



NEW YEAR - A TIME TO REFLECT AND PLAN AHEAD

During the first half of the Spring term, students have been working exceptionally hard and taking advantage of the wider life of the school. It has been wonderful to start to get trips and visits up and running and we have plenty of exciting activities planned for the term ahead. Our students continue to rise to the highest expectations set of them and we are grateful to our community for their ongoing support. We hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic work of our students.

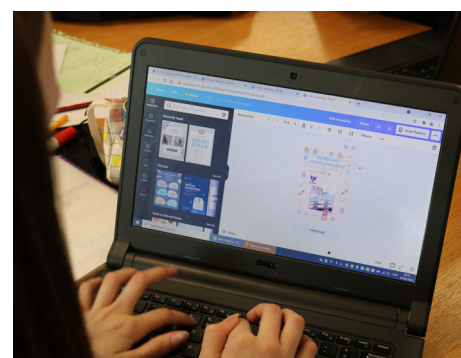
in working towards a personal goal. Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:



- Christopher 7J
- Matilda 7H
- Minnie 7I
- Ayesha 7F
- Malak 10J

Together with the four Draytonian Award winners, Spirit of Endeavour Award winners were invited to attend a breakfast celebration with the Head Teacher where they had a chance to speak about their achievements, their aspirations for their studies and share their ideas for future school activities.

The majority of activities were planned and coordinated by our Student Wellbeing Ambassadors with the assistance of staff. Particular thanks and congratulations to Thaleise and Tiyonne in Year 12 who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and support to the events taking place during the week.



THE DRAYTONIAN AWARD



The Draytonian Award is usually presented to one student at Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 who embodies the ethos of the school – Ambition, Character and Civic Virtue. We are pleased to announce the following winners. Each winner attended a special ceremony to receive their Draytonian Award badge and a certificate from the Head Teacher. The Draytonian Award winners:
Astrid 7F
Prince 9G
Seth 10F
Sarah13.5

SPIRIT OF ENDEAVOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to five students who received the Spirit of Endeavour Awards which recognised their hard work and determination

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week was 'Growing Together'. We hosted a week of activities for students, parents and staff between 7 and 11 February.



Daily Acts of Kindness Charts

During Children's Mental Health Week, we invited students to record their acts of kindness towards others. We have been reviewing these and next half term, we will celebrate the wonderful acts of kindness taking place.



Lunch time music concerts

On Wednesday 9 February we were delighted to hold our first Lunchtime music event in two years. These events are a wonderful way to share and showcase the hard work that often goes on behind the scenes for students in their music lessons as well as to inspire future performers. This concert was a particularly special event, as we timed it to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week



in order to raise money for the charity iHeart, an educational mental health and well-being charity from North London, and to promote wellbeing and the positive benefits of music across the school.

We heard performances from students in years 7-10, including some beautiful piano playing and a very exciting solo double bass finale. Over 70 students come to watch the performances in their lunchtime and formed a supportive audience.



On Friday 11 February, the Sixth Form band also entertained students in Year 7 to 9 and members of the Sixth Form in an outdoor concert on the piazza. They played a range of pieces which were well received by the audience! Lunchtime concerts are proving a big hit with our students so we will be introducing more of them throughout the year.

Drayton Manor Biscuit Decoration Competition

Forty young chefs from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in a biscuit decorating competition to showcase their creative talents. They worked in pairs to decorate biscuits using icing sugar and their Easter-themed decorative designs were simply stunning. They enjoyed the activity and made new friends in their year groups. Well-being Ambassadors in Year 8 played a crucial role in organising the event.

Movie night

On Wednesday 9 February, Wellbeing Ambassadors and students from across the year groups came together to champion resilience and wellbeing by watching 'Freedom Writers'. They enjoyed the film very much and said they learned that determination and resilience were key tenets in helping them thrive and overcome adversity. Well done to all students involved in organising the film screening. All money raised will be donated to iHeart.

Parent event

On Thursday 10 February, our Wellbeing Ambassadors hosted a Parent and Staff Event at the school Hall with around 100 parents in attendance.



We are aware that during what continues to be uncertain and challenging times, children may experience a heightened sense of worry, stress and anxiety and it is often difficult to know what to do to help them or others who we can see are struggling. We invited Dr Aoife Jenkinson from the Educational Psychology service who works at the school to share a presentation to support parents and their child. In addition, the Wellbeing Ambassadors delivered a short presentation on their research on online safety.

The Drayton Manor Cookbook Relaunch

The Drayton Manor Cookbook is back! During the lockdown, we began collecting recipes of dishes cooked by students, parents and the staff. This year, we would like to finish the book and arrange for the book to be sold in order to raise money for charity. We will be inviting families to share their favourite recipes. More details will be announced soon.

CAREERS

It was a busy half term for Careers at Drayton Manor. We hosted four Careers Insight assemblies and seven parents of current students to speak to a range of students from Years 8 to 13.

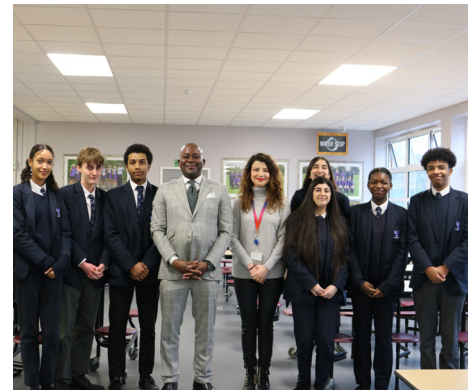


The guest speakers were professionals from the worlds of Law, Marketing, Events, Psychology and TV production. They shared their career stories with students and provided them with insights on how to embark on a



range of different career pathways. A big thank you to the following parents! Mrs J Batalona, Mrs A Power, Mrs L Howard, Mr Z Khan, Mrs J Duckworth, Ms S Grewal, Mr D Wise.

Alumnus Rebecca Banovic



We welcomed back alumnus Rebecca Banovic to give an inspiring talk to our GCSE students. Rebecca was a Sixth Form student at Drayton Manor and is now a producer at Sky News. Ambition, hard work and respect for others were the focal points of her talk. She said she never believed working at Sky News would be possible, but hard work and determination have been central to her achieving this goal. She encouraged students to work hard but also to show humility in all that they do. Character matters!

We also hosted an assembly for Year 12 students to learn about career opportunities from the Uptree company and a presentation from The Prince's Trust for some students. In the second half of the spring term, we will be organising careers events and trips for students from different year groups. We will share updates with you soon.

Parents and Carers, if you think you may be able to help with talks or workshops on careers or wider life experiences in the future, please contact our school Career Coordinator Mr Vvedenskiy via email at eve@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk

COMPETITIONS

The Oxford University Computing Challenge 2022

On Tuesday 8 February, seven Year 9 and 10 students were invited to take part in the first round of the Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC). Students who have



achieved a top 10% percent score in the UK Bebras Challenge can join the competition. OUCC is a national competition which aims to develop students' computing skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. The computational thinking and programming tasks that made up the competition were of a very high standard and the following students did extremely well to qualify and prepare for this event. Results of the competition will be announced soon and we wish them every success. Alexandros 9E, Zishan 9E, Barney 9F, Aaron 9J, Yu 9J, Sahil 9L, Alexander 10L.

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Thursday 3 February, Year 9, 10 and 11 students sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC) 2022. Out of a total 80 students that participated in the challenge, there were 25 students from Year 9, 25 students from Year 10 and 30 students from Year 11.

The UKMT Challenges are held in high regard nationally. A huge thank you to the Maths team for running the IMC. We look forward to seeing the results from our students.

A DAY TRIP TO SPANISH SCHOOL

Fifteen Year 10 students spent a day at the renowned Vicente Cañada Blanch Spanish School in Portobello. The trip gave our students the opportunity to immerse themselves in an authentic day at a Spanish school while practising the language and learning about the culture.



During the visit our students carried out different activities, quizzes, and attended classes alongside the Spanish students. At the end of the school day our students enjoyed a delicious Mediterranean lunch in the canteen before being dismissed by the Head of the school and making their way back to Hanwell.

DIGITAL SURGERY WITH JAMES MURRAY MP



On Tuesday 25 January, our A-Level Politics students were invited to attend a digital surgery with James Murray, MP for Ealing North. The digital surgery provided our students with an excellent opportunity to learn about James Murray's inspiration for getting involved in politics.

SPORTS FIXTURES HIGHLIGHTS

Netball

The Year 9 netball team attended the Borough tournament on Monday 17 January. The girls played well and made it through to the finals. However, they lost to a strong Cardinal Wiseman team and placed fourth overall.

The Year 7 netball tournament held on Tuesday 18 January was a big success with over 30 students attending to represent their House teams. The competition was exciting with most matches concluding with a close score line. In the end, two teams were tied on points for first place and two teams for third place. Phoenix were the winners with seven goals overall. Griffin placed second, Pegasus placed third, and Caladrius placed fourth.

Football

The Under 15 Girls football team had a clinical performance throughout the 7-a-side Borough tournament. They were unbeaten through the round-robin stage with no goals conceded. In the final, they faced off against hosts Northolt High School and convincingly beat them 2-0 to take home the gold medals.



Some other sporting highlights include:

Year 9/10 Girls Football Tournament at Northolt	First Place
Year 9 Girls Netball Tournament at Greenford	Semi-finalist
Year 8 Girls Netball v Twyford	Win 5-9
Year 7 Girls A v Brentside	Win 3-14
Year 7 Girls B v Brentside (Friendly)	Win 1-10
Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament at Ealing Fields	First Place
Senior Girls Netball v Elthorne Park	Win 4-26
2nd XI Football v University College School (Friendly match)	Draw
Senior Boys Basketball v Phoenix Academy (London Youth Games)	Win 12-30
Junior Boys Basketball v Ealing Fields	Win 41-15
Under 13 Girls Football Tournament at Brentside	Semi-finalist
Under 13 Girls Middx Cup Quarter Final v Elthorne Park	Win 1-0
Senior Boys Basketball v Holland Park (Last 16 LYG)	Win 42-38
Under 13 Girls Futsal Tournament at Ada Lovelace	Winner

HOUSE FOOTBALL

Boys Year 7 & 8 Inter-House 6-a-side Football results. Congratulations to all those who represented their house and competed in the Boys 6-a-side Inter-House Football Event. Students were a credit to their house and year teams. Well done. The competition was incredibly close, particularly the Year 8 competition where the top two teams were only split by goal difference!

The results are in....

Year 7	Year 8
1 Pegasus	1 Phoenix
2 Griffin	2 Caladrius
3 Caladrius	3 Griffin
4 Phoenix	4 Pegasus

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We look forward to sharing more news with you after half term. Enjoy the break!



PARENT BULLETIN

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.
Please [click here](#) for details.

Half term break (14-18 February)

Students will return to school on Monday 21 February.

Events

Year 9 Careers Taster Day
Period 1 - 6
Wednesday 23 February

Year 12 Parents' Evening
4.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 24 February

Uxbridge College Presentation for Year 11
Friday 25 February (Assembly)

COVID-19 vaccination invitation from NHS
North West London

NHS North West London is inviting families to get Covid-19 vaccination during this half term break. Please check the details of the letter previously sent.

