



ETHIC OF EXCELLENCE



Ethic of Excellence Awards were given to students for praiseworthy effort and achievement over a sustained period of time (typically minimum of a half term), though they may sometimes be used for one-off displays of excellence.

CAREER TALK BY AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST, PAUL BRAND



On Friday 20 October, the school hosted an exciting talk with award winning journalist, Paul Brand to hear about his career in journalism. Paul is editor at ITV News UK, and has been at the frontline of delivering the stories you may have seen in the news or read online. Paul was awarded the Political Journalist of 2023 for his work reporting on the impact of COVID-19 in care homes. From reporting live as the EU referendum votes were being collected, to being central to breaking news stories of the pandemic, Paul is one of the top political journalists of his generation, and it was a great privilege for our students to hear from him. He shared remarkable insights into the world of journalism as well as his journey from the classroom to the newsroom.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month across the school. Students have enjoyed a wide range of activities across the curriculum. These have included an Art competition, a BHM-inspired sonnet performance in drama and a BHM-inspired History Literature club in which students read excerpts from David Olusoga's book, Black and British a forgotten History. Mr Bonecki led a series of assemblies in which he discussed the history of Black History month in the United States and the United Kingdom before outlining how and why the history of black and white Britons have been intimately entwined for centuries. Our students engaged enthusiastically with Mr Bonecki's presentation.

As October comes to a close, we will be rounding off our celebrations with a series of reflective assemblies, including some special musical performances. In addition, we look forward to sharing and celebrating students' contributions to the competitions that have taken place.

HOUSE MERITS

Students across the school have been working hard to collect House points for demonstrating great Ambition, Character and Civic Virtue. Congratulations to Pegasus who are currently in the lead! Remember that it is still very early in the year so there is lots of time to earn those House points!

	Ambition	Character	Civic Virtue	Total
Caladrius	1432	211	138	1781
Griffin	1588	384	163	2135
Pegasus	1845	347	281	2473
Phoenix	1207	219	104	1530

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

Year 12 students were visited by Transport for London, who came to school to launch the TfL Innovate Challenge, and to share the variety of apprenticeship routes they offer. Students received valuable advice on how they can enhance their applications and further improve their chances of success.

PE AND SPORTS



The PE Faculty is pleased to have been able to start up their extracurricular programme of activities this term.

Students have been eager to take the opportunity to improve their skills in clubs for Football, Basketball, Netball and Rugby. The clubs are very well attended, especially football which has over 100 students attending each week.

On Thursday 5 October, Drayton Manor athletes competed in the Ealing Schools Cross Country championships at Berkeley Playing Fields. It was a dry and sunny day with good conditions for competition.

The following students had notable performances:

- Naimah 10F – 1st place (Year 9 & 10 girls)
- Sofia 8G – 1st place (Year 7 & 8 Girls)
- Dilan 11J – 4th place (Year 11 & 12 Boys)
- Mabel 10G – 5th place (Year 9 & 10 Girls)
- Jonathan 8K – 8th place (Year 7 & 8 Boys)
- Alejandro 10I – 8th place (Year 9 & 10 Boys)
- Owen 7I – 10th place (Year 7 & 8 Boys).

The athletes' performances on the day meant that Drayton Manor High School secured 3rd place overall in the Borough. Congratulations to all our athletes!

VISIT FROM RICHARD KORNICKI, DEPUTY LIEUTENANT OF GREATER LONDON

Richard Kornicki is the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for Ealing and Greater London and the Chairman of the Polish Air Force Memorial Committee. On Thursday 5th October Mr Kornicki visited our school to share a fascinating talk.

In the talk, Mr Kornicki told students about the role of the Polish Air Force from 1939 to 1945, with a particular focus on the 303 (Polish) Squadron flying from RAF Northolt during the Battle of Britain. He shared archival



and personal photographs of his late father, Franciszek Kornicki, the last surviving Polish fighter squadron commander from the Second World War.

It was a moving and enlightening talk that deepened students' understanding of the efforts of the British Allies in World War 2. Students engaged enthusiastically with Mr Kornicki's presentation, with many staying behind to ask probing questions, and thanking him for visiting our school.

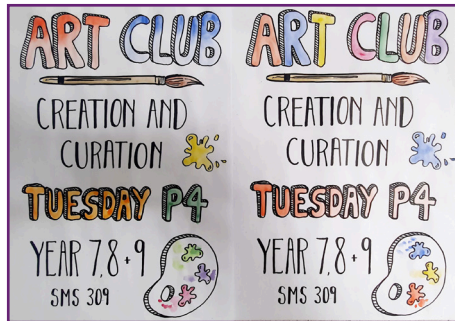
ASSEMBLY

Mr Gray had the pleasure in delivering a recycling Assembly to every Year group, sharing information about recycling initiatives by businesses.

Aldi, for example, have reduced the amount of plastic used in their packaging. Cadbury's have placed a QR code onto some of their products directing the consumer to a mobile-friendly platform.

Snacking Right offers consumers up-to-date recycling and packaging disposal details, showcasing the company's commitment to sustainable snacking and responsible sourcing. Students were taught how to identify the different types of recycling logos, as well as simple steps in how to reduce their carbon footprint at home.

CREATION AND CURATION ART CLUB



The first half of this term has seen the start of a new art club called 'Creation and Curation'. This exciting new club is an opportunity for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to make art and curate what and how work is displayed around the school!

It is still in its early stages, and the club's numbers are slowly growing as word gets around. So, watch this space! Art will soon be seen popping up around the school!

EALING COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Students have been busy making Christmas Cards for the Ealing Council Christmas Card Competition. Is it too early to be talking about Christmas? We think not! Entries have been

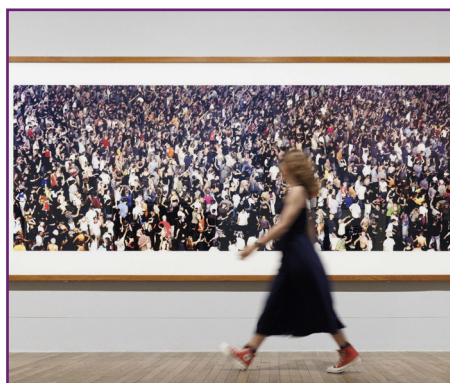
coming in thick and fast and we wish all our entrants the best of luck.



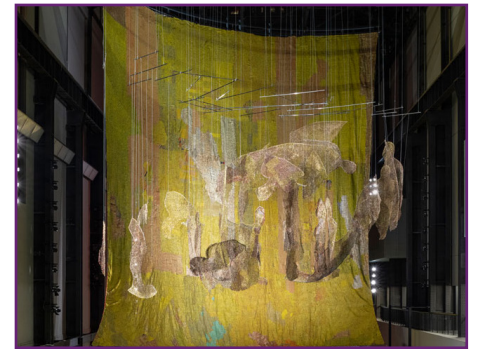
RECYCLING WEEK "THE BIG RECYCLING HUNT"

This year Recycling Week (16-22 October) focused on items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home. Celebrating its 20th anniversary of getting communities involved in the mission to reduce waste, students showed fantastic ambition in learning about common misconceptions of recycling during their assemblies. After learning about recycling, students have formed an Eco-Club, and they are very motivated to model what a sustainable citizen looks like in our world. We look forward to seeing the Eco-Club flourish and make an impact towards a greener world.

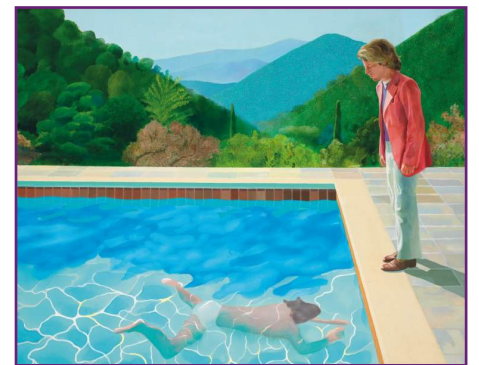
ART EXHIBITION



On Friday 13th October, 18 6th Form art and photography students visited the Tate Modern to see the curated exhibition 'Capturing the Moment'. The exhibition explores the relationship between painting and photography, and shows the work of important artists and photographers, many of which students recognised and are present in their projects already.



For many it was their first experience in an art gallery and the works on display did not disappoint.



The iconic Turbine Hall space had students in awe, while Duchamp's urinal had them scratching their heads and questioning what art can or should be!

Overall, an inspiring trip with highly positive reviews from all who attended!

BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP (FIELD REPORT FROM ZAKARIA, YEAR 13)

We visited Epping Forest to complete the assessed field study for our Biology A-Level. Our two-day trip gave us the opportunity to work with expert ecologists in real-life scenarios and use the equipment we've been learning about such as quadrats and transect lines. Working in groups, we investigated a hypothesis of our choice and used this data to write a paper on what we found. This allowed us to apply our knowledge in an interactive manner and further our understanding of different concepts, whilst getting a well-deserved break from the classroom. It was an extremely fulfilling experience and one I'm glad I was a part of.

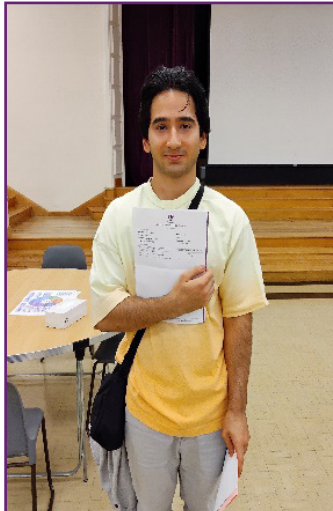
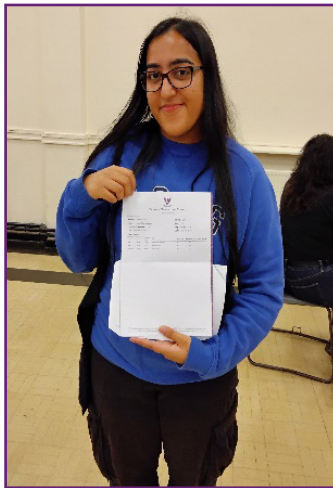


EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to our phenomenal students. Congratulations to our Year 13 and Year 11 students on their excellent Exam results! Our wonderful A-level students secured 29% of Grades at A* - A and 56% of Grades at A* - B. These results are provisional and do not include remarks. There were so many success stories and we'd encourage you to look at our University Destinations map to take a look at the fantastic destinations our students ended

up at with many students heading off to study at Russell Group Destinations including Oxford and Cambridge and pursuing a wide range of programmes including Dentistry, Pharmacy, Archaeology and Computer Science. Our fabulous Year 11 students performed at an excellent standard. The school's GCSE Progress 8 Score puts the school around the top 7% of state schools nationally (including those of a selective nature) at +0.67 with a

92% EBACC entry figure and an Attainment 8 Score of 54.4 (way above the National Average Attainment 8 Score of 46.2 and the Ealing Average of 51.9). Our Year 11 and Year 13 students experienced significant disruption to their education due to the pandemic and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done to everybody for all their hard work!



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2023

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
Management and Information Technology (Industry)

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE
Law

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
History
Psychology

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
Mathematics and Statistics
Computer Science with Industrial Experience (4 years)
Politics, Philosophy and Economics

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
Fashion Buying and Merchandising

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
Chemical Engineering with Foundation Year
Chemical Engineering with Industrial Study
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Biological Sciences
Physical Sciences with Foundation Year

COVENTRY UNIVERSITY
Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence
Law and Practice

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON
Pharmacology (with Foundation Year)
Politics and International Relations

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY
Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
Physics

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY
Journalism, Media and Communications

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
Computer Science
Applied Software Engineering

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
Politics and International Relations

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
Sociology and Modern Languages
Law

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
Computer Science
Geography
Law

UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON
Biomedical Science

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Architecture
Sociology with Criminology

UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON
Computer Science
Computer Science
Business Management and Finance

CITY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Law LLB
Finance (Foundation)
Computer Science
Healthcare: Nursing Associate (Direct Entry)
International Political Economy
Law LLB
Introduction to Health Sciences
Introduction to Health Sciences
Psychology with Criminology
Law LLB

BIMM UNIVERSITY
Popular Music Performance
Popular Music Performance & Songwriting

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON
Chemical Engineering
Economics and Accounting

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY
Psychology
International Law With Professional Experience
Pharmacy MPharm (Foundation)
Pharmacy MPharm (Foundation)
Mechanical Engineering (Auto Engineering) Foundation
Creative and Cultural Industries: Art Direction
Pharmaceutical Science with Regulatory Affairs (with Sandwich Year)

KIN'S COLLEGE LONDON, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Extended Medical Degree Programme
Nursing with Registration as an Adult Nurse
Psychology
English
Chemistry with Biomedicine

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, LONDON UNIVERSITY
Law (Bachelor of Laws)

LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY
Diagnostic Radiography
Chemical Engineering

QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Dentistry
Medicine
Dentistry
Digital and Technology Solutions (Data Analyst) Degree
Apprenticeship
Psychology
Mechanical Engineering with Industrial Experience
Computer Science with Industrial Experience
Mathematics
Economics, Finance and Management
Chemistry
Mathematics
International Relations
Chemical Sciences with Foundation

ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) with a Year-in-Industry
English and Classical Studies
English and Film Studies
Mathematics and Music
English and Philosophy
Law with International Relations with a Year in Industry
Electronic Engineering
Liberal Arts with Integrated Foundation Year
Psychology, Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience

ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Medicine (MBBS)

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM
Primary Education with QTS

SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
History of Art and Japanese
History and Arabic
Accounting and Finance
Law and History

UCL (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON)
Natural Sciences
Natural Sciences
Chemistry

UCFB
Sports Management with Foundation Year

UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH
Architecture

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON
Psychology and Counselling
Computer Science with Foundation
Software Engineering with Foundation
Psychology
Business Management with Foundation
Psychology and Criminology
Pharmacology and Physiology with Foundation
Software Engineering with Foundation
Psychology
Finance

UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON
Interior Design
Psychology
Law

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
Pharmacy

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY
Cyber Security
Sport Business Management
Sport Business Management
Sport Business Management

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
Nursing (Adult)

UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
Marketing

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY
Health and Social Care

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
Computer Science
Mathematics and Economics
American Studies and English

DE MONTFORD UNIVERSITY
MPharm with Year Zero
Health and Wellbeing in Society

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA (UEA)
Psychology with Placement Year
Law

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
History and Politics
Archaeology

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE
Initial Year for Extended Degree
Science- Biomedical and Healthcare Science

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
Economics
Global Sustainable Development
History and Politics

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
Electronic Engineering (Including Foundation Year)

UNIVERSITY OF READING
Physician Associate Studies (MPAS)
Pharmacy
Architectural Engineering
Business and Management with Foundation
Pharmacy

MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY
BSc Biomedical Science
Computer Networks and Security with Foundation year

UNIVERSITY OF KENT
Criminal Justice and Criminology
Law
Marketing with a Foundation Year

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY
Politics and Sociology
International Relations with Foundation Year
Biomedical Science
Economics and Finance with Foundation Year

NEC ASPERA TERRENT



VISIT BY CAPTAIN G. SEARLE

This week Year Twelve were visited by Captain G. Searle, who shared his experiences at Durham University and his career with the British Army and the Nepalese Gurkhas. The students were particularly interested to learn about the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the diverse opportunities a university education offers. Our Nepali students welcomed Captain Searle by preparing a delicious 'dhal baht' which was shared and enjoyed with students and staff in the Sixth Form centre.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH YEAR 12

Year 12 is a very important year for students, as they begin to think hard about their future. We recognise the importance of supporting them to explore all options available to them and work hard to bring guest speakers and informative presentations to help them in this. This half term, and the weeks ahead, are no exception.

FUTURE PLANNING WITH YEAR 13

In the ever-evolving landscape of higher education and career opportunities, it's vital that our students are well-informed and equipped to make the best decisions for their futures. At Drayton Manor, we're proud to have recently hosted a series of discussions and workshops that have provided valuable insights into various industries, offered support for the UCAS application process, and enriched our students' understanding of their future pathways.

Newcastle University Dentistry Workshop

Elayna, representing Newcastle University, delivered a virtual workshop focused on the complexities of the dentistry industry, the university application process, and the support available to prospective students. Elayna's talk provided our students with a comprehensive understanding of what it takes to excel in this field and how to navigate the application process effectively.

VisionPath's Workshop on the Insurance Industry

A career in the insurance industry offers diverse pathways, including sales, underwriting, claims management, and risk assessment. It provides an interesting possible path for those interested in financial security and risk mitigation. As the industry continually evolves with emerging technologies and changing societal needs, insurance professionals play a critical role in safeguarding individuals and businesses against unforeseen challenges.

The team from VisionPath delivered a workshop for our Sixth Form that offered an invaluable glimpse into this industry, giving our students a well-rounded view of potential career opportunities outside the traditional university route.

Following the workshop, Daphne from Year 13 secured a place on the highly competitive VisionPath Discovery Programme. This programme is designed to give students beneficial insights into the world of apprenticeships in the insurance industry and conclude with a day in the iconic Lloyds building.

St. George's, University of London Talk

Matt, a representative from St. George's, University of London, visited our Year 13 students to discuss the application process with our prospective medics ahead of the early entry deadline.

He provided valuable information on how to prepare as a medical student, highlighting the unique aspects and requirements of this educational path, as well as how best to prepare for interviews.

Matt's visit allowed our students to have a clearer picture of what to expect in the months ahead.

In2MedSchool Acceleration Programme Workshop

Paras, a 5th-year medical student from Imperial College, provided our Year 13 students with a workshop as part of the In2MedSchool Acceleration Programme. His expertise and experience in medicine gave our aspiring medical students a unique opportunity to gain insight into the application process and how he navigated his interviews for medical school. Paras shared valuable tips, firsthand encounters, and guidance to help our students succeed as they embark on their journey towards a medical career.

These workshops and programmes have undoubtedly enhanced our students' understanding of the industries they are interested in and provided essential guidance for the UCAS application process.

We are immensely grateful to these speakers for their time, knowledge, and dedication to our students' future success.

We remain firmly committed to ensuring our students are well-prepared for the exciting journey ahead, whatever path they choose to follow, and appreciate the support of all who help us achieve this

ARRIVAL EDUCATION

Arrival Education is a leadership training organisation that helps young people develop the leadership skills they need to create real social impact and change. Arrival has worked with over 10,000 local young people aged 16 to 28 from socially and ethnically diverse backgrounds, offering them exclusive opportunities with some of the best-known companies in the UK.

Students were treated to an informative assembly from Sarah, one of the team at Arrival Education. She talked about the benefits of taking part in the Arrival Community programmes, the importance of networking, and how to prepare for the world of work. Sarah shared how Arrival's program could kick-start a rewarding career in the financial sector, by not only giving them high status work experience, but opening up their networks and giving them the chance to connect with professionals in their industry, building valuable relationships that can open doors in the future, with companies such as Morgan Stanley.

Sarah was joined by one of our current Year 13 students, Husine, who is a shining example of how students can positively benefit from taking part in one of the Arrival programmes. Having had the opportunity to receive mentoring from professionals in his chosen industry, Husine was able to demonstrate how this experience has helped him to develop his skillset as he looks to his next steps after Drayton Manor.

The assembly left students equipped with valuable insights into the development opportunities within the sector and how to apply to one of the Arrival Community programmes. Successful students will be informed of their spots on the three programmes in the coming weeks.

And more to come

Over the coming weeks, Year 12 students will have the opportunity to attend talks with institutions such as Durham University and Oxford Brookes University, who will be visiting the school to discuss the university application process.

Excitingly, we will also be hosting talks with local professionals from an array of industries, such as architecture, publishing, and consultancy. And as students begin to accrue experiences for their CVs and personal statements, Careers platform Springpod will be visiting Drayton Manor to discuss the wide range of virtual work experience opportunities available to our students, with organisations such as Fujitsu, Hachette, IMechE and Volvo.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 12 October, we hosted our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. Our current Sixth Form students eagerly showed 200 prospective students and their parents and carers around the school. The student leadership team gave speeches about their experience of Sixth Form and advice on life at Drayton Manor. Our guests had a wonderful evening and our students' keen involvement helped make our Open Evening a great success.

SIXTH FORM GO ENRICHMENT



Students in Year 13 have started to play the ancient East Asian board game Go. While easy to learn, it is very difficult to master, and students are excited to start an interclub dragon league to see who the strongest player in school really is! Go is a game of life and death, who will come out victorious?

PERFORMANCES AT OPEN EVENING

Our student musicians were once again among the many highlights of the Drayton Manor High School Open Evening this year. Selma and Alexis welcomed visitors to the school hall with entrancing piano performances, including some of Alexis's own original compositions. During the presentation, our Junior Pop Choir, featuring students from years 7-10, treated visitors to a captivating performance of 'Colours of the Wind' from Disney's Pocohontas, accompanied by Zuzanna and Adam. Prince's performance on his double bass stopped visitors in their tracks on the Piazza. The final musical treat in the hall was a lively rendition of 'Sweet Child of Mine' by our Year 8 band. The band was formed at the start of Year 7 by Ms Wickens after the members performed in the House Music Festival individually, some of whom had only just started playing their instruments. The energy and talent displayed by the ensemble on stage was truly impressive.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC

With the warm summer weather continuing into September this year, on Monday 11 September we moved one of the Music Department pianos into the piazza over both lunch periods for students to play. A number of students came to perform, with Selma dazzling the crowd that steadily grew over the course of the lunch period, even taking requests! The event was a huge hit with staff and students alike and we look forward to a repeat when the drier weather returns!

HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Taking place over several days this year, the House Music Festival was once again an impressive display of the wide-ranging musical talents on offer at Drayton Manor High School. From the solo part of an orchestral concerto to a rapped duet from the musical 'Hamilton', it was clear students had put a lot of time and effort into preparing their performances, demonstrating exceptional character and ambition and winning many points in the closely contested House competition. Winners will be announced after the half term break, but we are incredibly proud of all students who took part.

RESULTS FOR SPORTS FIXTURES THIS WEEK.

Date	Fixture	Result
17/10/23	Under 14 Girls Football v Twyford (Borough League)	Win 2-0
18/10/23	Under 18 Boys 2nd IX Football v Greenford (Borough Cup)	Win 1-0
19/10/23	Year 8 Boys Football v Ada Lovelace (Borough League & Cup)	Win 4-2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Parents' Success Evening: This important event will provide you with information on your child's upcoming examinations and the programme of support that is being offered in school, as well as the ways that you can support at home. A letter with details of the event is linked [here](#).

YEAR 7 CONCERT

The Year 7 concert will take place on Wednesday 1 November at 5pm in the school hall. This is an exciting event which features a range of musical performances from some of our Year 7 students, including a choir, soloists, and newly formed ensembles. It is open for all Year 7 parents to attend. We have sent more information via email about this event.

BASKETBALL

U18 Basketball Team vs Bishopshalt school & Haydon school (round robin tournament) Monday 6th November (AWAY). Kick off is at 3.30pm.

AWARDS EVENING

On Wednesday 08 November, between 6pm and 8pm, we will host our Awards Evening in the Hall. We will send you more details about this in the next half term, please save the date.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOOTBALL FIXTURES 2023-24

Please find the schedule for the Extra-curricular Football Fixtures [here](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AUTUMN 2023

Please find the schedule for the Extracurricular Activities Autumn [here](#).

