



END OF SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

As we welcome the longer days and the fresh energy of spring, it is the perfect time to look back on an eventful and rewarding term. This edition of our newsletter highlights the remarkable achievements of our students, memorable moments from the past few months, and exciting plans. Thank you for being part of our school community. Happy reading!

DRAYTON MANOR TRIUMPHS AGAIN IN ENCORE BATTLE OF THE BANDS!



For the second year in a row, Drayton Manor High School has claimed victory at the Encore Battle of the Bands competition! The talented students delivered a stunning performance of Tina Turner's iconic 'Proud Mary' and The Charlie Daniels Band's 'The Devil Went Down to Georgia', captivating the audience with their incredible stage presence, spot-on choreography, and powerful vocals. Dressed in eye-catching costumes that matched the energy of their performance, the band showcased an impressive blend of musicianship and showmanship, leaving a lasting impression. Their victory is a testament to the dedication, talent, and teamwork of our students, and we could not be prouder of their achievement! The students have yet again won 500 Pounds for the Music Department which will be used to support the purchase of instruments.



KICKING TO SUCCESS - YEAR 8 STUDENT SHINES AT TAEKWONDO OPEN



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Ron (Tutor group 8G), who recently competed in the English Taekwondo Open 2025 at Guildford Spectrum on March 1 and 2. In his first-ever competition, Ron showcased remarkable skill and determination, earning two silver medals in both Pattern and Sparring. His success is a testament to his dedication, discipline, and relentless perseverance in training. Competing at a national level is no small feat, and Ron's performance reflects his commitment to excellence. The entire Drayton Manor community is incredibly proud of Ron's achievement, and we look forward to seeing him continue to grow and excel in his Taekwondo journey. Well done, Ron!

QPR LAUNCHES CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAMME WITH YEAR 8-10 GIRLS

In an exciting partnership with Queens Park Rangers (QPR), 12 female students from Years 8 to 10 took part in a transformative 10-week Changemakers programme aimed at developing leadership skills and resilience. The initiative included football coaching and mentorship, culminating in the Inspires inter-school football tournament, where the students were recognised for their outstanding sporting skills. As part of the

programme, the girls undertook two social action projects promoting gender equality in football. These projects were presented in a "Dragon's Den"-style competition, with one team winning for their proposal to organise an inter-school football tournament with a local primary school to encourage younger girls to engage in sports. In recognition of their achievement, the winning team received a signed QPR jersey for the school and an invitation to a special celebration event at Wembley Stadium in April. Impressed by the students' progress, QPR extended further opportunities, including a guided tour of the QPR Stadium and complimentary tickets to an upcoming match. This experience has not only developed the girls' leadership skills but also opened doors to new and exciting opportunities in the world of football.



BRENTFORD FC'S GUIDING GOALS PROGRAMME

Brentford Football Club is currently running its Guiding Goals programme with some Year 9 and 10 boys. This exciting initiative is designed to use football to develop key life skills that are essential both on and off the pitch.



Throughout the programme, students have been engaging in a variety of football-based activities that promote teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. These workshops are tailored to help the students understand the



value of perseverance, discipline, and how to stay focused in challenging situations. One of the key highlights of the programme is the opportunity for students to interact with professional coaches and role models from Brentford FC. The programme is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop into well-rounded individuals and we look forward to seeing how the boys apply these important life skills in their daily lives.

DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL SHINES IN MATHS FEAST COMPETITION



We are delighted to announce that Drayton Manor High School has achieved an impressive third place in this year's highly competitive Maths Feast, competing against 24 teams from 20 different schools, across London. This remarkable success highlights our students' exceptional mathematical ability, teamwork, and resilience. Despite being a non-selective school, our students outperformed some of the most prestigious institutions in the country, which included grammar and private schools. Our three-person team included Minnie (10L), Anthea (10K), and Christopher(10J). They rose to the challenge and demonstrated remarkable problem-solving skills and mathematical insight. We also celebrate the efforts of our second team—Anas (10J), Keira (10H), and Grace (10G) who put in a strong performance. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and determination, we are incredibly proud of you!

YEAR 8 STUDENTS SOAR IN THE NATIONAL CAREERS CHALLENGE!



Our Year 8 students recently took flight in the exciting National Careers Challenge, proudly sponsored by British Airways. Tasked with creating a brand-new subsidiary airline to join the ranks of CityFlyer and EuroFlyer, students embarked on a creative journey through the world of international travel. They delved into designing their airline's identity, from selecting target customers and destinations to crafting top-notch service experiences while balancing sustainability and commercial success. This immersive challenge sparked innovation and sharpened essential skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. It also served as an inspiring bridge between education and real-world employment, empowering our students to think big about their future careers and the skills they'll need to thrive. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and determination throughout the process. As a thrilling next step, three teams will present their visionary ideas to staff, with one winning team earning the honour of representing Drayton Manor at The National Careers Challenge Grand Finals!

DRAYTON MANOR STUDENTS HONOURED AT THE JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



We take great pride in recognising the dedication and achievements of our students through the prestigious Jack Petchey Achievement Award. This special honour celebrates those who go above and beyond, demonstrating perseverance, kindness, and commitment to their school and community. Our award recipients were invited to the annual Jack Petchey Foundation Celebration Event, where they were joined by their families for an evening of well-deserved recognition. The winners for June 2024 were Bella K, Lorenzo C, Abhishek N, Fatima J, Mikyle A, and Maya B. The winners for November 2024 are Begum P, Megan P, and Mahmoud S. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as students proudly received their Achievement Award medallions in front of friends, teachers, and VIP guests. It was a truly inspiring occasion, highlighting the incredible

efforts of young people who continue to make a positive impact every day.

BLETCHLEY PARK VISIT: A JOURNEY INTO COMPUTING HISTORY



The Computer Science department had the pleasure of taking a group of enthusiastic Year 11, 12 and 13 students on a memorable trip to the historic Bletchley Park. This visit offered an exciting opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding of computing history and its profound impact on today's digital world. Bletchley Park, famous for its role as the hub of British codebreaking during World War II, allowed our students to walk in the footsteps of computing pioneers such as Alan Turing and his team. From exploring the Enigma machine to witnessing early computers in action, students were captivated by the innovative technologies and groundbreaking work that laid the foundations for modern computing. The visit was particularly valuable as it directly connected with the curriculum, helping students appreciate the evolution of computer science and highlighting the real-world applications of their studies. It was also a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with historical exhibits, ask insightful questions, and reflect on the ethical and technological challenges faced during that pivotal era.

BRINGING THE CLASSICS TO LIFE - STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ANCIENT GREEK THEATRE



The Drayton Manor Classics students from Years 9 to 13 attended a vibrant performance of The Frogs by Aristophanes at University College London. Originally performed in 405



BCE, this ancient Greek comedy was brilliantly adapted for a modern audience by UCL Classics students. Held at the Bloomsbury Theatre, the interactive production combined humour with historical insights, offering an engaging and educational experience. Our students represented the school impeccably and left inspired by the enduring relevance of the ancient world.

DRAYTON MANOR ALUMNI INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS



Drayton Manor was proud to welcome back alumni Esher and Simrit Chaggar, who excelled at A Levels before earning outstanding degrees from the London School of Economics. Now thriving in banking at Lloyds Private Banking and Société Générale, selected from a pool of 230,000 applicants, they returned to share their journey and insights with our students. Their Ambition Economics and Investment Banking workshop emphasised resilience, hard work, and overcoming imposter syndrome. We are grateful to our accomplished alumni for inspiring the next generation and reinforcing Drayton Manor's commitment to excellence and character development.

DISCOVERING FUTURES AT THE YEAR 9 CAREERS TASTER DAY



Our Year 9 students had an exciting opportunity to explore various industries during the Careers Employee Taster Day and it was not just about the salary figures! Professionals, including Drayton Manor alumni, shared their career journeys, while students asked insightful questions, explored future paths, and even seized the moment to pitch themselves for jobs. A huge thank you

to all the volunteers, including alumni Mr Ali Karmanjy, Mr Arda Uzun, Mr Ihtishaam Khan along with Parents Mrs Miller and Mr Isaacson, for making this event so inspiring.



DRAYTON ALUMNI INSPIRE STUDENTS WITH SCIENCE AND DATA SCIENCE WORKSHOPS



On 10 February 2025, we welcomed back two esteemed alumni, Dr James Bolagi, PhD, a leading biologist and research scientist at Imperial College who contributed to the discovery of the Covid-19 vaccine, and Hadi Ahmed one of the UK's top Data Scientists and a Director at a leading consultancy. Both guests delivered an inspiring talk during the Year 11 assembly, sharing their experiences, career journeys, and advice on ambition and overcoming challenges. Their stories provided students with invaluable insights into the world of scientific research and data science. Following the assembly, Dr Bolagi led a Science Workshop on the top floor of the Sixth Form building, where some students from Years 9 to 13 explored cutting-edge biological research. Meanwhile, Hadi Ahmed conducted a Data Science Workshop in the Atelier room, engaging students interested in IT, Economics, and Mathematics with real-world applications of data science and problem-solving techniques. The visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with successful Drayton Manor alumni and gain a deeper understanding of potential career paths in Science and Technology.

VALENCIA TRIP: A JOURNEY OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, AND FUN!

Our students had an unforgettable experience in Valencia, exploring its rich history, culture, and attractions. From a walking tour of the historic centre to ordering churros in Spanish, they immersed themselves in local life. The Oceanogràfic and Science Museum were major highlights, featuring dolphin shows,

interactive exhibits, and even a thrilling 3D Blue Planet screening. A tour of Valencia's stadium, a market language challenge, and a beach football match made the trip even more memorable. ¡Hasta la próxima, Valencia!



YEAR 10 STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH AT THE GLOBE THEATRE



On Monday 24 March, Year 10 GCSE English Literature students had the incredible opportunity to watch a live production of Macbeth at the historic Globe Theatre near the Southbank. Immersed in the world of Shakespeare, students experienced the tragedy as it was meant to be seen on stage, in a setting that echoes the performances of Elizabethan England. The production was nothing short of thrilling, blending modern elements with traditional storytelling. Students were captivated by the dynamic staging, dramatic lighting, and even acrobatic sequences that brought the play to life in unexpected ways. The experience provided a deeper understanding of Shakespeare's work, making their studies more engaging and relatable. Reflecting on the trip, students shared their enthusiasm.



"I didn't expect it to be so modern and have acrobatics! It was a lively production; one I won't forget." - Aeronwen

"It was an insightful view on theatre in Shakespeare's England. You got to experience what people of the past also experienced." - Luke

"Wonderful. Thank you, Drayton Manor, for taking us." - Isaiah

"It brought English Literature to life. More trips please!" - Therona

"Action-packed, 10/10 experience, I want to go again. Next time I'll be on stage." - Kyrelle
The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with Shakespeare in a way that extended beyond the classroom. Many left the theatre with a newfound appreciation for live performance and storytelling, making this an unforgettable experience.

YEAR 10 MY BNK WORKSHOPS - MASTERING MONEY MATTERS



The Year 10 MyBnk workshops were led by three expert representatives—Sally Richards, Boo Golding, and Tommy Mack. MyBnk, a financial education charity, delivers interactive programs that equip young people with essential money management skills, covering topics such as saving, debt, and enterprise. Designed to provide practical financial knowledge, the workshop covered key areas including minimum wage, payslips, tax, National Insurance, budgeting, and savings. Students gained valuable insights into managing their finances, planning for unexpected expenses, and making informed financial decisions. By fostering financial literacy, these workshops empower students to take control of their financial futures with confidence and responsibility.



SHAPING FUTURE PATHWAYS WITH YEAR 9 STUDENTS DURING A HIGHER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY



The Year 9 students participated in an engaging assembly focused on Higher Education, in collaboration with Uxbridge College and Richmond Upon Thames College. The session provided valuable insights into post-Year 11 options, helping students understand the choice between Sixth Form and college. Students were encouraged to reflect on their passions and the difference between a job and a career. Thought-provoking questions such as "How do I learn?" and "What support will I need?" were explored, equipping students with the information they need to make informed decisions as they approach Year 11 and beyond.

UNLOCKING ART'S HIDDEN MEANINGS: COURTAULD INSTITUTE LECTURE AT DRAYTON MANOR



The Year 12 and 13 Art and Photography students had the privilege of attending a captivating lecture by Art History expert Jonathan Bridges from The Courtauld Institute of Art. The session focused on developing students' visual analysis skills, encouraging them to interpret artworks intuitively before uncovering their deeper, hidden meanings. Students collaborated to explore key pieces from The Courtauld's permanent collection, including A Bar at the Folies-Bergère, Édouard Manet's final masterpiece. Through discussion and expert insight, they delved into the painting's symbolism and enigmatic details, gaining a new appreciation for impressionist art. Reflecting on the experience, Julia L (12.6) shared, "I really enjoyed learning about Art History on another level. It was

interesting for me and something I'd like to study at university." For those curious to explore further, visit The Courtauld's [website](#) to learn more about this fascinating artwork.

DRAYTON MANOR GOES ON A CREATIVE JOURNEY WITH A TRADITIONAL INDIAN WOODBLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

Drayton Manor students recently had the unique opportunity to experience the ancient art of Indian woodblock printing, led by renowned artist Neeraja Sehgal. This hands-on workshop allowed students to create vibrant, intricate patterns by pressing carved wooden blocks onto fabric and paper. The workshop was not just about artistry, it also fostered collaboration, as students worked together to craft a tapestry celebrating the rich history of the school. The tapestry will be a central feature in the school's 95 Year Anniversary celebrations, symbolising Drayton Manor's legacy. [Click here](#) to read more about the workshop that bridged traditional craftsmanship with modern creativity.



MATHS AND COMPUTING STEM WORKSHOPS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON



We recently had the pleasure of hosting two exciting STEM workshops for our Year 9 and Year 10 students, led by experts from the University of West London, Professor Anastasia Sofroniou and Dr Sama Aleshaikeer. Professor Sofroniou, a distinguished Professor of Mathematics, inspired students with her journey in STEM, particularly highlighting the importance of female scientists and her work with the WInSTEM committee. She guided students through a hands-on math problem-solving session, sparking curiosity and



encouraging them to explore STEM careers. Dr Aleshaiker introduced students to the world of algorithms and Python programming, demonstrating how these skills are applied in real-world scenarios like social media. Students had the opportunity to try their hand at implementing algorithms, such as sorting posts and creating simple games. Both workshops provided invaluable insights into the world of STEM and encouraged students to think about pursuing these fields in the future.

STUDENTS UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY AT THE ARTISTS ONLY AND 'ZINE' MAKING CLUBS



The Art Department launched two exciting lunchtime clubs, offering students the chance to experiment with drawing, painting, sculpture, and collage. From recycled paper pulp sculptures to mini magazines and comics, students have been developing their creativity and problem-solving skills. From drawing, painting, and sculpture to collage and printmaking, students have been pushing creative boundaries while developing problem-solving skills through hands-on projects. One of the standout activities has been sculpting with recycled paper pulp, transforming everyday materials into unique 3D creations. Meanwhile, the Zine Making Club has inspired students to craft their own mini magazines and comics, using storytelling and illustration to express their ideas. Guiding students through this artistic journey is Lewis Danielski, a multidisciplinary artist and illustrator whose work explores personal experiences, emotions, and themes of safety and belonging. As a neurodivergent artist, Lewis brings a unique perspective on creativity, encouraging students to embrace exploration and play in their artistic process. His portfolio ranges from simple, striking illustrations to intricate, autoethnographic pieces, making him an inspiring mentor for aspiring young artists. Students already participating in the clubs have praised the freedom to express themselves imaginatively and enjoy the hands-on, messy nature of art.

YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHTS AT ECONPLUSDAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

The Year 12 and 13 economics students participated in a highly engaging economic

conference, hosted by the renowned YouTuber and economist, Virang Dal, also known as EconPlusDal. The event provided a unique platform for students to dive into economic principles and contemporary issues in a dynamic and interactive setting. Over the course of two days, students were captivated by Dal's insightful discussions, hands-on workshops, and thought-provoking presentations. By blending real-world examples with academic theory, students gained a deeper understanding of economics and its relevance to their daily lives. This conference not only expanded their economic knowledge but also enhanced their critical thinking skills and encouraged them to consider the wider societal impacts of economic decisions.

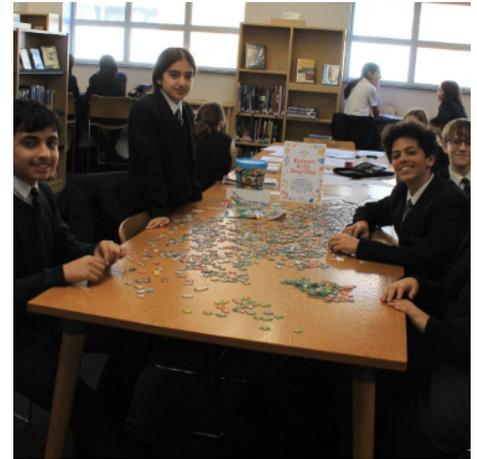


MFL STUDENTS GET INSPIRED WITH FOOTBALL AND LANGUAGE WORKSHOP LED BY STEVE EADON



The MFL Department had the pleasure of welcoming Steve Eadon from Mingalaba, formerly known as the Arsenal Double Club, for an inspiring workshop with our Year 9, 10, and 11 linguists. Using the excitement of football, Steve sparked a passion for languages in our students, blending the thrill of the game with language learning. The workshop also offered a valuable opportunity for students to connect their love of sport with practical language skills they can use in real-world contexts. By sharing personal experiences and insights, Steve encouraged students to see the global reach of languages, helping them understand how being multilingual can open doors in both their academic and professional futures. The event was a great success, leaving students motivated and inspired to continue their language learning journey.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY BY TURNING PAGES AND TACKLING CHALLENGES



Students from all Year groups celebrated World Book Day in style, with a range of exciting activities hosted by the library. Students were treated to a fun-filled day that included trivia challenges, engaging puzzles, and reading challenges designed to inspire a love of literature.



New book displays showcased a variety of genres and authors, sparking curiosity and encouraging students to explore new reading material. The library buzzed with energy as students got involved in the festivities, celebrating the joy of books and reading in creative and interactive ways. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and ignite a passion for literature among our students.





DRAYTON MANOR STUDENTS ATTEND EALING TEEN READ AWARDS CEREMONY



On Tuesday 18 March, a group of selected students had the exciting opportunity to attend this year's Ealing Teen Read Awards Ceremony, an annual event organised by the Hounslow School Library Service. The ceremony celebrates young adult literature and encourages students to engage with reading beyond the classroom. Throughout the event, students took part in engaging discussions about the shortlisted books, sharing their thoughts on themes, characters, and storytelling styles. They also had the chance to interact with other avid readers from across the borough, exchanging book recommendations and insights. A highlight of the day was the much-anticipated announcement of the winning book, as voted for by students. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their appreciation for literature, discover new authors, and celebrate the joy of reading. It was an inspiring and memorable experience that left many eager to explore even more books in the future.



SHORTLISTED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS EALING BOOK FESTIVAL POETRY AND ILLUSTRATION AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that nine Drayton Manor High School students have been shortlisted for the prestigious Ealing Book Festival Poetry and Illustration award! Congratulations to Samar(7G), Aaradhya(7G), Natalie(7L), Wesley (7K), Alex(7H), Maryam(7K), Kento(7J), Bianca (8F) and Alys (8F) for their outstanding achievements. The award ceremony will take place on Friday 25 April 2025, at 4.30pm in the Soanes Garden Room, Pitzhanger Manor, Ealing Green, W5 5EQ. The Winning entries will be used to promote the Ealing Book Festival and featured on social media and library cards.

YEAR 12 UCAS DISCOVERY TRIP TO THE EXCEL CENTRE

The Year 12 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend the UCAS Discovery event at the Excel Centre, where they could explore a range of post-18 options to help shape their futures. The event allowed students to engage with representatives from Universities, Colleges, and Apprenticeship Providers, gaining insight into available courses and university life. Students also had the chance to meet with employers and learn about apprenticeship opportunities, while qualified careers advisers offered tailored advice. Expert talks in various fields provided valuable perspectives, and UCAS specialists were on hand to guide students through the next steps in their education and career journeys. It was an enriching experience for all involved, helping students make well-informed decisions about their future.

opportunities for our Under 18 teams. As a result, this year marked the inaugural season for several prestigious cup competitions, including the DMU Cup (St Benedict's), the Charterhouse Cup (Charterhouse School), the Merchant Taylors' Cup (Merchant Taylors' School), the Hampton Cup (Hampton School), the Harrodian Cup (Harrodian School), and the UCS Cup (University College School). It was a fantastic season of football, with our players demonstrating great character, ambition, and civic virtue both on and off the pitch. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to continuing these competitions in the coming seasons.



DRAYTON MANOR TEAMS SHOW GRIT AND DETERMINATION



The Drayton Manor football teams displayed incredible resilience and determination in their recent fixtures. The First Team XI triumphed 3-2, fighting back from losing positions twice to secure a hard-fought victory, against Twyford High School. Their persistence and tactical pressure made all the difference in the second half. The Second Team XI also secured a 4-2 win against Twyford High School, initially leading before the opposition managed to equalise. However, two stunning goals from Drayton Manor sealed the win with a two-goal advantage, showcasing excellent finishing and team cohesion. Overall, all teams worked incredibly hard, with impressive pressing and better possession throughout the fixtures. Sonny, from the First XI, highlighted that the team's ability to fight back and capitalising on key moments was crucial to their success. Abdullahi, from the Second XI, believed in their ability to take advantage of

PE UPDATES

FOOTBALL

UNDER 18 1ST XI CLINCHES BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Under 18 1st XI football team delivered an outstanding season, finishing undefeated in the Ealing Borough League and claiming the title of overall champions. Their consistent performances and unwavering determination secured their place as the top team in the borough. Meanwhile, the Under 18 2nd XI also had an impressive campaign, finishing in third place, an achievement that highlights the depth of talent within our football program. Following the success of last season's friendly matches against University College School and Merchant Taylors' School, Mr Grudgings and Mr Black sought to expand competitive



opportunities and was a key player in securing their victory. The overall performance across the teams demonstrated the spirit and determination that will continue to drive the players forward.

UNDER 14 GIRLS' UNBEATEN LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

The Under 14 Girls' team has been on fire this season, performing consistently throughout the League competition and finishing undefeated. Their remarkable efforts have earned them a spot in the final against William Perkin, which will take place after the Easter holidays. The match will determine who will be crowned the Ealing League Champion.

BASKETBALL

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS ENJOY STRONG SEASON



The boys' basketball teams have enjoyed another outstanding season, driven by the exceptional coaching of Coach Black and Coach Dawkins. Throughout the year, the teams have displayed remarkable resilience, teamwork, and dedication, leading to impressive performances in every match. The Year 7 boys have demonstrated a fantastic attitude in training, with strong participation numbers maintained since the start of the season. In February, they played a friendly match against Twyford High School, where two standout Year 7 players earned the opportunity to compete in the Junior team. In the Ealing League, the Junior team showcased remarkable consistency, losing only one game out of five. Their determination and skill carried them through to the semi-finals, where they secured a hard-fought victory against Brentside High School, earning their place in the League Final against Ada Lovelace High School. Although they finished as runners-up in the competition, the Juniors can

take immense pride in their achievements. Their dedication and perseverance throughout the season have been truly commendable, setting a strong foundation for future success.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL CONTINUES TO GROW STRONGER

The Girls' Basketball team has shown incredible commitment this season, continuing to train weekly through the Spring Term. Their dedication has been unwavering, and we would like to extend our thanks to Coaches Dawkins, Shepherd, and Alhourani for their tireless effort in planning and delivering training sessions. The team's growth and development this season are a testament to their hard work and persistence.

SENIOR BOYS' SWEET REVENGE OVER GREIG CITY ACADEMY

In a standout moment of the season, Coach Black sought more competitive matchups for the Senior Boys' team, and the rematch with Greig City Academy proved to be a highlight. The Senior team came back with determination, securing a dominant 91-74 victory over Greig City Academy. This win redeemed their previous loss and showcased the hard work and perseverance of our Senior Boys' team.

NETBALL

NETBALL CLUB CONTINUES TO THRIVE

The Netball Club has been running consistently throughout the Spring Term, with sessions held on Tuesdays after school and during lunchtimes. A special thank you to Coach Lisa and Miss Hall for their unwavering commitment and to all the girls who have

attended and participated in the sessions. The club has shown great dedication, and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and growth from all involved.



UNDER 14 TEAM FINISHES STRONG

The Under 14 Netball team has had a fantastic season, training hard and showing resilience. The team finished the season on a high note with two impressive victories against Ada Lovelace and Twyford. Their final league position is still to be determined, but their strong finish demonstrates their potential and determination.

KS3 INTER-HOUSE NETBALL EVENT: PHOENIX WINS

The final few sessions of the season saw the Year 7, 8, and 9 students competing in the KS3 Inter-House Netball event. After a series of exciting round-robin matches, the competition concluded with Phoenix House emerging as the victors! Congratulations to all the teams who participated and to Phoenix for their well-deserved win. The event was a great way to end the season and showcase the talent and spirit of our students.

SWIMMING

YEAR 7 SWIMMING PROGRAMME RETURNS

Every Wednesday and Friday morning, Mr Bowman, Mr Barnes and Ms Hall have been leading our Year 7 students to Northolt Leisure Centre for their swimming sessions. Despite the early 8.10am start, student attendance has been fantastic, with many eager to dive in and improve their swimming techniques, confidence in the water, and even learn lifesaving skills. Four Year 7 classes (7E, 7F, 7I, and 7J) have successfully completed their swimming programme this Spring term, showing steady progress. These sessions will continue throughout the summer term for the remaining Year 7 tutor groups, ensuring every student can develop their skills. It's great to see our young swimmers making such a splash!



CRICKET

CRICKET INDOOR TAPE BALL TOURNAMENT



This term, Drayton Manor took part in the Middlesex Cricket Indoor Tape Ball Tournament for the first time, held at Twickenham School on Thursday 20 March. Our U15 team, which included some Year 9 and even a Year 8 student, faced some challenging opponents but showed tremendous grit and teamwork. A highlight of the tournament was a thrilling second-round game, where our team managed to score the required runs off the last ball, leaving everyone on the edge of their seats! We are excited to welcome more students to the Cricket Club after Easter, which is open to all and will be held on Wednesdays at the school field.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful holiday! We will be back with more updates and activities in the Summer Term. See you on Tuesday, April 22.

SPRING TERM BREAK

Monday 7 April - Monday 21 April

FIRST DAY SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 22 April

EVENTS FOR SUMMER TERM

- MFL Exams - 23 April
- Battle of Bands - 30 April
- Year 7 Parents Evening - 1 May
- Year 11 and 13 Photographs - 2 May
- Culture Day - 7 May
- Year 8 Parents Evening - 8 May
- Year 11 and 13 Celebration Morning - 23 May

DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

WHO WILL LIFT THE TROPHY? BE THERE TO WITNESS THE BATTLE!

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

6.00pm - 7.30pm

TICKET AVAILABLE TODAY!
£4 PER TICKET, [CLICK HERE](#) TO BOOK YOUR TICKET*

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Music Department, helping to keep the music alive!

*We don't want finances to be a barrier to attendance. So, please feel free to contact Mr Moffett at adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk

