



As we wrap up another vibrant term at Drayton Manor, it's clear that both our students and staff have been hard at work. From engaging in a myriad of activities to maintaining a strong focus on their studies, everyone has exemplified our core values of ambition, character, and civic virtue. Our Year 11 and 13 students showed remarkable dedication in their preparations for exams, and we extend our heartfelt wishes for their success as they await their results later this summer. We are incredibly proud of all our students and the efforts they've made throughout the term. As we head into the summer break, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest and look forward to seeing everyone back with renewed energy for the new term. Have a fantastic summer!

## DRAYFEST 2024 - A DAZZLING SHOWCASE OF TALENT AND CREATIVITY



Drayfest 2024, held on July 10, was nothing short of spectacular! This year's festival not only lived up to expectations but soared beyond them, featuring a stellar lineup of events and surprises that left everyone buzzing with excitement.



The event served as a grand stage for our students and staff to flaunt their diverse



talents across Music, Art, Photography, Drama, Humanities, Science and Design Technology. The atmosphere was electric, brimming with creativity and energy that truly showcased the best of our school community. We were thrilled to see so many parents joining in the festivities, making it even more special, and our fabulous PTA made some critical contributions on the night which we are very grateful for. This year's Summer Showcase was a highlight reel of Drayton Manor's finest. English students mesmerised audiences with a pop-up poetry slam. The Drama department delivered a spellbinding rendition of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", bringing a touch of magic to the evening. The Science and Humanities Department led fascinating and important exhibitions that were well-attended. The Art Department transformed the Main Hall and the Drama Studio into vibrant galleries of sculpture, paintings, and photography from all Year groups.



The Media Suite buzzed with board games and student coursework films, while the Design and Food Technology Department dazzled with popcorn, and an impressive display of inventive creations. Meanwhile, the Main Stage on the piazza came alive with an array of musical performances, from smooth acapella to energetic funk and rock bands. If this isn't the ultimate summer send-off, we don't know what is. Drayfest 2024 truly celebrated the spirit and talent of our school, making it a night to remember!

## CELEBRATING OUR PHENOMENAL ATHLETES - SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

We are thrilled to announce the celebration of this year's phenomenal athletes, captured in iconic photos for our prestigious Sports Hall of Fame! Student winners and team members proudly posed for these memorable shots, solidifying their legacy as sports superstars. Among the honoured participants were this year's winners of the Wilkinson Sword, Middlesex Finals, London Youth Games, and Taekwondo Championship. Their remarkable achievements and dedication to excellence have earned them a rightful place in our Hall of Fame, where they will be adorning the walls of Allenby Building for many years to come. Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding performances and for inspiring our school community! [Please click here](#) to view the photos.

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS: CELEBRATING OUR WINNING TEAMS



This year has been a fantastic one for Drayton Manor's football teams, with notable achievements from both the Year 7 boys' team and the U15 1st Football Team. The Year 7 boys' team delivered an outstanding performance throughout the season, making it to the Ealing Cup finals after defeating many of our local rivals. Their determination and teamwork have set a high standard, and we eagerly anticipate their continued success as they move into Year 8 next year, where they hope to clinch the cup. Our U15 1st Football Team also enjoyed a stellar season, emerging as Ealing League Champions. They demonstrated exceptional skill and resilience, winning all their matches against tough opponents such as Villiers and Dormers Wells. A special mention goes to Year 10 student





Hermione, whose remarkable goalkeeping limited the damage from opposing teams, and to Kacper, who delivered attacking masterclasses that drove the team's success. As the U15 team enters their final year of Key Stage 4 football next year, we look forward to seeing them build on this year's triumphs and aim for even greater heights. Congratulations to all our footballers for their hard work and achievements!

## DRAYTON MANOR TRIUMPHS ONCE AGAIN - WILKINSON SWORD VICTORY SECURED!



Drayton Manor High School has once again retained the prestigious Wilkinson Sword trophy! This remarkable achievement highlights the unwavering dedication and hard work of our pupils and staff, culminating in a dominant performance that resulted in a resounding victory. In an impressive display of skill and determination, Drayton Manor amassed a total of 475 points, leaving the competition far behind. The second-place team managed to garner only 329 points, underscoring the sheer dominance of our school across all categories and year groups. [Read more](#) about this magnificent triumph in our blog!

## DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TRIUMPH AT THE DESCENDANTS AWARDS CEREMONY

We are thrilled to announce that four students from Drayton Manor High School won prestigious awards at The Descendants charity's 19th Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Awards Ceremony, held on Saturday, 13 July 2024. Our students were honoured in the categories of Young Entrepreneur, Sports, Young Leader, and Arts.

- Vasyi (Year 12) won the "Young Entrepreneur" award
- Tasharn (Year 13) won the "Sports" award
- Ahmed (Year 13) won an award in the "Young Leader" category
- Prince (Year 11) won an award in the "Arts" category

The grand ceremony, held at Ealing's premier

venue, the DoubleTree by Hilton, celebrated excellence among young people of Caribbean and African backgrounds in Ealing's primary and secondary schools. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and their dedication to excellence in their respective fields. Congratulations to Vasyi, Tasharn, Ahmed, and Prince for their outstanding accomplishments!



## MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON SPARKS EXCITEMENT FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

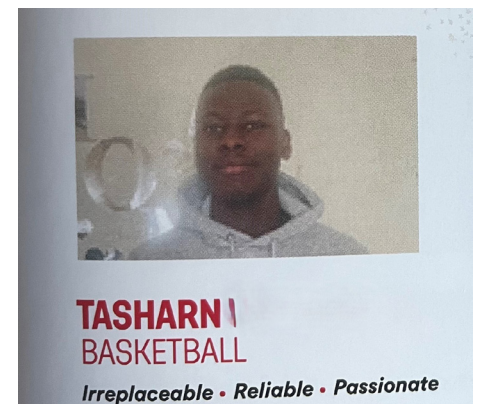
On Tuesday, 25 June, a group of eight enthusiastic Year 7 students had the opportunity to engage in a stimulating Mathematics Enrichment Afternoon, thanks to the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP). Hosted by Notting Hill and Ealing High School, the event brought together 9 local schools and 12 competitive teams for an afternoon of intellectual challenge and fun.



The event featured a series of intriguing logic puzzles that tested the students' problem-solving skills before moving on to the main event: a Mathematics relay. In this thrilling competition, teams tackled 20 complex Maths problems, with each correct answer earning them a piece of design for building the longest dragon. The relay not only highlighted the students' mathematical prowess but also offered opportunities to score bonus points for exceptional problem-solving. It was an inspiring and engaging afternoon that showcased the students' mathematical abilities and teamwork, leaving everyone eager for the next opportunity to participate in such enriching activities.

## TASHARN WINS JUNIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD

We are proud to announce that Tasharn, has won the Junior Volunteer Award at the 2024 Ealing Sports Awards. The awards ceremony took place on Monday evening, 8 July 2024, at William Perkin C of E School. Tasharn's dedication to volunteering for the Drayton Manor PE Department since Year 7 has been truly remarkable. In his final year, he supported three different clubs each week and opened the basketball gym every morning for students. Tasharn exemplified the values of reliability, consistency, and humility, serving as a role model for his peers. His contributions included setting up training sessions, organising warm-ups, coaching, officiating, and running tournaments. Tasharn's respectful personality and commitment to service made him the perfect choice for this award. Congratulations to Tasharn for this well-deserved recognition!



## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Following their Gold Certified performance in the national UKMT Maths Challenge, Year 8 students Aisha and Pranav were invited to the final round of the competition, where they made it into the top quartile of





this prestigious event. Additionally, Year 7 student Masahiro scored over 90% in the competition, placing him among the very top Maths students nationally and earning him a Merit Award. This is particularly impressive given that Masahiro was competing against students a year older. Congratulations to Aisha, Pranav, and Masahiro for their exceptional achievements! Their hard work and dedication have made our school proud.



## YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 FAREWELL CELEBRATIONS AT DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

On 24 May, Friday, Drayton Manor High School celebrated the Farewell of the Year 11 and 13 students of 2023-2024. The festivities commenced in the dining hall, where students enjoyed delicious food and expressed their creativity by drawing on their school shirts. They also left heartfelt notes for each other, sharing how much they will miss their friends. Following the joyful gathering, the celebration moved to the Main Hall. [Here](#), students received certificates recognizing their achievements throughout the school year and reminisced about their time at school with a look back at cherished memories. The day concluded with a grand sendoff, as staff personally wished each student the best for their future endeavors and presented them with goody bags as mementos. The farewell event was a memorable occasion, filled with laughter, reflection, and heartfelt goodbyes, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of an exciting new journey for our Year 11 and Year 13 students.



## AN EXCITING CAREERS EVENT WITH THE BRITISH ARMY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

On Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 June, our Year 10 students had the unique opportunity to participate in an engaging careers event hosted by the British Army. This event, designed to introduce students to potential career paths and develop essential skills, was met with great enthusiasm and interest. During the two days, students who participated in the activities enjoyed a hands-on experience, gaining insights into various roles within the Army. They also had the chance to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a series of practical exercises. Students attended school in their full PE kit, ready for the physical challenges and interactive sessions provided by the British Army representatives. This event was a valuable opportunity for our Year 10 students to gain practical, and team building, skills that will benefit them in their educational journey and beyond.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



On 16 July, Drayton Manor High School hosted an inspiring Student Leadership Conference, bringing together our dedicated student leaders from various roles including Tutor Reps, School Council members, Well-Being Ambassadors, Student Learning Leads, House Captains, Digital Ambassadors, Environmental Ambassadors, and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, along with students on the Polus Programme. The conference, themed "Leadership with Purpose: Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders Today," was a full-day event held on our school grounds. The day began with an engaging keynote speech from

Mr. Peter Kellner CBE, who shared valuable insights on the importance of leadership in the workplace and the joy of pursuing a passion. His address set a motivational tone for the day. Following this, Mrs. Debbie Fisher delivered an inspiring talk on the significance of resilience and effective leadership.



Her words provided practical advice and encouragement for our future leaders. The conference also welcomed students from a local school, fostering a collaborative environment and broadening the perspectives shared throughout the day. Overall, the conference was a resounding success, offering our student leaders and their peers the tools and inspiration to drive positive change and embody purposeful leadership in their future endeavors.

## YEAR 10 STUDENTS AWARDED SPECIAL DRAYTON MANOR TIES



This summer term, selected Year 10 students at Drayton Manor High School were honoured with special Drayton Manor ties to celebrate their outstanding achievements throughout the year. These ties, a symbol of their hard work and dedication, will be proudly worn by the students during their time in Year 11. To mark this significant occasion, commemorative photographs were taken, capturing the pride and joy of the students and staff alike. The awarding of these ties not only recognises the students' academic and personal growth but also serves as an inspiration for their continued success in the upcoming school year. To celebrate this remarkable achievement the students had a special picnic, as well. Congratulations to all Year 10 students for their brilliant





achievements. We look forward to seeing you thrive in Year 11, wearing your ties with pride.



## A MELODIOUS AFTERNOON - LUNCHTIME MUSIC PERFORMANCE ON THE PIAZZA



On 27 June, the Piazza was alive with the sound of music as students showcased their talents in a lunchtime performance organised by the Music department. From 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, the air was filled with a diverse array of musical performances that captivated the audience and highlighted the incredible abilities of our student musicians. The event featured a broad spectrum of musical genres and instruments. Students performed solos, duets, and group pieces, demonstrating their proficiency in instruments ranging from the piano and guitar to the violin and drums. Vocalists also took to the stage, delivering powerful and emotive performances that resonated with everyone present. The performance saw a fantastic turnout, with staff and students alike coming together to enjoy the musical showcase. The supportive atmosphere was palpable as cheers and applause could be heard across the Piazza after each performance. This encouragement undoubtedly inspired the performers and made the event even more special.



## EXPLORING KANDINSKY THROUGH VIBRANT ARTWORK - YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

On Friday 28 June, the talented Year 6 young artists embarked on a journey to explore the vibrant world of Wassily Kandinsky, one of the pioneers of abstract art at Drayton Manor High School. With oil pastels and watercolours in hand, they immersed themselves in the creation of dynamic and colourful pieces, each reflecting Kandinsky's unique style. Throughout the day, each student produced numerous individual pieces, experimenting with different techniques and ideas. These individual artworks were then brought together to form a stunning collaborative piece. The final artwork is an indication of the creativity and hard work of all the students involved. This large collaborative artwork, a combination of effort from all 7 groups that participated, showcases the diversity of interpretations and the harmony that can be achieved when working together.



## YEAR 10 CODING DAY - A TECH-FUELED ADVENTURE



On Thursday, 18 July, our Year 10 Computer Science students embarked on an exciting Coding Day, which was a highlight of their academic term. The day began in the dining hall at 8:30 AM, where students gathered for an overview of the day's activities and got ready for a full day of coding, over light refreshments. By 9:00am, the coding adventure officially kicked off. The

students dove into various coding challenges and projects designed to enhance their programming skills and spark their creativity. From debugging complex problems to developing innovative solutions, the Coding Day offered a hands-on learning experience that showcased the students' growing expertise and enthusiasm for computer science. The event was a tremendous success, providing an engaging and educational experience for all involved. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to apply their coding knowledge in practical scenarios and gain valuable insights into the world of technology.

## YEAR 8 FUN DAY - A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

On 11 July, Year 8 students and staff came together for a lively and festive Fun Day, marking the end of an academic year filled with achievements and hard work. The festivities kicked off with a series of exciting house competitions, where students showcased their skills and team spirit in a variety of fun and engaging activities. The competitions were designed to foster camaraderie and celebrate the collective achievements of each house. In addition to the house competitions, the students had a blast with an array of other enjoyable activities. Face painting was a highlight, allowing students to express their creativity and add a splash of colour to the event. The Fun Day provided a fantastic opportunity for students to relax and unwind, reflecting on their successes and the hard work they've put in over the year. It was a day of laughter, celebration, and joy, serving as a perfect conclusion to a year of notable achievements. It was an excellent way to end the year on a high note and set the stage for even more success in the future.

## OUR READATHON SUCCESS - CELEBRATING THE PASSION FOR READING



At the Readathon event held on 13 and 14 June. Students showed great enthusiasm and dedication and it was truly remarkable. The goal was not only to encourage a love for reading but also to foster a sense of community and teamwork among students.





We are proud to announce that the collective efforts of our participants resulted in a substantial number of pages being read. [Read here](#) to find the breakdown of the total pages read by each group.

## EXPLORING LOCAL HISTORY: THE YEAR 7 HANWELL TRAIL



The Year 7 Hanwell Trail, held on 25 and 26 June 2024, offered students a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history of their local area. Organised by the Humanities department, this annual outdoor learning activity allowed students to explore Hanwell in an engaging and educational way. Over the course of two days, students walked a 5-kilometre route, making stops at various historical sites. Each stop provided insights into the area's past and its significance, turning the trail into a living history lesson. The event not only enriched students' understanding of local history but also encouraged them to appreciate the historical treasures within their community. It was a memorable experience that combined education with the enjoyment of exploring their own backyard.



## YEAR 9 AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS EXPLORE WORLD WAR ONE BATTLEFIELDS

From Friday, 28 June to Sunday, 30 June, 50 Year 9 and Year 12 students embarked on a profound journey through the World War One Battlefields in France and Belgium. Over the course of three days, the group visited several significant sites, each offering a poignant connection to history. The tour

included a visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world, and a moment of reflection at the Menin Gate Memorial. Students also explored the Thiepval Memorial, Newfoundland Park, and Vimy Ridge, and concluded their visit at the Memorial Museum Passchendaele. This immersive experience provided students with a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made during the war and brought history to life in a meaningful way. The tour was not only educational but also a moving tribute to the legacy of those who served.



## ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2024 - A DAY OF ATHLETIC SPIRIT DESPITE THE WEATHER!



Our Annual Sports Day took place on Friday, 5 July at Perivale Park Athletics Track. Despite the gloomy weather, spirits were high, and the enthusiasm of our students and staff shone through the rain as our students showed perseverance and great sportsmanship. Students showcased their athletic talents across various events, with spirited competition and impressive performances. House activities added to the excitement, fostering teamwork and camaraderie. We thank all participants for their dedication and a special shoutout to the staff for their seamless organisation. The day concluded with cheers and celebrations, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's event. The

final House results of the day were as follows:

- First place: Griffin
- Second place: Caladrius
- Third Place: Pegasus
- Fourth Place: Phoenix

Well done to all our young athletes!



## EXCITING DRAMA WORKSHOPS DELIVERED BY THE ROUNDHOUSE, CAMDEN'S "CENTRE 59 PROJECT"



On Thursday, July 18, our students were treated to two dynamic 60-minute taster drama workshops, delivered by staff from the Centre 59 project. Founded by Daniel Kaluuya, the Roundhouse Associate Artistic Director, Centre 59 is a new youth theatre company dedicated to working with young people aged 13-25. The first session, held during Period 5, began with an engaging warm-up activity that required focus and a keen ear for detail. The students were then captivated by a performance from workshop facilitator Evelyn Duah, who recited "Autobiography in Five Short Chapters" by Portia Nelson. This performance allowed students to explore broader interpretations of working with a script. As the workshop progressed, students participated in an immersive experience where they learned technical stage language and developed improvisation techniques. The session culminated in a grand finale performance, where students showcased





a range of unique, delightful, and thought-provoking stories inspired by a single prompt. The workshops were facilitated by the talented staff from Centre 59 Project, including Grace Baylis, Evelyn Duah, Dom McHale, and Dan Eglinton. Their expertise and enthusiasm provided a memorable and enriching experience for all participants, inspiring a deeper appreciation for the dramatic arts.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT THE YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

We are thrilled to share the success of our participation in the Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy of Arts. The event took place on Saturday and featured approximately 50 selected Art Teachers who submitted student works for the exhibition. This year marked the Sixth anniversary of the event, which attracted over 21,500 applicants from across the country. Among the 300 works displayed, it was wonderful to see Drayton Manor High School mentioned in their 2024 book. Engaging with the Royal Academy Learn Team about their initiatives in partnership with schools was an inspiring experience. We look forward to participating again next year and exploring other similar opportunities. The online exhibition is now live on their website, and the physical exhibition opens tomorrow to the public, running until August 11. You can view the exhibition online [here](#).

## DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL SHINES AT TUTTI MUSIC EVENT



TUTTI, an event organised by the Ealing Music Service, brought together musicians from primary and secondary schools across Ealing, featuring performances by the Ealing Music Service Cadenza ensembles and musicians from the Ealing Youth Orchestra. The first half of the event opened with a stunning performance by Drayton Manor High School's Folk Band, showcasing their winning piece from the Ealing Music Service ENCORE competition earlier this year. In the second half, 32 Drayton Manor High School students joined an orchestra of over 250 musicians to perform five pieces, creating

an unforgettable musical experience. The event was a tremendous success, and we are incredibly proud of all our students who participated. Their dedication and talent truly shone through, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.

## TIMUR CAPTURES A UNIQUE SLICE OF LONDON'S HISTORY AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

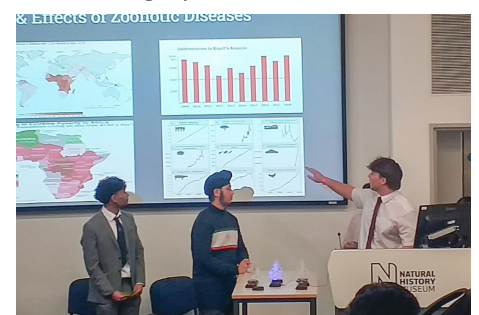


On 18 July, Year 10 student Timur S had the remarkable opportunity to assist with a photography assignment at St. Paul's Cathedral, working alongside the school's photographer, Mike Benjamin. This unique work experience involved photographing a service held in the Crypt for the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor (ISKB), a prestigious event honoring the Knights of the Realm. Among the distinguished attendees was Sir Singh, the former Head of Drayton Manor High School. Timur was provided with one of Mr. Benjamin's cameras and given a crash course in its operation before being set loose to capture images of the Knights in their full regalia. Timur's assignment required not only technical skill but also the ability to interact courteously with Knights, Lords, and Ladies. He excelled in both areas, engaging politely and discussing the school and his presence at the event. His professionalism was recognized by Lord Lingfield during the reception, held at The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries' Hall. Lord Lingfield praised Timur for his professionalism. The reception was held at a historic venue dating back to the 1600s. His conduct throughout the day was exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of his achievements and dedication.



## YEAR 12 STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR INCREDIBLE TALENTS IN THE GREENSTEM CHALLENGE

Eight Year 12 students from Drayton Manor High School embarked on the GreenSTEM challenge, a four-month initiative run by Imperial College London. This prestigious program allowed students to research and develop ideas for a greener environment with the guidance of PhD students. Students were divided into groups with peers from other London schools, each assigned one of five topics, such as managing depleting oil resources or the causes of zoonotic diseases. They wrote essays and created presentations on their research, learning to delve deeply into topics and identify reliable sources. From December to April, monthly meetings were held at Notting Hill and Ealing High School, where students discussed their progress with scientists and received feedback on their essays. The culmination of their efforts was a presentation at an academic conference at the Natural History Museum. On presentation day, our students traveled to Imperial College London with staff members Mr. Bowker and Miss Flade. They toured the South Kensington campus before heading to the NHM to present their work. Ming stood out by winning both awards for best presentation and best essay. Congratulations to all participants for their impressive achievements in this challenging and rewarding experience!



## DRAYTON'S INAUGURAL MASTERMIND COMPETITION - A DAY OF INTELLECTUAL TRIUMPH

On Monday, 15 July 2024, we hosted our very first Mastermind Competition, featuring Year 12 History and Geography A Level students. The event, modeled after the popular television series, tested students' knowledge in both specialised subjects and general knowledge. In the specialised subject round, students tackled a diverse range of topics including Tectonics, the Cold War, K-Pop, and Doctor Who. Sulekha emerged as the standout performer with an impressive 26 points. The competition intensified in the general knowledge round, where students



faced off in a battle of wits. After a thrilling contest, Billy clinched the title of Humanities Mastermind with a stellar 41 points. Congratulations to Billy for his exceptional performance and to all the contenders for their impressive displays of knowledge. The event was a fantastic showcase of our students' academic prowess and set a high standard for future competitions.

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE - HONOURING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS



The Ethic of Excellence and Spirit of Endeavour Awards ceremony marked a joyous conclusion to the academic year, celebrating the exceptional achievements of students from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. The event was a tribute to the dedication and hard work these young scholars have demonstrated throughout the year. Held in a festive atmosphere in the dining hall, the ceremony featured students receiving certificates and posing for photographs that captured their proud moments. These snapshots will serve as mementos of their remarkable accomplishments. The ceremony not only highlighted their academic prowess but also their commitment and perseverance. The pride and joy on the students' faces as they collected their awards were a testament to their relentless pursuit of excellence. To celebrate their success, students enjoyed a delectable spread of snacks, offering a well-deserved treat for their hard work. The day was filled with pride, joy, and recognition—a fitting end to a year of hard-earned achievements and a source of inspiration for the years to come.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS - THE DRAYTONIAN AWARDS CEREMONY

On Wednesday, 17 June, Drayton Manor High School proudly hosted the Draytonian Awards, a grand celebration honoring the top-achieving students from Year 7 to Year 13. This prestigious event highlighted the

academic excellence and dedication of our most outstanding scholars. Each top student from every year group and every term was awarded a certificate, a Draytonian Pin, and a personalised citation read by Mrs. Guitane, Deputy Headteacher. The awards were presented by Mrs. Mills, Headteacher, in a special ceremony. Winners selected two of their closest friends to accompany them, and they beamed with pride as their achievements were recognised. Adding to the excitement, each recipient received a lifetime "Jump the Lunch Queue" pass, a unique and coveted reward for their exceptional efforts. The celebration continued with a brunch featuring juice, fruit kebabs, hash browns, and a variety of other treats. The brunch was not only a delicious end to the event but also a chance for students, friends, and staff to reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of these students. It was a day of celebration that honored their outstanding achievements and provided a well-deserved moment of joy and pride.



## LORENZO'S TRIUMPHS AT SARDINIA OPEN 2024



We are thrilled to share that our Year 7 student Lorenzo recently traveled to Italy to compete in the Sardinia Open 2024, where he achieved remarkable success. Having won his sparring division at last year's tournament, Lorenzo returned this year to defend his title with courage and skill, emerging victorious once again. This achievement is particularly significant for Lorenzo as he is currently being scouted to join the Italian National Taekwondo team for the upcoming European and World Championships. The weekend's competition was a crucial opportunity, with technical directors of the national team present to observe his performance. Lorenzo still has two more competitions scheduled before the end of the month—one in Cardiff and another in South London—without any additional absences from school. Congratulations to Lorenzo for his outstanding accomplishment!

## U13 CRICKET HIGHLIGHTS - DRAYTON MANOR'S UNBEATEN STREAK



Under the astute leadership of captain Aarav, Drayton Manor High School's U13 cricket team has started their 2024 season with an impressive unbeaten record. The team's blend of skill, determination, and teamwork has been on full display, promising a thrilling season ahead. Our U13 cricketers showcased their prowess in their first game of the season with a convincing away victory against Brentside High School. Key contributions came from Eesa, Pranav, Saim, and captain Aarav, who each took crucial wickets. The fielding unit was equally sharp, with Lewis, Eisa, Arlo, and Justin making impressive catches that kept the pressure on the hosts. Brentside was eventually all out for a modest 59 runs within just 12 overs. Pranav and Arlo kept the scoreboard ticking with boundaries, easing the pressure on their side. Eesa, with a solid 18 runs from 20 balls, played a pivotal role by carrying his bat and guiding Drayton Manor towards a comfortable victory. His steady presence at the crease ensured that the team reached their target without further





hiccups, securing their first win of the season. The combination of effective leadership, strategic gameplay, and strong individual performances highlights the potential of Drayton Manor's U13 cricketers. As the season progresses, the team will undoubtedly aim to maintain their unbeaten streak and continue to deliver thrilling performances on the field.

## DRAYTON MANOR'S UNBEATEN STREAK CONTINUES WITH A THRILLING ENCOUNTER AGAINST ADA LOVELACE



The U13 1st XI from Drayton Manor High School continued their unbeaten streak with a nail-biting victory over Ada Lovelace at Ealing Cricket Club. Under the leadership of captain Aarav, the team displayed remarkable resilience and tactical brilliance in a game that will be remembered for its dramatic finish. Drayton Manor was asked to bat first on a challenging pitch. The batting lineup found runs hard to come by as Ada's bowlers applied consistent pressure, resulting in wickets falling at regular intervals. Drayton Manor managed to post a total of 62/6, with the team unsure if this would be enough against a strong opposition. In a stunning display of bowling, Aarav produced three consecutive, out-swinging Yorkers to complete a sensational hat-trick, ripping through the Ada batting lineup and turning the game on its head. In a dramatic climax, Drayton Manor's fielders rose to the occasion, producing two consecutive run-outs to break the resistance of the Ada batsmen and secure an unlikely victory. The thrilling finish not only showcased the team's skill and composure under pressure but also highlighted the importance of teamwork and strategic thinking. As the season progresses, the team continues to build on their unbeaten record, demonstrating that they are a force to be reckoned with.

## DIVING INTO GEOGRAPHY - RIVER CHESSEFIELDWORK ADVENTURE IN AMERSHAM

As part of the Geography GCSE course, our students embarked on a physical Geography fieldwork inquiry at the Field Studies Council in Amersham. The focus was to investigate

the downstream changes of the River Chess. Equipped with wellington boots, many students experienced wading in river water for the first time. Using specialised equipment, they measured the river's width, depth, and velocity at two different sites. This hands-on outdoor learning experience not only provided practical fieldwork skills but also pushed students out of their comfort zones, immersing them in the natural environment beyond the city. The trip was both educational and enjoyable, highlighting the importance of real-world applications in geography studies.



## EXPLORING TRANSFORMATION: LONDON DOCKLANDS HUMAN FIELDWORK TRIP

As part of the Geography GCSE course, our students journeyed on a human geography fieldwork inquiry in Canary Wharf to investigate the socio-economic impacts of urban regeneration on the London Docklands. The day began at the London Docklands Museum, where students gained historical insights into the area's transformation from a bustling dockland to a modern financial hub over the past 180 years. Following this, students explored Canary Wharf, conducting pedestrian counts, environmental quality surveys, and questionnaires to gather primary data. This immersive experience allowed students to explore an unfamiliar part of London and witness firsthand the positive effects of urban regeneration on the local community. The trip was both educational and eye-opening, emphasizing the real-world implications of their geography studies.

## YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10 SHINE IN BOROUGH ROUNDERS LEAGUES

This year, our Rounders Teams from Years 8 and 10 showcased their talent and hard work in the Borough Rounders Leagues, completing a total of 12 matches. The Year 8 team demonstrated remarkable effort and skill throughout the season. Their dedication during club training paid off, as they secured 4 wins and 1 draw, earning them an impressive Second place overall in the league. The

Year 10 team truly excelled, winning all their matches and finishing in First place in the league. Their undefeated record is a testament to their exceptional teamwork and commitment. Congratulations to both teams for their outstanding performances and achievements.

## WORK EXPERIENCE - STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

### BETA DESIGN CONSULTANT- ASHREE YEAR 12

From the 8 July to the 12 July, our Year 12 student Ashree, was given the incredible opportunity to work with Beta Design Consultants located at Great West House in Brentford. This was an invaluable experience towards her journey to becoming a civil engineer. It was quite exciting and thrilling being able to experience real life projects, shadowing amazing engineers and even learning new and interesting things about structural, civil, and architectural engineering. While she was there, she looked at past designs and learned the advantages and disadvantages behind the designs. Additionally, she was given the tasks of observing and analysing real life data and writing reports on them, mapping out scaled layouts of buildings and learning the intricacies of using new and advanced software. Her colleagues were also kind enough to share their career experiences in the industry, and useful advice for university and life in general.

This experience was quite insightful, not only due to the invaluable work experience but also the brilliant and likeminded people she had the pleasure of meeting and working with.

### IMPERIAL SUMMER SCHOOL - VIOLET YEAR 12

Within the pathways to medicine scheme, Imperial provided a unique opportunity to attend their summer school which began on the 8 July and lasted for an entire week until the 12 July. The course is on the South Kensington campus of Imperial College, where infamous buildings such as the Queen tower and Sir Alexander Fleming are found. The course offers an integral insight into the life of a doctor, formed full of hands-on practicals relating to different fields of medicine, tips and tricks into the admissions process and helpful advice for all aspects of life at university and medicine. Violet applied for the pathways to medicine scheme as I had attended another summer school at Imperial for biochemistry, which was phenomenal too.





When applying, Violet informed the team of her passion to pursue medicine and her previous experience. There is a plethora of skills, attributes and values that she has learnt and reflected from the course so far, and she is sure there is more to be taught. Self-reflection on tone and how you conduct yourself as a health worker, remaining empathetic and non-judgmental, prioritizing honesty, safety and maintaining morality. Learning to adapt and overcome challenges, build on resilience and perseverance and to not give up if things are uncertain or unknown to you, since being a doctor isn't just memorising biological facts of the human body but rather applying them to unknown situations to ensure the best possible outcome for everyone involved. Overall, the experience thus far has been quite exhilarating and insightful and has fueled her passion in becoming a medic.



## TERM DATES FOR 2024/25

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 September (staff training day)

#### STUDENT TERM DATES

Tuesday 5 September to Tuesday 18 December

#### HALF TERM

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Friday 22 November (staff training day)

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday 19 Dec to Friday 3 January 2025

### SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6 January (staff training day)

#### STUDENT TERM DATES

Tuesday 7 January to Thursday 4 April

#### HALF TERM

Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

#### EASTER HOLIDAY

Friday 7 April to Monday 21 April

### SUMMER TERM 2025

#### STUDENT TERM DATES

Monday 22 April to Tuesday 22 July

#### MAY DAY

Monday 5 May

#### HALF TERM

Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Thank you for your continued support to the school and our students throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming students back in September and hosting a variety of activities. For details on our Autumn Term arrangements, please refer to our latest Parent Bulletin by clicking [here](#). We wish you an enjoyable summer!

