DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
9 NOVEMBER to 13 NOVEMBER

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Remembrance Day	11 Nov
Awards Evening	11 Nov
Year 10 Parents' Success Evening	26 Nov
Staff Training Day	27 Nov
Family Community Fair	1 Dec
Christmas Concert	9 Dec
End of Term	18 Dec

1. FAMILY COMMUNITY FAIR – SAVE THE DATE

We are delighted to invite all families to our annual Family Community Fair on Tuesday 1 December.

Date - Tuesday 1 December
Time - Drop in any time between 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Location - Lower Gym and Sixth Form Centre

This free event brings together local organisations, school staff, students and families for an evening of information, activities and community connection.

Families can enjoy

- Information and advice from 18 local community organisations
- Interactive activities led by our students
- A pre-loved uniform sale run by the PTA
- Free refreshments
- The chance to meet staff, local organisations and other families

2. HELPING US RETURN LOST PROPERTY QUICKLY – LABELLING UNIFORM AND PROPERTY

As a large school, students move around the site throughout the day, and it is understandable that from time-to-time items such as jackets, PE kits, bags and other belongings may be misplaced.

To help us reunite students with their lost property as quickly as possible, we kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that all uniform items, PE kit and bags are clearly labelled with your child's first and surname. Clear labelling makes a significant difference and enables staff and students to identify ownership quickly. We will also be reminding students of the importance of labelling their belongings through Tutor Time and assemblies. As part of our community support programme, our Sixth Form students carry out a range of duties across the school day and do an excellent job supporting younger students. They are always happy to help reunite students with lost property, and clearly labelled items play a vital role in making this possible. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SIGN UPS

If your child would like to sign up for musical instrument lessons, please click here to complete the form.

6. GCSE REVISION SUPPORT AT THE HUB (GREENFORD LIBRARY)

Give students a confidence boost ahead of their GCSEs with free weekly English Literature revision support at The Hub, Greenford Library. Please click here for more information. Starting 15 October, these supportive sessions will help students strengthen their understanding of key GCSE Literature topics, including:

- ☑ GCSE set texts
- ☑ Essay writing and analysis skills
- ☑ Exploring themes, characters, and context
- ☑ Answers to questions they may be struggling with

7. LUNCH TIME MEAL DEALS

Students who would like a lunchtime meal at the school can select the Main Meal Deal for £2.85 which includes one main meal and one of the following dessert items below

- Cake/Cookie
- Fruit
- Jelly

Students may select bottled water as an alternative to dessert, but please note that we have a cold-water machine and encourage students to fill their own reusable water bottles.

Please see the poster at the end of the bulletin for more information. Please see the poster at the end of the bulletin for more information

8. 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.

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.

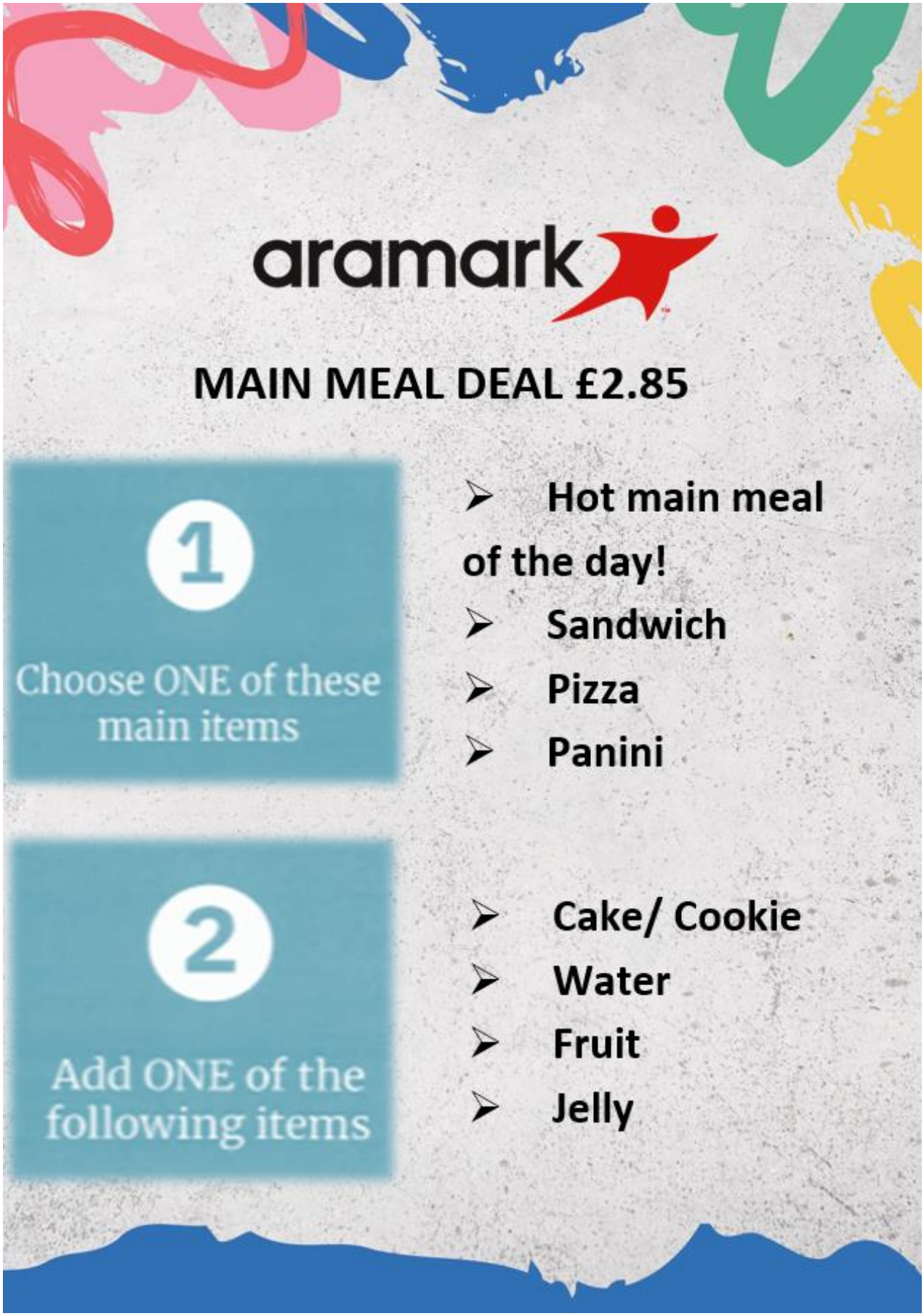
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13. EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2026

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 Tasharn
	KS3 Girls Football *selected dates	3:30-5:00	Astro	Year 7-9	Mrs Williams/Coach Sarim
Tuesday	Breakfast Club	8:00-8:45	Dining Hall	Year 7-11	
	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
Wednesday	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
	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 Tasharn
	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 Tasharn
	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	
Thursday	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
	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 Tasharn
Friday	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
	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


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MAIN MEAL DEAL £2.85
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Choose ONE of these main items
Hot main meal of the day!
Sandwich
Pizza
Panini
2
Add ONE of the following items
Cake/ Cookie
Water
Fruit
Jelly