime)



4. PARENT SUPPORT CLINICS (BY APPOINTMENT)

We are pleased to be running Parent Drop-In Clinics again for parents and carers of students at Drayton Manor High School. These sessions are an opportunity for you to share any challenges or worries you might have, and to speak directly with staff.

These sessions offer an opportunity to cover a wide range of topics, from attendance, medical needs wellbeing and friendships, to behaviour and safeguarding giving you the opportunity to access additional support services for you, your child or family both within the school and beyond.

Dates:

- Thursday 12 March
- Monday 16 March
- Friday 20 March
- Wednesday 25 March

Format: You can choose either in-person at school or online via MS Teams

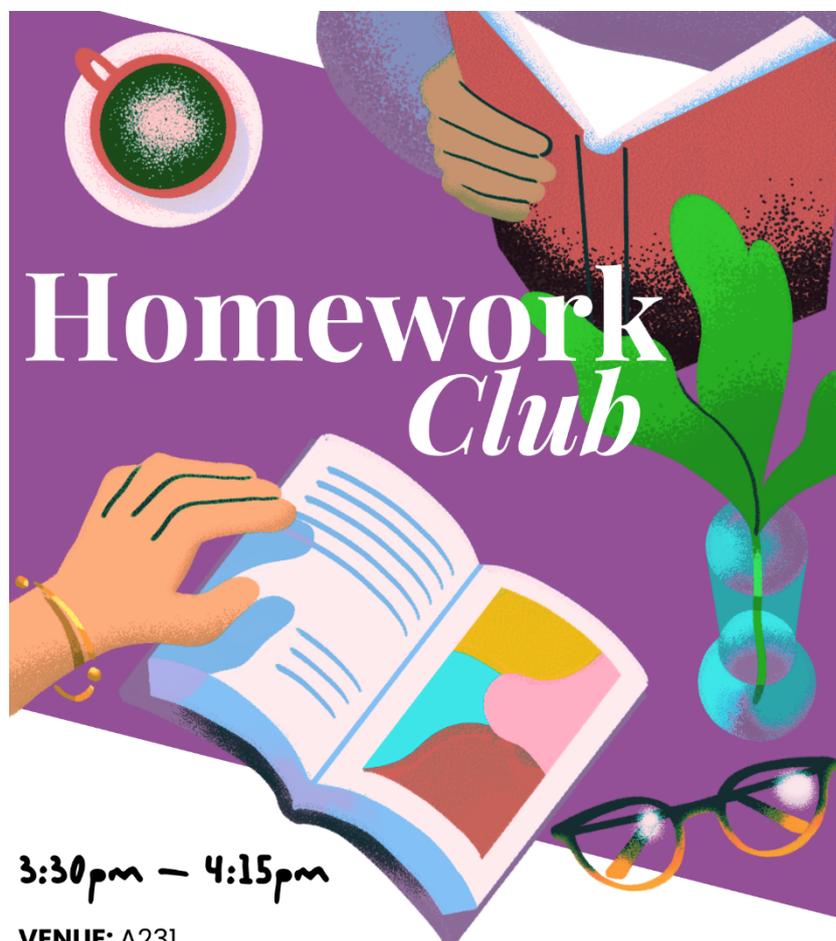
To help us plan, parents must sign up in advance via Microsoft Forms: [Parent Support Clinics \(Spring Term\) – Fill out form](#)

Appointments will last up to 20 minutes.

We hope these sessions provide a supportive space to talk through any challenges you might have and strengthen our partnership in supporting you and your child

5. 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.



3:30pm – 4:15pm

VENUE: A231

DATES:

-ON EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

-ACCESS TO LAPTOPS



6. DIFFICULTIES WITH MY ED, SACHEL ONE, EMAILS OR PARENT PAY

If you are experiencing any communication or login difficulties with the above systems, please book in for a Parent support clinic with Ms Hynes (Family Engagement) who can support with resetting the account or resolving the concern.

7. IFTAR

As Ramadan begins, we understand that this period can bring unique challenges for families, especially considering the current cost of living crisis. We want to ensure that all children, including those entitled to free school meals, have access to nutritious meals. We are pleased to announce from this week until Wednesday 18 March, the school and our catering providers, Culinera will be offering Iftar boxes. These boxes can be ordered conveniently using the QR code provided on the poster that is attached with this email. Each day, your child can collect a nutritious meal from the kitchen to take home and enjoy. We're also extending this option to non-free school meal children for £2.85 per box. Should you need any further information please contact adminOffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk



Are you fasting for
RAMADAN?

RESERVE YOUR IFTAR BOX NOW!

Available from
Monday 23rd February to
Wednesday 18th March

Your kitchen team are producing delicious
food boxes, ready to be collected each day
and taken home, ready for Iftar.

£3.00 EACH
OR FREE IF YOU QUALIFY
FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.



Scan QR code to learn more
and reserve now!

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8. WECL COMMUNITY PARTY - SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

The West Ealing library are hosting a party in the square outside WECL (opposite Sainsburys) in West Ealing. There will be a stage and sound system with the aim showcasing local talent. Do you know any young bands, musicians, story tellers or poets who would like to perform? Please do feel free to get them to contact friends@wecl.org.uk to find out more.

9. TRIPS REMINDER

- Students in Year 7-11 must not bring smartphones on trips as these are not allowed in school.
- Students who bring the agreed mobile phone may do so only if it is switched off, kept in their bag and out of sight for the entire trip.

Thank you for your support.

10. REPORTING INJURIES

A reminder to parents to please ensure all injuries (such as fractures, slings or use of crutches) are reported to medical@dryatonmanorhighschool.co.uk before your child returns to school. This allows Welfare staff enough time to receive the medical information from families, compile a risk assessment and inform teaching staff of any support measures the student may require.

11. REPORTING ABSENCES

Please ensure you report any absence including illness via the MyEd app before 8.30am each day of absence.

12. 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

13. WEST EALING COMMUNITY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS:

- Directors / trustees wanted - WECL is managed by the West Ealing Community CIC. They are looking for new board members, particularly those that have substantial IT and commutations experience.
- They are also looking for volunteers to keep the library open in the evenings during the May / June exam period. We know many children struggle to find quiet, free and safe places to study during this period. With sufficient helpers, they would like to offer WECL during this time. Volunteers would only need to offer one 2-hour session per week. If you would be interested in either of



the available two options, please reach out to Catherine at friends@wecl.org.uk or Ms Hynes (Family Engagement Officer) at Drayton Manor High school.

14. REQUEST FOR BOARD GAME DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted board games or card games which can be used at lunchtime and after school during our student clubs. Thank you in advance for any donations you can make!

15. VENUES FOR GAMES LESSONS - SPRING TERM 2026

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