

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
24 NOVEMBER TO 28 NOVEMBER 2025**

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Events	Dates
Year 10 Parents Success Evening (5.00-6.00pm)	27 Nov
Staff Training Day (no school for students)	28 Nov
Year 9 Workshop	3-4 Dec
Royal Albert Hall Christmas Concert	4 Dec
PTA Quiz and Curry Night	5 Dec
Year 12 St George's University Exploring Medicine talk	9 Dec
Christmas Concert (6:00-8:00pm)	10 Dec
Year 13 Winter Party Care Home Visit	15 Dec
Year 7 Pantomime Trip (provisional dates)	16-17 Dec
END OF TERM	19 Dec

1. YEAR 10 PARENTS' SUCCESS EVENING

The Year 10 Success Evening will take place on Thursday 27 November at 5:00pm. This evening will offer valuable insights into school life, introduce you to your child's Tutor, and highlight the positive progress of the year group. Please note that this event is for parents only, kindly register your attendance by clicking [this link](#). Later in the year, there will also be a Parents' Evening where you and your child can meet with subject teachers to discuss academic progress.

2. STAFF TRAINING DAY ON 28 NOVEMBER

Please note that Friday 28 November will be a staff training day. Students will not have school on this day and should not attend. Classes will resume as normal on Monday 1 December.

3. PTA QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT ON 5 DECEMBER

All parents, teachers and students, with a special welcome to Year 7 parents, are invited to a nail-biting, toe-curling quiz designed to entertain, enlighten and provide an evening of great fun.

Come and meet fellow parents and pit your wits against them! Curry supper included. Please feel free to bring your own drinks, soft drinks and crisps will be available for sale. All for £13 per person! All proceeds to Drayton Manor students via the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA).

Please fill in the form below and return it with ticket money to Student Reception by Monday 1 December, or pay via ticket source using the link below. For any questions, please email PTA@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk for more information. We will allocate people into teams, unless you bring enough friends and family with you to form a whole team (six to eight people). We look forward to seeing you.

Tickets: [PTA Quiz and a Curry at Drayton Manor High School event tickets](#)

4. FLU VACCINATIONS – 3 DECEMBER

The Ealing Vaccinations Team will be visiting our school 3 December (Year 9-11 and to Year 7-8 and anyone who missed the first event) to offer flu vaccinations to students. This is a free and optional service provided through the NHS, designed to help protect young people from the flu. Families can choose between two vaccine types

- Nasal spray vaccine (needle-free)
- Injection vaccine (pork-free and gelatine-free)

To provide consent, parents must sign up via the Vaccinations Portal:

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/ealing>

If you have questions about the vaccination or the consent process, you can email:

ealing@v-uk.co.uk



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SHOULD MY CHILD HAVE THE NASAL FLU SPRAY?

Influenza (or flu) is a common and highly infectious disease caused by different strains of the Influenza virus.

Each year vaccines are updated so that they protect against the commonest strains of flu, **saving thousands of lives.**

A flu vaccine can reduce the risk of your child getting sick by **30-60%**, and prevent children being admitted to hospital because of flu.

It will also reduce the chance of vulnerable people, such as grandparents or those with long term health conditions, getting flu from your child.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF VACCINES IN THE UK THAT PROTECT AGAINST FLU



1. NASAL SPRAY VACCINE

This will be offered to children aged 2-3 years*, most school aged children, and to children of any age with certain long-term health conditions. It is easy and quick to give to children.

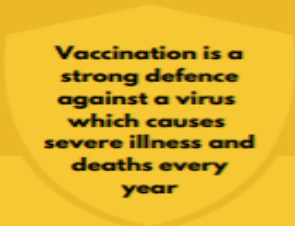
The nasal spray vaccine **contains porcine (pork) gelatine.**



2. INJECTABLE VACCINES

All adults are offered this type of vaccine. Some children who cannot have the nasal spray because it is medically unsuitable will be offered this vaccine.

The injectable vaccines **do not contain porcine derived products.**



Vaccination is a strong defence against a virus which causes severe illness and deaths every year



Children, pregnant women, and any adults with low immunity or certain health conditions (such as diabetes, heart or lung problems) are at higher risk from getting very sick with flu

Please do not delay a decision to vaccinate.

It is acknowledged by the NHS and public health that groups within British Muslim communities consider any porcine-containing products to be forbidden.

Children whose parents refuse the nasal spray vaccine due to the porcine gelatine content **can request the injectable vaccine as an alternative.** This injection, which is also for adults and elderly, has no porcine gelatine.



Speak to a trusted religious scholar about taking the nasal spray for your child if you have concerns about it's porcine gelatine content.

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* on 31 August before flu vaccinations start in the autumn

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5. SAVE THE DATE – DRAYTON MANOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are excited to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 10 December. Doors open from 5:15pm, and the concert will begin at 6:00pm and finishes at 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you.

6. YEAR 7 SPELLING BEE

At the end of this half term Year 7 will have the opportunity to compete in a Spelling Bee. They will be given 10 words each week to learn. You can support your child at home by learning the words with them and testing them regularly. We look forward to seeing many students participating in this competition in December.

Week 2 words

Eloquent	Fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing.
Vivid	Producing strong, clear images in the mind.
Evocative	Bringing strong memories, feelings or images to the mind.
Ominous	Suggesting that something bad is about to happen.
Serene	Calm, peaceful and untroubled.
Resilient	Able to recover quickly from difficulty or change.
Meticulous	Very careful and precise about details.
Radiant	Shining or glowing brightly; full of happiness.
Formidable	Inspiring fear or respect through being powerful or impressive
Impeccable	Perfect; without fault or error.

7. YEAR 7 PTA VOLUNTEERS

The PTA is always on the lookout for volunteers. If any Year 7 parents are interested in helping or parents from any other Year group, please email PTA@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk to sign up and join the list of parental helpers and support.

8. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: MOCK EXAMS AND WINTER UNIFORM

• Cold weather and PE/Games Kit

With the cold weather setting in, students are reminded that they can wear their white PE top under their Games top to keep warm. Students are also permitted to wear thermal base layers (skins) in plain black, navy or white for outdoor lessons. Gloves may also be worn for the lesson warm-up. For any questions regarding PE or Games kit, please contact a member of PE staff.

• These are Mock Exams, they aren't that serious, are they?

While they are named Mock Exams, they are important. As your child is coming towards the end of their GCSE studies, it is vital that any strengths and development areas are identified to make any interventions as targeted as possible to support them in their studies.

• What do we need to know?

Your child will have received a copy of their timetable; they need to be ready in school to enter the exam in a timely fashion with the equipment needed to take the exam. Teachers will have explained what is needed. They MUST NOT have any mobile phone or any other electronic device, notes or a watch on their person in the exam (even if it is turned off), this will result in disqualification in accordance with JCQ regulations. They should have their pens, pencils and other equipment in a clear pencil case. If they bring in water, the bottle must not have any writing on it. Please ensure they have enough pens (black ink please).

• What if something happens and they miss the exam?

If your child is running late, please let the year team know as soon as possible. If they miss the paper completely e.g., they are ill, please contact the year team with medical evidence. If possible, we will re-schedule the missed paper. Please be aware this would not be allowed in the real exams. If a paper is missed in the external examinations, this cannot be sat the next day.

- **What type of coat is allowed as part of the uniform?**

Students are required to wear plain black or dark blue coats without any logos. Kindly note that we do not encourage parents to purchase expensive coats, affordable options can be found at popular retail stores such as Tesco and ASDA.

9. PARENT GOVERNOR

As you will have seen from previous bulletins, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The recruitment process is now open. [Click here](#) to find a letter from The Head outlining further details. The deadline for applications is Monday 8 December.

10. FAMILY SERVICE FAIR

We are pleased to invite all families to our upcoming Family Services Fair, an event designed to connect our school community with a range of local support services. Wednesday 3 December - Sixth Form centre - Drop by anytime between 4-7pm

This event will feature:

- Ten community organisations offering information and support
- Informational sessions run by local experts
- Live music performances and art displays
- Complimentary refreshments
- Lots of raffle prizes to be won!
- Interactive activities led by students
- A pre-loved uniform sale coordinated by the PTA
- Opportunities to meet school staff and other families

We encourage all families to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the services available in our community. The link to confirm your attendance can be found here: [Drayton Manor's Family Services Fair – Fill out form](#)




FAMILY SERVICES FAIR

Free entry!

Join us for an inclusive
 and informative event featuring:
Community Support Stalls

- **QPR Football Club** – Mentoring and enrichment programmes for students
- **Circle Café (via MIND)** – Mental health resources and crisis support
- **CAMHS Ambassadors** – Mental health guidance and student-led insight
- **School Nurse (NHS)** – Health advice and medical needs support
- **West Side Youth Centre** – Local youth services available in Ealing
- **Ealing Family Information Service (FIS), Early Help (EHAP) and Ealing Parenting Service** – Advice on childcare, education, and family support
- **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)** – Early intervention for anxiety and low mood
- **Contact** – Support for families with SEND children
- **Here4You Counselling** – In school counselling and emotional support for young people
- **PTA** – Family partnership, fundraising, and support for school activities
- **Mencap** – Services and advocacy for people with learning disabilities and their families
- **Ealing Carers** – Guidance, respite, and practical support for unpaid carers in the community
- **Southall Black Sisters** – Advocacy and support for women facing domestic or cultural challenges
- **Women's and Girls Network** – Specialist support for survivors of gender-based violence, including counselling and advocacy

Plus
 A variety of enrichment, sports, literacy and other clubs at Drayton Manor High School and in Ealing
Live Music & Art displays
Information sessions (4.30, 5.15 and 6pm)
Fun activities led by students for Parents
Children's Area
Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Opportunities to meet school staff and other families.
Raffle prizes


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11. UNIFORM AND SCHOOL COAT DONATIONS

We would be grateful for any donations of school uniform, PE kit, or school coats over the coming weeks. Please feel free to ask your child to deliver any donations to the Students' Reception. Many thanks for your assistance.

12. GROWING CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUBS

We are currently growing our crochet and knitting club project at lunch time. If you have any donations of wool or yarn or if you have any expertise, please get in touch.



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