

6th February 2025

Dear parents/carers

**Re: Trust update, spring half term 1**

- Vyners Ofsted inspection

As many parents and carers will be aware, Vyners had a two-day section 8 Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January 2025. As it was an ungraded inspection, it involved themes for the inspectors to consider as part of their assessment as to whether the school has maintained its standards since the last inspection in May 2019. Whilst the outcome of the inspection cannot be shared with the wider community until the letter is published, school and Trust leaders as well as governor and trustees were pleased, especially with the oral feedback. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers who completed the parental survey; the findings reflected how well regarded the school is by the wider community, which was consistent with the findings of the student and staff surveys.

- 10-year anniversary celebration

The arrangements for the celebration event are currently being finalised. I am delighted that we have performances from all schools, including Oak Farm Primary School, our associate school; they are as follows:

- Field End: An oracy piece by the junior leadership team on the significance of the number 10
- Hermitage: A song performed by the choir
- Oak Farm: A poetry piece delivered by Year 5 students
- Ruislip High: Performance of an extract from the recent whole-school production of King Lear
- Ryefield: Persuasive speeches delivered by Key Stage 2 students
- Vyners: A performance by the school's swing band

Parents of the performers have been invited to attend the event. The rehearsal is being held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 for all schools except for Vyners which will be during the afternoon on the day of the celebration. Parents will receive a letter from their school about the arrangements for the rehearsal and will also be informed about arrival at and collection from Ruislip High School on the day of the celebration.

- Trust dividend report

Our biennial report, summarising our Trust dividend for the past two academic years, has been published and is available on the Trust's website ([click here](#)). It showcases the benefits of our Trust including examples of how professional development opportunities, school-to-school collaboration, and sharing best practice are benefitting our students' education both in and out of the classroom. It includes information on governance developments as well as financial information.

- Management information system (MIS) change in provider

All Trust schools are transitioning to a new MIS, Arbor Education, in the coming weeks. Adopting Arbor will allow Trust schools to communicate more efficiently with parents and consolidate all core school data and workflows into one system. Arbor is a comprehensive and user-friendly platform that will streamline routine communication and keep all families up to date with school information and their child's details in one place. The Arbor Portal will, in time, replace the current communication systems used by Trust schools and it will be essential for parents/carers to have access to Arbor to ensure they receive timely information about attendance and other important communications. The implementation process will occur gradually over the remainder of the academic year and Trust schools will communicate the necessary login details as they transition to Arbor. To support the transition, a simple user guide will be created, highlighting how to access and navigate Arbor's parent portal and maximise its features. Our aim is to make this transition as smooth as possible in the coming weeks.

- Policy update

The Trust reviews and updates its 'Supporting students with medical conditions' policy on an annual basis. This policy aims to ensure that all children and young people with medical conditions are effectively supported in each school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential. As part of this review, the Trust would like to receive feedback from students, and parents/carers of students, who are listed as having medical conditions to better understand their experiences and gain feedback on how well their needs are being met. This input will help the Trust identify strengths and areas for improvement in the current policy and ensure that the support provided is inclusive, responsive and effective. Feedback can be shared through direct communication with the school or via a survey, a link to which will be shared in due course.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents/carers that one of our founding trustees, Mark Hague, sadly died on Friday 17th January 2025. Mark had been the Chair of Governors for Vyners since 2019, and a governor from 2012; more recently he was also a governor of Ryefield Primary School and the Primary Hub. Mark played a significant role in establishing our Trust and showed an unwavering commitment to the schools by being a highly engaged governor. Mark will be missed throughout our Trust community and we intend to recognise his contribution at our 10-year anniversary celebration next half term.

Yours sincerely



Dr Martina Lecky  
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