



As the summer term draws to a close, we are filled with pride and joy reflecting on the many achievements and memorable moments our students have experienced. From exciting events to impressive academic progress, this term has been nothing short of spectacular. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We continue to nurture a vibrant, inspiring community where every child can thrive. 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 2025: AN EVEN BIGGER CELEBRATION OF TALENT AND CREATIVITY



Drayfest 2025 was our most exciting festival yet! Building on last year's amazing success, this year's event was even bigger and better, spotlighting the incredible talents of our students and staff across Music, Art, Drama, Science, Humanities, PE, Design Technology, and more.



The whole school community came together for a day full of inspiring performances, exhibitions, and interactive displays that truly celebrated creativity and passion. We were delighted to welcome parents and friends to join the festivities, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved. From dynamic stage performances to breathtaking artwork and innovative projects, Drayfest 2025 was the perfect way to cap off the summer term in style!

DRAYTON MANOR CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT NBA 3X3 LONDON FINALS



We are delighted to share the outstanding triumph of our boys' basketball team, who emerged victorious at the NBA 3x3 London Championship which was played on the iconic courts of Trafalgar Square. Competing against over 300 schools from across the capital, our team delivered a performance marked by exceptional skill, fierce determination, and composure well beyond their years. Navigating their way through a field of top-tier opponents, they clinched the title in a thrilling final showdown, cementing their place among London's elite.



This extraordinary win is a testament not only to the talent and discipline of our players, but also to the expert coaching and unwavering support that define the Drayton Manor ethos. Congratulations to the team for this sensational victory, you have made the entire school community proud!



LEGALLY BLONDE JR: SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION LIGHTS UP THE STAGE



Our summer production of Legally Blonde Jr. was a spectacular success, bringing glitz, energy, and unforgettable performances to the Drayton Manor stage!



The evening began with a lively pre-show in the dining hall, complete with themed décor, photo opportunities, and buzzing anticipation from families and friends. When the curtains



parted, audiences were treated to a high-energy, laugh-out-loud performance packed with catchy songs, dazzling choreography, and brilliant character work from our talented student cast. Every student involved, on stage and behind the scenes, brought their all! They made it a night full of heart, humour, and show-stopping moments. A huge well done to everyone who made the production such a hit, we are still humming the tunes!



WILKINSON SWORD STAYS AT HOME - A DRAYTON LEGACY CONTINUES



We are thrilled to announce that Drayton Manor has once again claimed victory in one of the Borough's most esteemed sporting events, the Wilkinson Sword Athletics Competition. Competing against 16 other secondary schools, our students delivered a phenomenal performance, continuing a legacy that began with our first win in 1998. Since then, Drayton has become a dominant force, securing 14 wins in the past 15 years, and now celebrating an extraordinary eleventh consecutive triumph. This year, 58 talented students from Years 7 to 11 represented the school across both track and field events in two stages - the Senior Event in May and the Junior Event in June. Points were earned across

every final placing, with medals carrying the highest value. Following an impressive showing at the Senior Event, Drayton entered the final stage with a commanding 90-point lead. The combined efforts of our athletes secured a decisive overall victory, winning by 23 points and bringing the Wilkinson Sword back home once more. This marks our 17th overall win and a continued tradition of excellence in athletics.

DOUBLE VICTORY ON THE PITCH: HISTORIC WINS FOR UNDER 15 AND UNDER 18 BOYS FOOTBALL



This season has been a landmark one for Drayton Manor football, as both our Under 15 and Under 18 Boys teams secured coveted league titles in thrilling fashion. After a decade away, the Under 15 squad, led by Coach Grudgings, returned to Division A with determination and resilience, overcoming seven tough competitors to be crowned champions of the Under 15 Ealing League Division A, a first for Drayton Manor in living memory. Meanwhile, the Under 18 Boys made history of their own, claiming the Ealing League title in the Borough's top division and ending a five-year wait for glory. This marks Drayton's first-ever win in the U18 competition since its inception, a remarkable achievement that reflects the talent and dedication of our players and the passion and expertise of their coaches.



CELEBRATING OUR PHENOMENAL ATHLETES: SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2025

This year's exceptional athletes took their well-deserved place in our prestigious Sports Hall of Fame, immortalised in a series of striking portraits that will line the walls

of the Allenby Building. The Hall of Fame celebrates students who have gone above and beyond in their sporting achievements. This year's inductees included winners of the Wilkinson Sword, Jnr NBA 3X3 Champions, Under 18 1st IX Football and the Under 15 1st XI Football. Their grit, determination, and team spirit made them stand out, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. A huge congratulations to all our athletes who continue to inspire the entire school community with their passion and excellence.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION - ALUMNI INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION



We were proud to welcome back 12 remarkable alumni as part of a dynamic Leadership in the Community Conference, held in collaboration with the Znaniye Foundation, an educational charity founded by former student Patima Sherifi. Joined by over 30 guest speakers from a range of professional fields, the event provided our Student Leadership Team and Wellbeing Ambassadors with a rare and powerful opportunity to explore what leadership looks like beyond the classroom.



Throughout the day, students engaged in thought-provoking talks and discussions, gaining firsthand insight into career journeys, leadership challenges, and the value of resilience and purpose. The atmosphere was one of motivation and reflection, as each speaker offered candid advice and personal stories that sparked conversation and confidence among our students. The day



concluded with a vibrant networking mixer in our new Sixth Form Centre, where students connected with guests in a relaxed and inspiring setting.



YEAR 10 STUDENTS HONOURED WITH DRAYTON MANOR TIES



This term, a select group of Year 10 students were proudly awarded their Drayton Manor ties. This was an honour that recognises exceptional achievement, effort, and contribution throughout the year. These prestigious ties, to be worn during Year 11, symbolise the students' commitment to excellence and their positive impact on school life. The occasion was marked with commemorative photographs and a celebratory picnic, where students and staff gathered to reflect on the hard work and growth that led to this milestone. Congratulations to all the recipients! Your dedication is inspiring, and we cannot wait to see all that you'll achieve in the year ahead, ties worn with pride.



DRAYTON MANOR STUDENTS SHINE AT NATIONAL CAREERS CHALLENGE FINALS

It was a proud moment for Drayton Manor High School as two teams, one from Year 7 and one from Year 8, represented the school at the prestigious National Careers Challenge Finals, held at the Barbican Centre in London. Earlier this year, students took part in challenges set by Air Products and British Airways, as part of a nationwide programme led by the Inspirational Learning Group. Tasked with designing a Sustainable Town and a future Airline, the teams impressed judges with their creativity, teamwork, and innovative thinking during the school-level round—earning them a coveted spot at the national finals. At the Barbican, the students faced the exciting (and slightly nerve-racking!) challenge of presenting their ideas to a panel of industry experts. Despite initial nerves, they delivered with confidence, clarity, and great support for one another, truly embodying the Drayton Manor spirit. The event was an inspiring celebration of young talent across the country, filled with energy, music, and motivational moments, including a live performance from 11-year-old DJ Nugget. The teams gained valuable skills in leadership, communication, and problem-solving, and memories to last a lifetime.

DAME MARY ARCHER SPARKS STUDENT DISCUSSION ON GREEN ENERGY



We had the privilege of welcoming Dame Mary Archer, whose distinguished career in science and leadership offered our Year 10 students, the Student Leadership Team, and the Student Communications Team a captivating insight into the future of sustainable energy. Dame Mary spoke passionately about the vital role young people can play in shaping a greener world, sparking curiosity and ambition among our students. Following her presentation, a lively Q&A session saw students pose thoughtful questions about environmental challenges and emerging green technologies, to which Dame Mary responded with inspiring and practical advice. This visit provided a rare

and valuable opportunity for our students to engage directly with a leading voice in sustainability, leaving them motivated and better equipped to consider how they can contribute to a more sustainable future.

EXPLORING LOCAL HISTORY: YEAR 7 HANWELL TRAIL 2025

The Year 7 students took part in the annual Hanwell Trail, where they immersed themselves in the fascinating history of their local area. Organised by the Humanities department, this enriching outdoor learning experience saw students walking a 5-kilometre route through Hanwell, stopping at key historical landmarks along the way. At each stop, they uncovered stories and insights that brought the area's past to life, deepening their understanding of the local community and its heritage. The trail was not only educational but also a wonderful way for students to connect with their surroundings and enjoy hands-on learning outside the classroom. It was a memorable journey through time, right on their doorstep.

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY: A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW DRAYTONIANS

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 cohort for their Induction Day at Drayton Manor High School. The day gave our incoming students a chance to explore the school, meet their future teachers, and take part in a variety of fun and engaging taster sessions across different subjects. From navigating new classrooms to experiencing life as a secondary school student, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and curiosity. It was wonderful to see the students growing in confidence as the day progressed, making new friends and getting a real sense of what life at Drayton Manor will be like. We cannot wait to see them again in September as they begin their journey with us!

YEAR 10 STUDENTS DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF MEDIA AT WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY



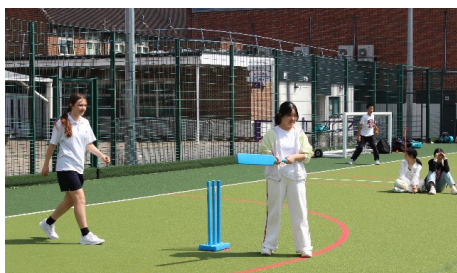


Eight of our Year 10 students recently had the exciting opportunity to step behind the scenes of the media industry during a work experience placement at Warner Bros. Discovery's offices in Old Street. As they begin considering their A-level pathways, this unique programme offered a timely and eye-opening introduction to the fast-paced world of media and entertainment. Students were placed across a range of departments, including Home Entertainment, Consumer Products, Marketing, and PR, where they collaborated on a creative project linked to the new Superman movie. The experience gave them a dynamic, hands-on understanding of what it takes to bring a major production to market.



We are incredibly proud of how our students rose to the challenge, asked insightful questions, and presented their ideas with confidence and flair. They represented Drayton Manor with maturity and enthusiasm, leaving a strong impression on all involved.

UNDER 15 CRICKET: PARTNERSHIP SHINES ON THE PITCH



While the Under 15 Cricket season has seen limited fixtures this year, one performance truly stood out. In their match against Greenford High School, Aarav and Pranav impressed with a composed and determined 68-run partnership, which were the highlight of the game and a testament to their skill and teamwork at the crease. The squad have trained with commitment throughout the season, and we commend the players for their continued effort and sportsmanship on and off the field.

UNDER 13 CRICKET: STRONG START TO THE SEASON

Our Under 13 cricketers have kicked off their season with a promising start, showing skill and determination in two exciting fixtures. In week 33, the team travelled to Greenford High and secured a well-earned victory. After posting 86 runs with the bat, Drayton kept their composure with the ball, holding Greenford back for an outright win. The following week, the team faced William Perkin's established cricket academy in a tightly contested match, narrowly missing out on victory by just 16 runs. With another away fixture against Dormers Wells on the horizon, the team looks forward to building on their early momentum.

CRICKET AND ROUNDELS SEASONS UNDERWAY

The Cricket and Rounders seasons are in full flow, with fixtures still to be played to decide league standings. Drayton Manor proudly fields Under-13 and Under-15 Cricket teams for both girls and boys, alongside Rounders teams for Years 7 to 10 (all girls). Huge thanks go to Coaches Grudgings, Williams, and Barnes for their continued dedication and excellent support throughout the season.

ATHLETICS STARS SHINE AT MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following their exceptional performances at the Wilkinson Sword Championship, 19 of our athletes earned selection to represent Ealing Borough at the Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships. Congratulations to Alex, Noel N, Ela, Natalia, Mikal, Owen, Arlo, Uma, Abdulmalik, Kalell, Sofia, Arwa, Yui, Felix, Fred, Nadia, Naimah, Elizabeth, and Emma G. Additionally, in February, five students competed as part of the Ealing team at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships. Special praise to Sofia, who finished third out of 71 in the Year 8-9 Girls race, and Naimah, who placed sixth out of 50 in the Year 10-11 Girls category. Both athletes have qualified to represent Middlesex at the English Schools Cross Country Championships, which is an incredible achievement!

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On Tuesday 24th June, a group of students from Drayton Manor High School took to the stage at the iconic Royal Albert Hall as part of the Ealing Together performance, a celebration of the arts involving schools from across the borough. Representing the school's choir, the students were expertly prepared by the music department over several weeks,

with rehearsals taking place during lunchtimes and after school. They learned lyrics and vocal arrangements, allowing them to perform with confidence and unity as part of a massed choir alongside students from other local schools.



In addition to the vocal performance, Drayton Manor was also represented by a group of dancers who performed a striking contemporary piece at the centre of the stage. Set to the powerful classical crossover tracks O Fortuna and Adiemus, the choreography captured the dramatic energy and rhythmic drive of the music. The students delivered a focused and captivating performance, demonstrating both technical precision and expressive movement.



The evening offered a unique opportunity for students to perform in a world-renowned professional venue, collaborate with peers across the borough, and take part in a large-scale artistic production. It also highlighted the strength of Drayton Manor's performing arts programme, supporting students' growth and creativity through real-world performance experience.





YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY RIVER FIELD TRIP: BRINGING RIVER STUDIES TO LIFE AT THE RIVER PANG



As part of their GCSE Geography course, Year 10 students recently embarked on an exciting field trip to the River Pang. A hands-on opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Rushall Farm, students travelled by tractor and trailer to key sites along the river's upper, middle, and lower courses. Their fieldwork focused on investigating how the River Pang changes downstream, with a particular aim of testing the Bradshaw Model, a core concept in river geography. Guided by expert staff and equipped with fieldwork tools, students collected data on river width, depth, velocity, and sediment size at each location. While a few surprising results sparked lively discussion, the overall findings aligned well with the predictions of the Bradshaw Model.



The trip not only deepened students' understanding of fluvial processes but also gave them valuable experience in data collection, analysis, and teamwork, key skills that will support their success in upcoming GCSE assessments. It was a thoroughly engaging day of outdoor learning, and our young geographers showed impressive enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment throughout.

YEAR 8 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP: EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE IN THE HEART OF LONDON

On Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th July, our Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting visit to the world-renowned Science Museum

in London. The trip offered an educational and inspiring journey through some of the museum's most captivating galleries, each showcasing a different facet of science and technology. Students explored four key galleries, delving into topics ranging from scientific careers and engineering innovation to the history of medicine and space exploration. Each gallery featured interactive exhibits, hands-on displays, and thought-provoking content designed to spark curiosity and deepen understanding.



To enhance their engagement, students completed short quizzes in each gallery, encouraging them to think critically, observe closely, and discuss their findings with one another. These activities led to some lively conversations and surprising discoveries, from the origins of early steam engines to the intricacies of surgical tools from centuries past. A standout moment for many was seeing rare and iconic scientific artefacts up close, including vintage medical instruments, early industrial machinery, and even a real spacecraft, a reminder of just how far human ingenuity has taken us.



The visit not only brought science lessons to life but also inspired students to see the real-world impact of scientific discovery and innovation. It was a memorable experience that blended learning with wonder, and we're proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity our students brought to the day.

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP



From 25th-28th June, the history department led a highly successful trip to the world war I battlefields of Belgium and France. A mixed group of year 9 and year 12 students took part in enriching educational experience, which offered a powerful insight into the realities and legacy of the great war.



During the trip, students visited several significant and moving memorial sites. In Belgium, highlights included the Landmark German War Cemetery, Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing, the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, and the daily Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The group then travelled to France, where they explored key sites on the Somme battlefield, including the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park, and the Canadian National Vimy Memorial at Vimy Ridge.



Students demonstrated a deep interest in the historical context of each location, asked thoughtful questions, and engaged with the material respectfully. They were a credit to the school throughout, showing maturity, curiosity, and civic virtue in equal measure.



DRAYON MANOR HOSTS INSPIRING LONDON LION'S PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALLER MATT GOODWIN



We were delighted to welcome Matt Goodwin from the London Lions Basketball Club to speak with our group of budding basketballers, joined by Samuel Neter, an outreach worker with the Lions. Matt, a standout combo guard and former U18 National MVP (Most Valuable Player) in the NBL, now shines in Britain's top Super League, and shared compelling stories of his rise through junior and professional ranks. Matt inspired our students, discussing training dedication, teamwork, and life in elite basketball. Our students asked thoughtful, insightful questions and left feeling inspired and motivated. This event is truly sowing the seeds of the next generation of basketballers!



YEAR 8 FUN DAY: SUN, SPORTS, AND SMILES

On one of the hottest days of the year, our Year 8 students enjoyed a well-earned Fun Day packed with laughter, teamwork, and

sun-soaked activities. From the fast-paced excitement of volleyball and ultimate frisbee to friendly football matches and Nerf battles, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Students cooled down with delicious ice lollies and got creative with colourful face painting, adding to the festival like atmosphere on the field. Despite the blistering heat, everyone stayed positive and energetic throughout the day.



Most impressively, the behaviour and attitude of our students were exemplary. They demonstrated true Draytonian Values, good character by being respectful, ambitious, and civic virtue making the event not just fun, but memorable for all the right reasons.



A huge thank you to the PE staff who organised and year 12 students who supervised the day and well done to Year 8 for making it such a success!



AN AUDIENCE WITH PETER KELLNER CBE: POLITICS, POLLING & PUBLIC OPINION



On Monday 14 July, we had the honour of welcoming esteemed journalist, political analyst, and former YouGov President Mr Peter Kellner CBE for a special visit. The morning began with a warm reception from our student leadership team, who shared insights into their roles and responsibilities. Mr Kellner then delivered a compelling talk exploring the power of public opinion, the role of data in democracy, and his personal journey through the world of British political journalism.

A lively Q&A followed, with students asking thoughtful questions on topics ranging from polling accuracy to the future of democratic engagement. Mr Kellner's insightful responses and encouragement for young people to stay informed and politically active were among the highlights of the session. The visit concluded with a lunch gathering in the Sixth Form Café, where a smaller group of students had the opportunity to continue the conversation in a more informal setting. We are deeply grateful to Mr Kellner for sharing his time, experience, and wisdom with our school community.

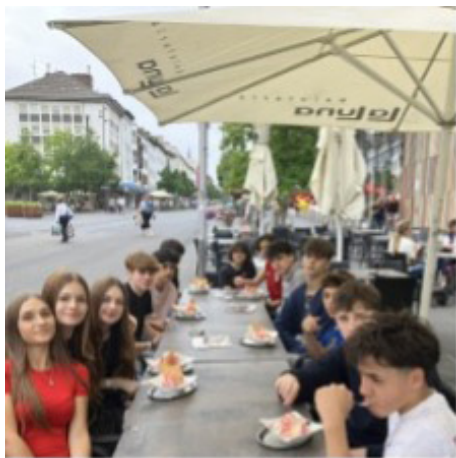
GERMAN EXCHANGE TRIP



On Monday 23 June, 15 Year 10 students took part in our annual German Exchange



programme to our partner school Gymnasium an der Gartenstraße in Mönchengladbach, Germany. After a short flight to Düsseldorf, students enjoyed a walking tour by the river Rhein and followed by a quiz by Mr Dean. The next morning, we headed off to Schule! Students completed a project on designing a school of the future, which they had begun with their exchange partners at Drayton Manor in November. Their exchange partners also gave them a tour of their school and discussed the similarities and differences between the two education systems. In the afternoon, students competed in a shopping challenge in the town, as well as having Spaghettieis, a traditional ice cream.



On Wednesday, students went to lessons in the partner school – German, Biology, Art and Business Studies, and enjoyed a delicious lunch in the canteen with their partners. That afternoon, the group visited Cologne, with a trip to the City History Museum, the Lindt chocolate museum and of course, inside (and up!) the famous cathedral. The final day included a trip up the Rhine Tower in Düsseldorf, and lunch in a Schnitzel restaurant.



The visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to practice their German in real life situations and deepen cultural understanding. We look forward to continuing our work with our partner school next year! - Mrs Häkkinen



YEAR 12 TALK THE TALK WORKSHOP IN ASSOCIATION WITH JACK PETCHEY



The recent Talk the Talk workshop was designed for Year 12 students to help them develop key skills needed for their next steps, whether that's moving on to college, university, or employment. The workshop aimed to identify employability skills, nurture presentation and interview skills, improve connections with employers, and boost self-esteem. Throughout the session, students explored their life experiences to define unique skills, discussed their future plans and confidence levels, and learned how to prepare for and communicate effectively in interviews. They also prepared open questions and took part in mock interviews, both as interviewers and interviewees, gaining valuable hands-on practice. At the end of the workshop, each student received a workbook to keep, which supports

them in creating their first CV, completing their UCAS application, and preparing for future interviews. Students also received a personal Impact Report based on their self-assessment during the workshop and gained access to free online follow-up activities to help embed the skills they learned. Both students and staff found the workshop highly positive and invaluable for building confidence and practical skills that will benefit them as they progress.

YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 ST JOHN'S COLLEGE OXFORD VISIT

As part of the Inspire Scholars programme, Year 9 and Year 10 students visited St John's College in Oxford for an enriching experience. They participated in a 'What is University?' talk that introduced them to university life and opportunities. The students enjoyed a guided campus tour, visiting iconic locations such as the college chapel and library. They also explored Oxford's town, heading to the Weston Library, a part of the Bodleian Library, where they climbed to the rooftop for stunning views of the city. At the Weston Library, the students took part in a tour and engaged in a research activity focused on radios. To wrap up the visit, they had a lively Q&A session with current university students, gaining valuable insights. Overall, the trip was both insightful and encouraging, inspiring the students about their future educational journeys.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2025: A CELEBRATION OF SPORT, SPIRIT, AND TEAMWORK

Our Annual Sports Day took place at Perivale Park Athletics Track, where students and staff came together for a vibrant day of competition, camaraderie, and school spirit. Energy levels were high from the start, with students displaying determination, skill, and outstanding sportsmanship across a wide range of track and field events. From sprints and relays to long jump and shot put, every event was met with enthusiastic support from peers and staff alike. House competitions added an extra layer of excitement,



encouraging teamwork and friendly rivalry throughout the day. The sense of unity and mutual encouragement was a true highlight, reflecting the strength of our school community.



A huge thank you goes to all students who gave their best, and to the staff team whose seamless organisation ensured the event ran smoothly. The day ended on a high note with cheers, celebration, and well-deserved recognition for both individual and team achievements.



We're already looking forward to an even bigger and better Sports Day in 2026!



BANK OF ENGLAND TALK: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF MONEY

Some students have been exploring the evolving role of payment technologies in today's economy. A highlight of their learning experience was a visit from Bank of England Ambassador, Supeakcha Maskey, who delivered a fascinating and insightful talk. Supeakcha's session covered a range of topics, from the history of the Bank of England and the development of banknotes to the future of digital payments. She also shared her own career journey at the Bank, offering students an inspiring and personal perspective on working in the financial sector.



The session began with an interactive quiz on payment methods in the UK, where Salma (8J) impressed everyone by correctly answering all the questions. Well done, Salma! During a discussion on the history of banknotes, Suhieb (8H) sparked an engaging conversation when he asked about the meaning behind the phrase found on all notes: "I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of..." His curiosity led to a lively discussion about the symbolic and practical significance of money. When the concept of inflation was introduced, Daryush (7K) cleverly used the example of a "Freddo chocolate bar" to explain how prices change over time, a memorable and relatable illustration that resonated with the group. Students were also introduced to the idea of a Digital Pound and its potential impact on the way we manage and transfer money, a topic they explored with great interest and thoughtful questions.

As the talk drew to a close, Supeakcha asked about the qualifications needed for a career at the Bank of England. Supeakcha highlighted the importance of strong academic performance, particularly in English and maths, as well as choosing subjects that align with one's interests and strengths. She also emphasised the value of communication, teamwork, and other key soft skills in the workplace.

We are incredibly grateful to Supeakcha Maskey for her time, knowledge, and inspiration. Her visit helped students make meaningful connections between what they're learning in class and the real-world workings of the economy and left many feeling motivated about their future careers.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE TESTIMONIALS

As part of the Year 12 work experience programme, students had the opportunity to explore different career paths and gain insight into real working environments. Below are reflections from Kiara and Rihanna, who undertook placements in education and healthcare settings. Their experiences helped them develop key skills such as communication, patience, and adaptability, while also informing their future career aspirations.

Kiara: For my work experience I worked at Mayfield primary school, where I spent the week working alongside a year 3 class helping out in their lessons as well as carrying out admin tasks around the school for different teachers. My time spent there taught me the importance of time management as well as front and backstage behaviour, particularly when working with children. I also learnt patience, communication skills, and adaptability in a dynamic learning environment.

Rihanna: I observed and assisted in varicose vein surgery removal. I learned about veins and how to treat them, and watched an operation happening, which was very interesting. This was useful insight into how the NHS operates and the realities of being a specialist nurse. I'm unsure what I want to do for a career, so this was helpful to understand such a large and influential UK employer.

Rihanna: I was a child minder at my old nursery. I learned a valuable lesson in patience and empathy with young children. I would like to work with kids, but after this experience I feel I might be better suited with slightly older children and for my next work experience or job I will work with older children. This aligns with my potential future career of nursing.



DRAYTON MANOR STUDENTS ATTEND SUPERMAN RED CARPET PREMIERE!



A group of Year 10 students who recently completed Work Experience with Warner Brothers got treated by the organisation to a very special experience where they got to walk the red carpet at the Leicester Square premiere with the main cast and Directors present.

Students were then lucky enough to watch a screening of film highlights followed by a Question-and-Answer session with the film's Director, James Gunn and Producer, Peter Safran, as well as members of the cast, including David Corenswet (Superman/Clark Kent), Rachel Brosnahan (Lois Lane) And Nicholas Hoult (Lex Luthor). It was a truly inspiring experience for all who attended. The cast spoke candidly about their experiences during the making of the film and about what the movie and the story of Superman meant to them.



BECOME AN ALUMNI AMBASSADOR AND INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

We are at a pivotal and exciting stage in our journey as a school community, building meaningful, lasting connections with our alumni. As we grow this network, we are proud to launch our Alumni Ambassador programme. We are seeking passionate former students who want to give back, share their experiences, and make a difference to the life of the school. Whether you left last year or decades ago, your journey matters.

As an Alumni Ambassador, you will act as a bridge between the school and its alumni community, helping to support current students through mentoring, events, outreach, and more. This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the life of the school, inspire young people, and strengthen the legacy of our alumni family.

Join us. Be part of the next chapter. All prospective Alumni Ambassadors will be subject to relevant safer recruitment and safeguarding checks, as the safety and wellbeing of our students is central to everything we do.

Click [here](#) for an application pack and to find out more

