



A BUSY SPRING AT DRAYTON MANOR

As the flowers bloom and the sun shines, Spring returns and what a wonderful sight it is! Our students have been thriving, attending workshops, going on trips, experiencing visits from speakers, and even listening to the remarkable story of a Holocaust survivor. Spring is always a busy and exciting time at Drayton Manor.

AWARD OF MERITS



Rewarding our students for their positive behaviour is an integral part of our school culture. We reward Year 7 to 11 students with merits which we monitor each term in order to congratulate, motivate and inspire our students to greater things. Before the end of the term, hundreds of students were awarded the Award for Merits. This award recognises their significant effort, achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities and contributions to the improvement of our school community. Students were invited to a celebratory breakfast in the Dining Hall and received their certificates from their teachers.

SPORTS

Students continue to show exceptional spirit in all the sports activities on offer and they have performed incredibly well during the term.

Ealing Borough Tournament

Our Year 7 Netball team won gold medals in the Ealing Borough Tournament. They played well throughout the tournament to the final. In the semi-final, their match against Twyford was very close, ending 2-2 at full time but the team held their nerve and took the win into extra time. The team confidently beat Ellen

Wilkinson 3-0 in the final to take home the prize. Well done all!



The Year 7 squad had a great start to their season, winning three out of five matches so far. The team were selected to represent Ealing in the London Youth Games tournament which took place in East London on Tuesday 22 March. They came top of their group in the first round of games showing great character. Unfortunately, they came up against stronger competition in the second round and despite playing well the team did not reach the next stage, but put in a good performance nonetheless!

Netball

The Year 8 team has played well throughout the season and were semi-finalists in the Borough Tournament. They were undefeated in the League competition and end the season in gold medal position. Although relatively inexperienced in the competition, the Year 9 team made it through to the semi-finals of the Borough Tournament. Well done! The Year 10 team were semi-finalists in the Borough Tournament and take second place in the League competition with only one loss all season – a commendable effort! The Seniors took silver medals in the Borough Tournament, losing in a close match to Twyford. With only one loss in the League competition and one match left to play, their position is still to be decided. Good luck!

Girls Football

Attendance for the club has been at an all-time high this season, with over 30 students training every week. The girls have continued to train with energy and an unwavering desire to improve. In the Middlesex Cup competition, the Under 13s had an excellent performance in the quarterfinal match against Elthorne Park and won 1-0 on penalties. However, they faced

tough opposition in the semi-final, but after an energetic first half, the more experienced Vyners side capitalised on their early lead and took the win 4-0.

The Under 16s reached the quarterfinal of the Middlesex Cup. They played away against a strong Haydon School side and were narrowly beaten 1-0.



In Futsal, the Under 13 team were triumphant in their second tournament, easily beating the opposition and taking first place. This meant they qualified for the Borough Finals alongside three other teams. The competition was intense and due to a slow start, the team narrowly won enough points to enter the plate final. They were dominant in play and comfortably beat Ealing Fields 12-0 to take third place.

Boys Football

The Under 13 team has continued to train with passion and an unquestionable desire to improve. The squad played their first match of the season against local team Brentside High School and won 9-4. Training has resumed for the Under 15s, with trials for the squad being held for team selection. They faced their first two opponents this season in back-to-back matches against Twyford and Brentside respectively. A frustrating 3-0 loss to Twyford buoyed the team up to secure a confident 4-1 win against Brentside. The Under 16 team had a successful run in the Middlesex Cup, but unfortunately lost in the quarterfinals against a formidable Queens Park Community side.



Boys Basketball



The Year 7 boys have continued to show superb attitude in training, and numbers have increased since the start of the season. The team were dominant in the Borough Tournament in January and commendably won first place.

The Junior Boys team have worked hard this season in training to improve individual skills and team tactics. They beat Greenford in the Borough League final to claim the Championship.

It has been a strong season for the Senior Boys team. The team represented Ealing in the London Youth Games and managed to get through to the last eight. We are proud of their outstanding achievement.

Trampoline



On 3 March 2022, the team attended the Ealing Borough Trampoline Competition at Greenford High School. We entered three teams into the Novice, Intermediate, and Elite competitions. The squad have demonstrated fantastic resilience, determination, and hard work in all training sessions before the competition – regularly training after school to perfect their routines. The commitment and dedication of the students paid off with some exceptional performances on the day. For the Novice Squad, this was the first

trampoline competition that the students had entered and they all worked hard individually and collectively. They won the silver medal as a team – Mabel (8G), Isabel (7G), Hanna (10H), Ruhi (8I), Aeronwen (7J).

The Intermediate Squad demonstrated fantastic resilience throughout the day as well as quality movements within their routines. As a result, they were awarded silver medals for the team category. The team members are Haifa (8G), Maryam (9I), Gabriella (10G), Parisa (8K), Cerys (8G).

For the Elite Squad this competition was used as their GCSE practical moderation, so the pressure was really on. The team – Inessa (9H), Diana (11F), Evie (8H) and Emma (8F) performed exceptionally well, and this led them to win the team silver medal and with an individual gold for Diana.

Well done to all of our students who have trained so hard and taken part in all of our sporting teams this season! For all those who haven't taken part, please come along and get involved in one of our teams.

Some of our students' other sporting highlights include:

Under 13 Girls Middx Cup Semi Final v Vyners	Loss 4-0
Junior Boys Basketball v Brentside (Borough League Semi-final)	Win
Sixth Form Boys Basketball v Isleworth & Syon School	Win
Year 7 Girls Netball v Ada Lovelace	Win 3-9
Year 8 Girls Netball Tournament @ Ellen Wilkinson	Semi-finalists
Sixth Form Boys Basketball v Greenford	Win
Junior Boys Basketball v Greenford (Borough League Final)	Win
Year 7 Girls Netball v Twyford	Loss 6-3
Senior Girls Netball v Twyford B	Win 13-11
Borough Trampoline Competition @ Greenford	2nd place Novice (Team) 2nd place Intermediate (Team) 2nd place Elite (Team) 1st place Elite (Individual)
Senior Boys Basketball v Christ's School (London Youth Games – Last 8)	Loss
Year 8 Girls Netball v Brentside	Win 7-3

1st XI v Greenford (Friendly)	Win
1st XI v Cardinal Wiseman (Friendly)	Win
Sixth Form Boys Basketball v Twyford	Win
Under 13 Girls Futsal Finals @Ada Lovelace	3rd Place
Under 15 Boys Football v Twyford	Loss 3-0
Under 13 Boys Football v Brentside	Win 9-4
Under 15 Boys Football v Brentside	Win 4-1
Year 7 Girls Netball v Ealing Fields	Win 11-7
Under 13 Boys Football v Twyford	Loss 5-2
Year 8 Girls Netball v Elthorne Park	Win 10-5
Year 10 Girls Netball v Elthorne Park	Win 22-14
Under 13 Boys Football v Cardinal Wiseman	Loss 2-7
Under 15 Boys Football v Cardinal Wiseman	Win 9-1
Year 7 Girls Netball London Youth Games Tournament	13th place
Year 7 Girls Netball Tournament @ Ellen Wilkinson	1st place
2nd XI v Queensmead (Friendly)	Win 3-2
Under 13 Boys Football v Ealing Fields	Loss 2-1
Under 13 Boys Football v Ada Lovelace	Win 9-0
Under 15 Football v Ada Lovelace	Win 4-1
Under 15 Boys Football v Ealing Fields	Win 1-7
Under 13 Boys Football v Elthorne Park	Draw 2-2
Under 15 Football v Elthorne Park	Draw 0-0

YOUNG SHAKESPEARE COMPANY VISIT



On Thursday 24 February, Young Shakespeare Company hosted a workshop for our Year 11 students in the School Hall. During the 90-minute workshop, students were introduced to Shakespeare's psychological thriller 'Macbeth' through an interactive and entertaining performance. They also worked with the actors to explore the choices of the rehearsal process and put their ideas into practice. The performance was fantastic, warmly welcomed and appreciated by all.



MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME



On Wednesday 23 March, we held our second lunchtime concert of 2022 in the School Hall. This concert included performances from students in Years 7-9 who played a range of instruments, including piano, vocals, drums and even tuba!



The event was extremely well attended with over 70 students coming to offer their support to our talented musicians. Despite some nerves, the students played incredibly well, wowing the audience with their musicality as well as the hard work that went into ensuring their performances were ready for an audience. We look forward with great excitement to the next lunchtime music event after the Easter holiday, with some students already preparing performances for this event!

SWAP, SWAP, SWAP



Spreading the love for books amongst students, the School Library held a Book Swap Day to mark World Book Day. Students brought in books they wanted to share with other students and received a token in

exchange, which they then swapped for other books of their choice during the activity. There was a huge choice of books including comedy, teen fiction, adventure, horror, science fiction, history and non-fiction. It was a great success with over a hundred books exchanged. We are pleased that students are able to actively participate this year and we look forward to having more books for exchange next year.

UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

We are proud of students who have achieved outstanding results in the first round of UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Ten students were invited to the national follow-on rounds of the competition.

Nanami (9E), Alexandros (9E), Julia (9J), Antonina (9J) all qualified for the Grey Kangaroo, which is a follow-on round to the Maths Challenge for Year 9. **Parsa (11G) and Damian (11H)** qualified for the Pink Kangaroo, the next step in the competition for Year 10 and 11. Finally, congratulations to **Xingchen (10K)** for qualifying for the Hamilton Olympiad, a subsequential round to the Maths Challenge which aims to stretch the most high-attaining young students in the UK and overseas.

This is an amazing achievement for our students as only 600 students across the country are invited to take part in the second round of the competition each year.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TALK

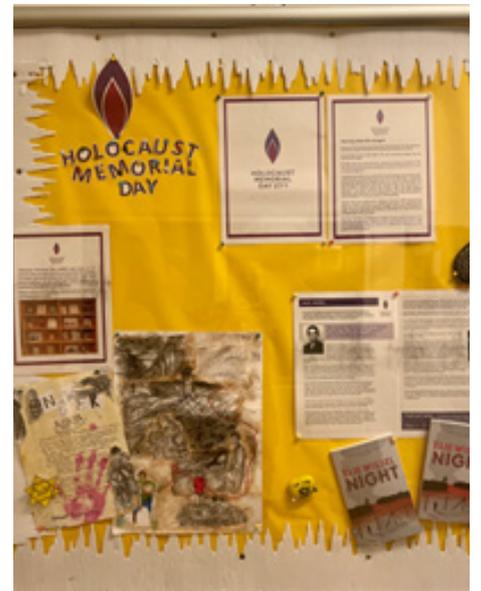


We were honoured to once again welcome Mr Harry Olmer, a Holocaust survivor to our school to speak to our Year 11 students. Our students were captivated as he spoke about his life in three concentration camps, as well as stories of courage amidst unimaginable challenges and hardship. Whilst all students have studied the Holocaust and learned religious teachings on the nature of evil and forgiveness, listening to Mr Olmer made these points resonate all the more.

Mr Olmer, **Alois (11K) and Adam (11I)** said 'What an honour it was to have this once in a lifetime opportunity listening to a captivating and incredible figure. We are moved by Mr Olmer's words and the message against war and hate.'



Mr Olmer presented to all Year 11 students in the School Hall and finished his speech with a lesson of hope for humanity and the need for people to forgive and not hold onto hatred. He spoke with great warmth of the need for civic virtue and respect for all people. In spite of all he had suffered, his many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are testament to the fact that we can all triumph over adversity.



Big Stone Paint Project

We also remind our students to remember the past so that we can build a future for peace for everyone. To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, some students participated in the Big Stone Paint Project. Three entries from our history students from Key Stage Three were selected to participate in the project. Their stones could become the foundation stones of the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in London. We wish all students who entered luck with their efforts.



STEM COMPETITION



Work by Zakariya (8J)

The STEM competition challenged our Year 7 to 9 students to use their creative and analytical skills to build a bridge that can hold the greatest possible weight without breaking! Their pieces of work were creative, detailed and carefully constructed. It was not easy to decide on the winning piece. After much deliberation, the judges finally decided to award three students the first-place prize. Congratulations to **Theron (7E)**, **Futura (7E)** and **Amazia (7E)**! A special mention for second place went to **Aneurin (7F)** and to third place **Jiad (9L)**. A special prize was also awarded to **Zakariya (8J)** for his excellent piece of work which was the most detailed and creative. Our student STEM HUB newsletter Spring term edition is out. You can read more news and updates about STEM activities at the school [here](#).

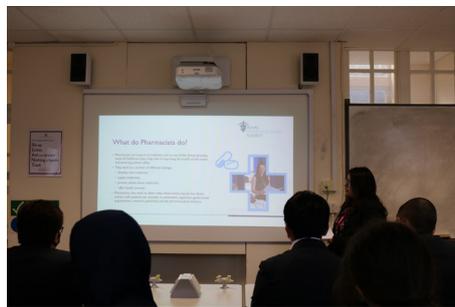
CAREERS

Career experience is an essential part of education at Drayton Manor. Members of the school community, including alumni and parents as well as external organisations, all work together to provide students with the essential knowledge of careers as well as updates on exciting development in various industries and sectors. Through talks in morning assemblies and interactive workshops, students from different year groups can make informed decisions for their studies and plan on future careers that align with their interests and needs.

YEAR 9 EMPLOYER TASTER DAY



We organised our first Employer Taster Day in several years for Year 9 students to prepare them in helping making decisions for their GCSE subject choices. The full-day activity was held at school and comprised over 20 breakout sessions from employers and alumni including talks and workshops. Our staff designed a personalised timetable for each student to attend different sessions based on their interests. We are very grateful that our alumni and parents were able to come and speak to our students, answer their questions and share their experiences of working as professionals in the aviation, finance and business, journalism, photography and pharmaceutical industries.



We have received excellent feedback from students and also from the speakers. The event could only succeed with the generous support from the following alumni, parents and representatives of organisations: **Ms S Lannabi, Ms S Kandel, Mr C Wood, Mr J Moat, Mr B Williams, Ms S Cliff, Ms D Licastro, Ms E Glenister, Mr Y Ramzan, Ms A Chahal, Ms S Mason, Mr D Micheel, Mr J Flannagan, Mr M Benjamin, Mr J Dave, Ms S Sykes and Mr N Sewell.**

Parents and Carers and Alumni, if you think you may be able to help with talks or workshops on careers or wider life experiences for students in the future, please contact our school Careers Coordinator Mr Vvedenskiy at eve@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk

SIXTH FORM

UCAS Exhibition Trip

To prepare Year 12 students to apply for colleges and universities, students attended the UCAS Exhibition Fair in ExCel London, one of the major events for Higher Education of the year. Students took the opportunity to discover and meet representatives from different universities and apprenticeship providers about what they have to offer.

After the Easter holiday, Year 12 students will visit the Royal Holloway University of London. There, they will discover more about life at

university and meet current undergraduate students, asking them questions related to the university application process as well as preparing them for their next big step.

National Skills Challenge



Congratulations to the following students from Year 12 and 13 - **Samer (12.6)**, **Yaseen (12.6)**, **Ahmed (12.6)**, **Sam (12.7)**, **Daniel (12.7)** and **Aidan (13.6)** who will represent our school in the national final for National Skills Challenge on Thursday 28 April. The winning team demonstrated strong teamwork and skills as they worked to develop their concept of a computer game for Thorpe Park and presented the concept to their peers. We wish them every success in the final.

Please find a list of career activities during the Spring Term and Summer Term. We look forward to more activities after the holiday.

SPRING TERM

January - February

- Year 8, 11, 12 & 13 Careers Assemblies with seven guest speakers representing a range of careers e.g. marketing events, barrister, psychology
- Year 12 Virtual 'Uptree' Assembly, students will learn about the options available to them through this portal
- Prince's Trust talk with students from Year 11, 12 & 13 about support available to young people from this organisation

February - March

- Year 9 Employer Taster Day with 20 guest speakers representing a wide range of professions
- Year 9 'Sky On The Road Test' workshop
- Year 12 UCAS Fair Trip
- Year 12 National Skills Challenge
- Year 11, 12 & 13 Royal Airforce virtual talk



SUMMER TERM - UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April - May

- Year 12 Royal Holloway University Trip
- Year 7 STEM Day
- Year 10 University of Cambridge Trip
- Year 12 National Skills Challenge Finals at Staffordshire University
- Year 8 Enterprise Day - The National Careers Challenge

June - July

- Year 10 Two-day Medical & Dentistry workshops by King's College London
- Year 10 Elite Skills Academy by the British Army
- Year 12 Work Experience
- Year 10 Next Steps

More activities to come during the Summer holidays

- 'Make Me A Medic' work experience for Year 12
- Various work experiences for Year 12 students through 'Uptree'
- Eton Summer University Preparation Course

Finally, we would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful holiday and look forward to welcoming back on 19 April for the Summer term of the academic year at Drayton Manor High School.

PARENT BULLETIN

Easter Holiday (4-18 April)

Students will return to school on Tuesday 19 April.

Upcoming events

Year 13 Mock Exams

The Year 13 mock exams will take place from 19 -29 April.

Careers - Royal Holloway University Trip for Year 12

Wednesday 20 April
11:15am

Careers - Year 7 STEM

Friday 22 April
Period 2-6

Year 7 Parents Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 28 April
(Details will be sent the week commencing Tuesday 19 April)

