

**WEEKLY PARENT & CARER BULLETIN
31 MARCH – 4 APRIL 2025
KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD**

Events	Dates
Year 13 Mocks end	1/3/2025
END OF TERM	7– 21/ 04/2025

1. END OF SPRING TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that Student dismissal will begin at 12.00pm with Year 7 students and end at 12.20pm with Year 11 students. Senior staff members will be present to supervise and ensure that students are dismissed safely and in an orderly manner. Students will be guided by their teachers to designated dismissal points. Clear instructions will be given to ensure a smooth and safe process. We request that parents adhere to the scheduled dismissal times to ensure the process is safe and orderly for all students. After-school clubs and activities will not be available on the last day of term. All students should be picked up or leave school premises promptly after dismissal. If you have any questions or need further information, please send an email to adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk.

2. EALING BOOK FESTIVAL AND ILLUSTRATION WINNERS

We are delighted to announce that our students have been shortlisted for a prize in the Ealing Book Festival Illustration/Poetry Competition. The award ceremony will take place on Friday 25 April 2025, at 4.30pm, in the Soanes Garden Room, Pitzhanger Manor and Gallery, Ealing Green. The winning entries will be featured on the Ealing Book Festival website and social media and used for printed library cards. A group photo will also be taken at the event. We are proud of our students' achievements and look forward to celebrating with them!

3. HOUSE SYSTEM FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We are incredibly proud that our students regularly undertake work to support charities and the wider community. The school is currently undertaking a collection of food for the Food Bank to support the less fortunate. We kindly ask for donations of UHT whole milk, tinned meat, tinned fruit or vegetables, and instant coffee. Students should deposit any donations at Student Reception in the relevant House collection area. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for helping us make a positive impact in our community.

4. RECEIVING IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

We are aware that some Parents may have unintentionally 'unsubscribed' from the school's communications system, which means you could be missing important updates. If you have not received any messages from us recently, please contact us at adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk so we can check the system and, with your consent, resubscribe you. As key information such as trip details, consent forms, exam updates, and parents' evening links are primarily shared via the system, we kindly encourage all parents to remain subscribed to stay informed.

5. REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

To report your child's absence or lateness, please use the approved channels, which are the MyEd App or by emailing studentabsence@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk. Unfortunately, phone calls or voicemails cannot be accepted for reporting absences. Kindly refrain from reporting absences to adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk If you are unfamiliar with the MyEd App, [click here](#) for a guide to help you navigate it. The app includes a messaging feature for easy reporting, and the school will respond if any additional information is required.

LIBRARY AND CAREERS:

6. NEW VOCABULARY INITIATIVE - WEEKLY SPELLING PRACTICE

This week our students received a list of 30 keywords, along with associated link words, for both you and your child to practise at home. This initiative will culminate in a Spelling Bee competition at the end of each half term, where the top spellers will compete to be crowned the House Spelling Bee winner. We kindly ask that you take some time each week to go through the 30 keywords with your child in preparation for the competition [here](#).

PASTORAL

7. VACCINATION CATCH UP CLINICS (YEAR 9)

Year 9 students are being offered the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations, which are often required for university entry. If your child has not yet received these or if you are unsure, please check with your GP or refer to your child's red book. To book an appointment, please visit [this link](#) to secure a spot at a local clinic. The catch-up clinics will take place on Thursday 3 April 2025 from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at Brabazon Community Centre Hounslow and on Tuesday 8 April 2025 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Please ensure your child is booked in if they have not had these vaccinations yet.

ENRICHMENT, CLUBS AND TEAMS:

8. SPRING TERM ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Parents can now view the Spring Enrichment Clubs by clicking [on this link](#). Explore the exciting range of activities available for students this term and encourage your child to get involved!

9. EXCITING SPORTS CAMPS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for a fun and active way to keep your child engaged during the holidays? Ealing Trailfinders offers a range of sports camps led by expert coaches, including rugby, girls' rugby, football, netball, multisport, and specialised rugby masterclasses. Open to children aged 6-16, these camps provide a fantastic mix of skill development, teamwork, and confidence-building in a safe and friendly environment. Whether your child wants to improve their game or try something new, there's a camp for them! For more details and to book, visit [Ealing Trailfinders Camps](#).

10. BRENTFORD FC CST EASTER MULTISPORT CAMP

Brentford FC CST is excited to host 3-day Multisport Camps at Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub this Easter! Open to children from Reception to Year 8, the camps offer a variety of sports, including gymnastics, football, basketball, badminton, and dance. Sessions run from 9:30am to 3:30pm, with two weeks available – 9 -11 April and 15 to 17 April. Prices start at £35 per day or £100 for all three days, with sibling discounts available. Secure your child's spot now: [Brentford FC CST Booking](#).

11. NETBALL CLUB – LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL SESSIONS

Lunchtime Netball Club runs every Tuesday on the Astro for all students. Year 7 to 9 students can participate from 11.30am to 12.15pm and Year 9 to 10 students from 12.30pm to 1.15pm. Encourage your child to join, bring their trainers, develop their skills, and enjoy playing! After-school Netball Training takes place on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 4.45pm with Coach Lisa for Year 8 to 10 students, following from the lunchtime sessions. Additionally, a netball club will run at the same time for any enthusiastic Year 7 to 10 students. This will be the Final session of the term for next week.

12. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Why am I not receiving messages from the school?

You may have unintentionally unsubscribed from the school's communications system. If you have not received any updates from us recently, this might be the reason.

How can I ensure I start receiving messages from the school again?

If you have not received recent messages, please contact us directly at adminoffice@draytonmanorhighschool.co.uk. We will check the system and, with your consent, resubscribe you to the mailing list.

What kind of information does the school send via email?

We send out important updates such as details about school trips, consent forms, exam information, parents' evening links, and other crucial communications.

Is there anything I should do to prevent missing important information?

To stay informed, we kindly encourage all parents to remain subscribed to our communications system. This will ensure you receive the most up-to-date and important school information.

13. TOP TIPS

Today's top tips from the National College focuses on managing what your children watch on television. It looks at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as unrated content, screen time and inappropriate material.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recordings. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unsuitable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, so check your TV or PVRs manual for full details. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme as it's broadcast. If a show is unrated or has an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky+ HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to remove Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to buy anything or for pre-watershed playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after 8pm, requiring a PIN to watch. You can also block programmes based on ratings, although this feature only works for programmes with correct ratings, so some shows may slip through. Sky Q owners have the more powerful Kids Safe Mode, which locks the system to show only kid-safe material. This includes locking the list of viewable channels and filtering recordings to only those suitable for children. Kids Safe Mode can be enabled either on the main box or on the Sky Q Mini boxes that you might have elsewhere in your home.

INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN: U, PG, 12, 15 and 18. Settings apply to all devices (bar the Xbox 360, Wii U and Fire TV, which have their own settings), but you can opt-out devices of your choosing in the settings. For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

NETFLIX

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much.

ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main websites. Controls work across all devices signed into your account. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance by the BBC. ITV Hub parental controls let you PIN protect for content with a G-rating (a guidance rating). For All 4, you can choose to protect programmes rated 16+ or 18+. If you use My5, you can set up a PIN to protect against anyone watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of two levels: all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using the internet or watching TV shows. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computer, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that runs on the router, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!

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