

# Weekly Vyne Bulletin

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

**Friday 2 November 2018**

Although we did manage the odd warm, sunny day during half term I think that it is fair to say that the winter stretch has begun. It is always nice to gain an extra hour in bed when the clocks go back but that always signals the early sunsets along with the significant drop in temperatures. At this time in the year it is always good to remind our students to be even more vigilant when travelling to and from school particularly if travelling by bicycle or when crossing roads. Lights on bicycles are very important as are elements of reflective clothing.

National Remembrance Day celebrations will be taking place on Sunday 11 November and we will be marking the occasion on Monday 12 November with our ceremony on the school court yard. With the ongoing building project, it will be quite challenging to get all 1300 students and staff into the courtyard but with this year being the 100th Anniversary since the end of WW1 it will be even more meaningful for us to observe Remembrance. In the meantime, poppies will be sold in the school both by members of the Sixth Form leadership team and at the school reception. I would ask that parents and carers reinforce the importance of this event and encourage their child to purchase the poppy if you feel that it is appropriate to do so.

Our annual Year 11 into 12 Options Information Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 6 November. This is likely to be an extremely busy evening as we welcome the majority of our current year 11, as well as visitors from a wide variety of schools in the local area and sometimes beyond. As we have become more successful our Sixth Form numbers have grown significantly and we are very much looking forward to the opportunity to increase our numbers further for September 2019. Doors will open at 6.00pm whereupon families will have the opportunity to visit departments and talk to Subject Teachers and current students about the variety of A-level and level 3 vocational courses. This will be followed at 7.15pm by a talk in the Hall, which will be led by Mrs Harvey and myself. If at all possible, I would suggest that families make every effort to travel to the school in good time as the closure of Breakspear Road South is making travelling into the area in the evening very challenging. We have also made provision for a limited amount of parking on the school site.

Our Year 11 also have their Careers Day this coming Friday, 9 November,

which is part of our extensive Work Related Learning Programme. During the morning the students will be exposed to presentations from a range of professional institutions including Uxbridge College, Brunel University, The Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust, British Airways, Russell-Cooke Solicitors and the Metropolitan Police and will then each experience a one-to-one interview in the afternoon to support the development of the interview skills that all employers demand. To help with the organisation of the event the structure of the day will mean that all students will have their lunch at 12.25pm, which will allow for the mock interviews to take place during the two hours / lessons after the lunch break. A huge thank you to all of the businesses and parents who are supporting us on the day both with the presentations as well as conducting the mock interviews.

It will not be long before the start of the Year 11 trial exam season. This is obviously a very important time of the year for the cohort and I have no doubt that the period will present a significant challenge to many. It is now beyond any doubt that the reformed GCSEs are more challenging in many ways, however, the key issue for many will be the fact that with the significant increase in the reliance on terminal exams students are now required to revise and memorise more information than was the case previously. With this in mind it will be increasingly important that students take the time to regularly summarise their work and units of work using activities such as mindmaps and flashcards. This type of activity allows students to review their learning more frequently rather than trying to re-learn whole specifications in weeks leading up to exams. I would encourage all students to engage in these type of activities in Years 7 through to 13 because, rightly or wrongly, memorising of information, facts and formulae has become an even more critical factor in our assessment systems.

**Gary Mullings, Headteacher**

## Headteacher's Commendations

### **Design & Technology**

8H Youssef Elshakry, Ben Robbins  
8W Taher Arsiwala

### **Pastoral**

8G Phoebe Gardner  
8M Heenam Jeganraj

### **Work Related Learning Day**

8F Abraham Aali, George Alexander,  
Beth Anderson, Jhoban Bains, Stanley Barnes.

## Year 11 CAREERS DAY

**Friday 9 Nov 2018**

The Year 11 Careers Day will take place on Friday 9 November 2018.

An important feature of the day is to provide Year 11 students with a mock job / apprenticeship / college interview. Last year many of you were kind enough to assist with these interviews and it is hoped that once again we can offer every Year 11 student this opportunity.

To ensure the success of this event, we rely on Parents / Carers from a variety of occupations to carry out these interviews, which will take place from 1.15 - 3.30pm on Friday 9 November in the School Hall.

If you are available to assist us by interviewing students, please email your interest to Mr Govender at office@vynersschool.org.uk by Tuesday 6 November, indicating your profession. You will then be contacted with further information.

## REMINDER

Could all parent/carers dropping students off either in the morning or afternoon, please avoid the areas near to both school gates and be considerate towards the local residents. There has been a number of cars recently doing dangerous turns either into the school entrance and then backing out onto the main road, or on and off neighbours driveways causing disruption to the passing traffic which is very busy at both these times of the day. Please be aware that cameras are in action.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE FIGURES

**w/e 19 Oct 18**

### **BEST TUTORIAL - w/e 19 Oct 18**

Year 7 - 7F - 98.19%  
Year 8 - 8M - 97.46%  
Year 9 - 9H - 97.88%  
Year 10 - 10G - 96.97%  
Year 11 - 11H - 96.58%  
Year 12 - 12H - 96.42%  
Year 13 - 13F - 96.15%

### **BEST YEAR GROUP - w/e 19 Oct 18**

Year 7 - 97.17%  
Year 8 - 95.91%  
Year 9 - 95.19%  
Year 10 - 95.67%  
Year 11 - 95.18%  
Year 12 - 95.11%  
Year 13 - 94.04%

