



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

30 October 2020

Head: Ms Lisa Mills MA

Dear Parents and Carers

As we head into the next half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the last eight weeks. The entire school community has been working exceptionally hard to ensure that every child is having the best educational experience possible regardless of the challenges we all face. It should be noted that student effort, uniform, attendance and behaviour have all been excellent.

Face coverings after half term

A reminder that in light of the recent change in Local COVID Alert Level, the Local Authority Public Health has moved to compulsory wearing of face coverings in corridors and congested communal areas in schools, unless an individual is covered by exemption. Below is the link to the original letter sent on 16 October.

<https://www.draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk/download/letter-to-parents-16-oct.pdf>

In addition, we will continue with our controlled approach to minimising risk through our communal areas by ensuring that everybody sanitises upon entry to buildings and students are carefully escorted through corridors to prevent congestion and overcrowding.

Face coverings should be of either plain dark blue, black or of a surgical style and students should bring a plastic bag if they are using a reusable mask, or enough replacements if they are using disposable masks. The school will have limited numbers of masks available for students who are unable to get one. The school will also be giving guidance on how to safely use a mask or face covering, including putting it on and taking it off. To help with this, we also ask that all students bring a small bottle of sanitiser so that they may put on and remove their mask safely during the day. The school will be providing sanitiser and masks for those students who require it and there will be an opportunity to top up their sanitiser on site from our sanitising stations should they need to.

House Music Festival

In these challenging times, it is more important than ever to ensure we are sharing the considerable successes of our students to lift everyone's spirits. You will be aware that we recently held our House Music Festival as a part of our relaunched House System. We are pleased to say that we had a record number of entries and it was wonderful to see the dedication and creativity of our students on display once again. Students competed to win points for their House and we will shortly announce the winning House to all students. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the winning entries which can be found [here](#) and we will make a wider range of performances available on the website very soon.

Ethic of Excellence

We recently hosted Ethic of Excellence Award Celebrations for students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. It was wonderful to be able to congratulate so many students on their achievements and on a fantastic start to term.

The 166 students attending had received their awards for a variety of reasons which included sustained excellence in subjects, a one-off outstanding piece of work, major improvement in school work, and for contributing to the school community.

It was a lovely occasion and students were rewarded with a delicious brunch. The next Ethic of Excellence Award celebration will take place for Year 11 after half term and they will then be held at fortnightly intervals throughout the school year for all year groups.



Parent Information Evenings

It is with regret that for the foreseeable future 'Parent Evenings' will not be held in person on the school site. We will instead host these events virtually using appropriate software. There will be further detail on how this will work in the coming weeks.

Coats and umbrellas

As the weather changes, we ask that you please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor coats and when necessary, an umbrella. While we do have alternative arrangements for wet and cold weather, students will still be required to move through the outdoor areas of the site throughout the day.

Relationship, Sex and Education Policy (RSE)

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to our new draft RSE Policy on the website. This is due for delivery early in the Spring Term. Please forward any parental feedback on this to Sheniece Fyffe sfy@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk by Friday 27 November 2020.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over the next half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms L Mills'.

Ms L Mills
Head