



Drayton Manor students consistently strive for higher and better in and outside school. We are pleased to share some of our students' achievements at the start of the summer term.

### CELEBRATING STUDENTS' EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### The Ethic of Excellence



Over two days, Wednesday 26 April and Tuesday 9 May, we celebrated over 80 students who were nominated by their teachers, Head of Year, or senior leadership team to win this term's Ethic of Excellence and the Spirit of Endeavour award. Students receive the Ethic of Excellence award for demonstrating sustained excellence in a subject, a one-off outstanding piece of work or for contributing to the school community. **Yui (7I)** received the award for PE for her dedication to various sports this year, including trampolining, netball, and football, and for achieving outstanding results in fixtures. She feels happy that her parents are proud of her achievements, and is determined to work hard and aim high in all sports competitions.

#### The Spirit of Endeavour Award



We also recognise students who have demonstrated excellent work ethic and worked incredibly hard to make improvements in key areas of their studies through the Spirit of Endeavour Award. We hosted the celebration with students on Friday 28 April. In the two award celebrations, students' achievements were celebrated and praised, they were presented with certificates and had refreshment in the Dining hall.

#### WILKINSON SWORD COMPETITION

On Thursday 4 May our Junior (Years 8 and 9) and Intermediate (Years 10 and 11) athletes competed in the Wilkinson Sword competition, the Ealing Borough Trophy for the best overall school in Athletics. Congratulations to the Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Intermediate Girls, and Intermediate Boys for taking first place in their competitions. Four of our athletes - **Nadia (9G), Naimah (9F), Leo (11J) and Elizabeth (9H)** were selected to represent the Ealing team in the Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships on 10 June. Our Year 7 athletes will have the opportunity to compete for the Wilkinson Sword on 9 June. Good luck to our athletes!

#### YEAR 11 AND 13 CELEBRATIONS

May has been a critical moment in high school life for our Year 11 and 13 students. They have been working hard for their public exams held this month. Now many of them will say goodbye to the peers and teachers who have been by their side for many years.



Year 13 embracing the Drayton Manor tradition of wearing their old school uniform on their final day

On Friday 26 May, we hosted celebrations for Years 11 and 13 to mark the last day in their respective year groups. A special day to reminisce about their time at Drayton Manor,

and give thanks to those who have supported them through the years. Celebrations were held in the Dining Hall, which was decorated with numerous balloons, including an enormous balloon arch at the entrance to welcome the students and tutors. The Hall was filled with excitement. Students looked for teachers and their peers to take pictures and sign autographs. After enjoying some refreshments, students attended assemblies in the Hall. The Head reflected on their school life, and congratulated students for their determination in working to their best and living up to the Drayton Manor values of Ambition, Character and Civic Virtue. Before leaving the school, students were presented with leavers packs with scrolls and other memorabilia prepared by their teachers. We wish every success to these students, in particular Year 13s who are heading on to the next stage of their journey.

#### MENTAL WELL-BEING PARENT EVENT



We are aware that parents and carers are concerned about their children's emotional struggles, so on Wednesday 17 May, during Mental Health Awareness Week, we hosted an information event about children's well-being for parents and carers.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Lead Mrs Guitane shared some information about mental health, such as how to identify symptoms of negative emotions, and strategies for discussing mental health issues with young people, as well as letting them know how the school supports children who are struggling. We received very positive feedback from attendees, and look forward to organising more events like this in the future.



**LUNCHTIME MUSIC FOR STUDENTS**



The April Lunchtime Concert on Wednesday 26 April was a fantastic display of our students' musical talent. Featuring both experienced and first-time performers from all year groups, the concert was a fantastic opportunity for them to hone their performance skills and provided wonderful lunchtime entertainment for their peers. The concert opened with acoustic performances by members of the school's Upper Strings Ensemble. Performing musicians were Tobias (9I), Zuzanna (10J), Asya (10H) and Eliza (8L) and Solo Piano pieces by Sophia (9L), Adam (10J), Clementine (9I), Aaliyah (9H) and Luca (10F). This was Luca's debut performance, and his talent and enjoyment was clear for all to see. The Year 7 band, Yui (7L), David (7H) and Eloise (7K), brought us into the world of rock music next, including a performance of 'Wonderwall' by Oasis.



In honour of the Coronation of Their Majesties The King and the Queen on Saturday 6 May, students from Year 7 to 10 formed the Coronation Choir. They performed 'Defenders of Us All' for all Year group assemblies for Year 7 to 13 for the week before the coronation. They also joined thousands of students across the UK to sing the song at 11am on Friday 5 May to mark this historic day.

**BUILDING NEW CITY**

Following the successful city planning and building workshop in the Spring term, the Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of College London invited our Year 8 students to continue building their imagined cities in the architect studio of Matt + Fiona, a social enterprise in community building, located in Hackney.

**Suraya (8E)** was thrilled to roll up her sleeves to build a city with her team. She thinks it would be fascinating to work in architecture or the building sector in the future. **Kiarna (8K)** took the lead to create the structure of a new city. The new city is so creative that it has been selected as one of the student projects on public display in the business window!



**CAREER TRIPS**

Trips to leading universities can inspire students to work hard to achieve their study goals. At the beginning of the summer term, the careers team organised two trips for Year 12 students - the University of Bath on Thursday 20 April and Friday 21 April, and the University of Oxford on Thursday 4 May.

**University of Bath**



At the University of Bath, Year 12 students attended a campus tour and a session about UCAS applications and studying at the university. The session was led by current university students, who were able to give our students excellent advice about their university applications and university life.

**University of Oxford**

The visit to St John's College, University of Oxford, supports Year 12 students to plan their applications to study at the leading universities. Students said the information session on university applications was extremely helpful. They were advised to

start working on their applications as soon as possible, and to seek support from teachers when writing their personal statements.

**University of Cambridge**



30 aspiring Year 10 students visited Jesus College, University of Cambridge. In addition to touring the campus and meeting current university students, they were excited to attend their first university lecture - an engaging taster session in Biology. Prince (10G) said he was inspired to study in the university. He was pleased to learn about the university from current students' point of view and to meet the friendly, helpful university staff.

**YEAR 8 NATIONAL SKILLS CHALLENGE**



On Thursday 4 May, Year 8 students worked in a group challenge to design an innovative, zero-emission fleet for the future in Airbus, the largest aeronautics and space company in Europe. This was to select a team to represent Drayton Manor to take part in the National Skills Challenge in Birmingham in July. Students were asked to choose a brand name for a new airline service, consider how they could reduce the carbon footprint of the service, and develop a marketing plan to attract new staff to the service, with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion. They then had to present their plan to the judges and fellow students.

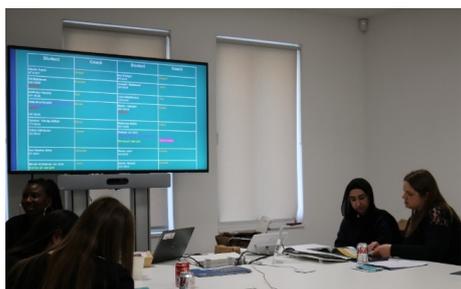


The task gave them a valuable insight into the aviation industry, as well as a chance to develop their STEM, teamwork, presentation and creativity skills.

The judges were impressed by all the presentations and found it hard to pick one winning team. So they chose two!

Well done to Team 'Paradise Airline' - **Luke (8K), Grace (8K), Melodey (8K), Marco (8L), Adam (8K)** and Team 2 – **Oskar (8F), Astrid (8F), Asia (8F), Santjago (8F), Deniz (8F)**, for their great work!

### FUTURE FRONTIERS FOR YEAR 10



In May, 40 Year 10 students attended a career programme organised by the Future Frontiers to explore their career interests in the finance sector. Two teams of students visited the offices of leading financial companies Marex and BlueBay Asset Management in Central London for a four-week career programme. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the industry, meeting with working professionals, experiencing real world office tasks, delivering presentations and learning about the experience and qualifications they need. Students were inspired by the experience, and are keen to work hard to meet their career goals.

### URBAN PLANNING FOR YEAR 12 AND 10



What could a sustainable town look like? 30 Year 12 and Year 10 Geography students attended a half day workshop on Friday 12 May to explore urban planning. Working in teams, students formed property development companies, and were tasked with redeveloping an urban neighbourhood. The area comprises a derelict shopping centre, new builds, offices, and green areas. They were required to develop and present plans for a sustainable living development.

Simulating real business settings, students took charge of various company departments including marketing, design and architect to develop their urban redevelopment proposals. They presented their plans to borough councillors who were working professionals in the urban planning sector. The judges were impressed by the quality work as well as the professionalism and teamwork of our students. It was a challenging task for judges to select the winner, as the work produced was of such high quality. They finally selected the team - **Arda (12.1), Diana (12.2), Jamaul (12.6), Sam (12.2), Stan (12.3), Adrian (10L), Zishen (10E)** who showed confidence when pitched their plans and responded well to questions from judges.

### STUDENT MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE



Our Key Stage 4 students took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. It is an incredibly challenging 60-minute multiple choice quiz. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Our students achieved incredible results with 3 gold certificates, 6 silver certificates and 7 bronze certificates. What a fantastic achievement! **Ming Tak (11K), Xingchen (11K) and Bartu (11J)** scored high enough to continue onto the next round, great work!

35 Year 7 and 8 students achieved outstanding performance during the prestigious nationwide UK Maths Challenge 2023. The challenge tested students' understanding of mathematics, and their ability to think critically, solve complex problems, and apply their knowledge creatively. Congratulations to the following students.

#### Year 7

Students	Awards
Yali (7E)	Gold
Aisha (7G)	Gold
Gian (7F)	Gold
Omar (7K)	Silver
Mohammed (7J)	Silver
Kirtana (7J)	Silver
Suyash (7G)	Silver
Fatima (7H)	Silver
Aysha (7H)	Silver
Melissa (7F)	Bronze
Eloise (7K)	Bronze
Rahma (7F)	Bronze
Amir (7H)	Bronze
Jonathan (7K)	Bronze
David (7H)	Bronze
Kaan (7J)	Bronze
Oishikha (7I)	Bronze
Shruthi (7H)	Bronze
Pranav (7G)	Bronze
Ilyas (7E)	Bronze



#### Year 8

Students	Awards
Anas (8J)	Gold
Eva (8J)	Gold
Minnie (8I)	Gold
Ifra (8F)	Silver
Lincoln (8I)	Silver
Christopher (8J)	Silver
Grace (8G)	Silver
Eliza (8J)	Silver
Sophia (8I)	Silver
Ameya (8G)	Silver
Keira (8H)	Silver
Yunus (8I)	Bronze
Mirai (8I)	Bronze
Futura (8E)	Bronze
Munira (8F)	Bronze
Ifra (8F)	Bronze

### PRISM – DRAYTON MANOR PODCASTS, RADIO, INTERVIEWS, STORIES, MEDIA CLUB

Drayton Manor DJs and podcasters bring discussions, interviews with teachers, and the arts to the school community and beyond. Since January 2023, students have taken part in the first-ever multimedia club and learned the skills of crafting their own radio shows. Students' work is hosted here (<https://www.draytonprism.com/>). Check back regularly for more updates!



**SPORTS**

**Netball**

This year's Borough Netball League results have been decided. Our teams placed second overall and collected their silver medals at the end of term assemblies. Our students did a great job in achieving such fantastic results.

**Football**

Congratulations to all the students who were selected and played for the boys' teams in the Borough League competitions this season. All teams were awarded medals, and their final League results are:

- Under 13 Boys: Second place (Division 2)
- Under 15 Boys: First place (Division 2)
- Under 18 Boys: Second place (2nd XI League)
- Under 18 Boys: Second place (1st XI League)

Congratulations to the Under 14 Girls! The Under 14 Girls travelled to Ark Acton Academy on Thursday 30 March. They had a dominant performance of a 4-0 win, despite the less favourable conditions on the pitch. This victory secured them a place in the League final. There were nerves and anticipation leading up to this local derby, but they were quickly dispelled when the team scored their first goal seconds after kick-off. The team's experience shone through, and they confidently secured a 6-0 win. They take first place and the gold medals in this year's League competition.

**Rounders**



Many students attend Rounders Club each Tuesday, and players from Years 7-10 are competing in the Borough Rounders Leagues and Tournaments this year. The first fixture of the season was the Year 8 team against Ada Lovelace on Monday 15 May. Our batters had a slow start, but the team's fielding skills paid off and they secured a 12-9 win over the opposition. We will be the hosts for the Year 10 Borough tournament on Tuesday 23 May. The Year 7 and Year 9 teams have been

training well every week and look forward to their first League matches on Wednesday 24 May against Brentside and Ada Lovelace respectively.

**Cricket**

There was good attendance at the Under 13 and Under 15 cricket training held at the school's Game Fields, commencing on Wednesday 10 May. The Under 13 team will have their first match of the season against William Perkin on 26 May. The Under 15s will play their first match against Featherstone on Tuesday 23 May.



**Thank you**

Finally, thank you for your support this half term. We wish you a restful break between Monday 29 May and Friday 2 June. Students will be back to the school on Monday 6 June. We will share with you more stories about the students. Stay tuned.

**Parent and Carer Bulletin**

Half Term Break  
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Please find the Parent and Carer Bulletin [here](#) for latest updates.