



Parent Bulletin

16th May 2025

I would like to start this week's update by congratulating our students in Years 11 and 13 on an extremely positive start to the examination season. This week has been very demanding for some of our students but the feedback that I have received thus far is that the overwhelming majority of students have taken things in their stride. The Year 13 leavers' assembly last week was a fitting conclusion to the students' time at the school (at least in lessons) and we very much look forward to the Year 11 leavers' events that are taking place when their study leave starts next Friday. My one disappointment has been the number of parents who have willingly contacted the school to provide a reason for absence during this week when it is clear that their child is studying at home. This is not the relationship that we like to have with parents and carers and I would ask that all families of students in Year 11 continue to send their child to school daily up to the leavers' events next Friday.

I would like to share my very best wishes to Ms Parsons and Mr Sankey who started their leave for maternity and paternity respectively this week. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to find high quality replacement staff as immediate replacements with Mr Ogulade having joined the Media department this week and Mr McLeod joining the History department from Monday. Mr McLeod joins us as a permanent member of staff and will have his own timetable from September.

This time of year is always critical for all schools with regard to staffing for September as the resignation date for any member of staff to resign in order to start a new role in the autumn term is 31st May. Therefore, like most headteachers, along with their HR teams, I am spending a considerable amount of time planning and recruiting for September. Whilst there still is a national and regional shortage of teachers (particularly in specific subjects), we have always been fortunate enough to recruit high quality staff every year. I am delighted with the appointments that we have made to date and I am confident that we will again be fully staffed with well qualified colleagues at the start of the autumn term.

Anti social behaviour

At a recent Hillingdon Stronger Families network meeting, I was made aware of concerns that there has been a significant increase in youth anti-social behaviour in Hillingdon over the last year. Furthermore, during the week we received communication from the Metropolitan Police that they are investigating instances of animal cruelty in the borough that have been instigated by young people. Schools are cooperating with the police on this matter and Sergeant Easton has asked that we share a letter to parents regarding this matter. The letter can be found here [\[click here\]](#). I have been informed that the most severe incidents have now made the national press but Sergeant Easton has also made it clear that there have been numerous cases of different degrees of severity so I would ask that any member of the community who has information that can help the police, do so promptly.

Unfortunately, as a school, we do receive relatively regular complaints about the behaviour of a minority of children when they are in the community outside of school hours. I do wish to stress that we have and will continue to work with residents and the police to help to resolve issues and continue to work within the school community to ensure that all of our students understand and live the school's values and particularly, in this instance, the importance of respect and community. However, I would appreciate greater support from parents and carers in ensuring that young people are not causing a nuisance in the community during the evenings and weekends. I will admit that it can be frustrating for school leaders when schools are held to account for the behaviour of children at these times when parents and carers are often not held to account in the same way. I am hopeful that we can work together as a community to eradicate destructive and disrespectful behaviours.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

VLТ Cooking Competition

The annual Vanguard Learning Trust Cooking Competition took place at Vyners School on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th May. The food rooms were full of energy and enthusiasm as our talented young chefs prepared, cooked and presented their chosen dishes. The brief was to cook a dish which represented the teachings of the Eatwell Guide within a challenging time limit of only 90 minutes. With trophies and prizes at stake, the event was held in a competitive but friendly spirit.

The standard of dishes produced was incredible and it made choosing a top three a very difficult job! The dishes were judged on the range of skills demonstrated, the appropriateness of the sensory qualities and how well they complemented the teachings of the Eatwell Guide. After lots of deliberation from the judges, the top three dishes were announced. Congratulations to our overall winner Ben Scanlon of Vyners School. Ben produced restaurant quality Teriyaki Salmon, served with perfectly steamed broccoli and expertly cooked noodles. Ben made the sauce himself and executed every element of the dish to perfection. Second place went to Sama Al-Tamimi of Ryefield Primary School. Sama prepared a very moreish Lentil soup that was beautifully textured and full of flavour. In third place was Isona Domingo from Ruislip High School. Isona created a stunning noodle soup, served with a perfectly poached egg and shredded chicken.

It was such a pleasure to see students from across the trust enjoying their cooking and producing such remarkable dishes. The students were a credit to themselves and their schools. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and we are looking forward to hosting next year's competition.



Mr Welch, Assistant Subject Leader - DT

Junior Maths Challenge

About 200 students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge on 1st May. 108 students earned either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. 6 Students from Year 8 have qualified for the next round which is an 'Invitation Only' round. They are Zain Rahman, Oscar Corcoran, Aren Gunduz, Edward Dowsett, Ethan Liu and Rowan Tilbury.

"The UK Maths Challenge was something that really helped push me past my boundaries. It made me appreciate the different skills that are needed in daily life" - Aasiyah, Year 8 Student

Mrs Malegaonkar, Maths Teacher

Sports Update

Borough Athletics

Our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Borough Athletics with fantastic results! Well done all.

1st

Year 9: Fleur Wright - Hurdles, Leo Da Costa - 1500m, Year 9G Relay (Ruby Comer, Amelia Harrison, Rayen Webster, Fleur Wright), Jordan Karerien - Long Jump, Celina Bandera - Javelin

Year 10: Dylan Lewis - 1500m, Nathan Griffiths - Javelin, Lara Colgan - Shot Putt

2nd

Year 9: Ashton Gibbs - Hurdles, Rayaan Choudhry - Discuss, Roshawn Quow - Shot Putt, Catherine Gallagher - Long Jump

Year 10: Evan Allen - 200m, Year 10B Relay (Chayden Clarke, Archie Wilkinson, Nathan Griffiths, Evan Allen)

3rd

Year 9: Bow Mower - 800m, Rayaan Choudhry - 800m, Year 9B Relay (Tom Cheeseborough, Roop Sidhu, Jordan Karerien, Ashton Gibbs), Maisie Stirling - Discus

Year 10: Dolly Parker - Hurdles, Alicjia Glusineska - 200m, Oli Young - Long Jump

Year 9 Boys, Year 9 Girls and Year 10 Boys all came 1st in the Borough. Year 10 Girls came 5th!



Miss Hawes, PE Teacher

U14 Middlesex Cup Final

On Sunday 11th May, Ickenham Youth Eagles U14 Football team won the Middlesex Cup Final, winning 4-0. Five boys in the team are from Vyners (Y9): Jack Sharman (Captain), Harry Boxall, Kishan Brar, Mahdi Ghambari, Jake Cleverley



Friends of Vyners

Quiz Night

The last FOV quiz night of this academic year took place last Friday. It was another successful event, with 14 teams and 82 quizzers and over £700 was raised. The quiz nights have been organised by Louise Hagan over the last few years and this was Louise's last one. We would like to thank Louise for all her hard work in helping to raise money for Vyners. The dates for the quiz nights for the next academic year will be shared with parents and carers before the end of term.

'100' Club

Congratulations to the April winners of the 100 Club - Dr & Mrs Goolamali - they have won £25 in the monthly draw.

For further information on Friends of Vyners, including how to get involved and signing up for the '100' Club please [\[click here\]](#).

Ryefield Primary School - Happy Circus

Ryefield Primary School parents' association have arranged for a circus to visit their school on Thursday 5th June, 4pm to 8pm and have invited Vyners' families to join them.

Please see the flyer for details.

For the family discount, the tickets must be added to the basket and the discount will automatically be applied upon checking out.

Friends of Ryefield are proud to present

**HAPPY'S
CIRCUS**

Thursday 5th June 2025 | 4-8PM
Ryefield Primary School

Food & Stalls- 4pm-5.30pm
Circus Starts
6pm prompt - 8pm finish
30min interval at 6:45pm

Early Bird Tickets £11.50 each
or
Family Ticket £40
(2 adults, 2 children - discount applied in basket)
2yrs & under (must be on lap, ticket not needed)
Seating is on a first come, first served basis

Tickets Sales on link below or Scan QR Code:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofryefield/>

PLEASE NOTE
Early bird tickets are first available exclusively to Ryefield Primary
Tickets will later open to the general public
Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance
No ticket sales or refunds will be available on the event day

VLT Notices

Due to the shortness of the first half of the summer term, there will not be a VLT half-term letter to parents summarising Trust-wide developments. There will be some updates through the schools' bulletins including the updated league table for the VLT cup as well as confirmed dates for student-led activities.

Please [click here](#) for the list of VLT support staff vacancies this week.

Summer Term Key Dates

26th - 30th May	Half Term
Thursday 5th June	Year 7 Parents Evening (online), 4.30pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 24th June	Year 7 and Year 8 Sports Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 25th June	Year 9 and Year 10 Sports Day (details to follow)
Friday 27th June	Staff Development Day (students not in school)
Friday 27th June	Race Night at Uxbridge Golf Club
Friday 18th July	Terms ends (12.20pm finish)

Please click [here](#) for the link to the co-curricular activities page on our website for the summer term timetable.