



Parent Bulletin

4th July 2025

With just two weeks remaining in the academic year, the school feels incredibly busy with staff and students are working incredibly hard to conclude the term effectively whilst working to ensure that plans are in place for the autumn term. The INSET day on Friday was an opportunity for the whole staff to come together to focus on our priorities for the 2025-26 academic year before breaking off into teams to work on departmental planning. Whilst we are very much aware that these days can be inconvenient for parents and students, I would again stress how valuable these days are, allowing us to focus on staff development and school priorities.

After a long and robust process, we were finally able to decide upon our new Sixth Form Executive Team this week. Whilst the calibre of young people who enter this process at Vyners is always incredibly high, the selection this year was particularly challenging with several strong candidates not making the final interview stage and all fourteen students quite capable of being on the executive and also capable of being our lead students for the coming academic year. In the end, the panel decided to appoint Izzy Hartree (12F) and Ross Bell (12J) as our Head Girl and Head Boy respectively, with Weronika Studzinska (12C), Daisy Whitford (12W), Chiddi Domike (12W), Joud Mohamad (12F), Franklin Rowlands (12H), Anmol Jhita (12H) and Shaza Nusrath (12H) making up what is a very impressive team. Congratulations to all students who entered the process. Each of them are fine young people who have all made a fantastic contribution to the school and wider community.



Left to right: Shaza, Weronika, Franklin, Ross, Izzy, Daisy, Anmol and Chiddi (Joud not present)

I am always delighted to be able to welcome new students and families to the school community. Tuesday 1st July was this year's Year 6 transition day for all students across the borough. At Vyners we welcomed our new cohort of just over 240 students to the school to have their first experience of secondary school life, including taster lessons, tutorial time and the slightly less interesting tasks such as getting their biometric fingerprints organised so that they can purchase items in the school canteen when they arrive in September. The day started with a mixture of excitement and nervousness and the students were a delight throughout the day with new experiences and friendships developing as the day progressed. We were also delighted to be able to welcome parents and carers to the school in the evening. They were able to experience some of our food offering from our new catering suppliers, order items of uniform and speak to some of our staff. It was a pleasure to be able to share a presentation with parents later in the evening alongside their Year Leader, Ms Ashe, as well as have the opportunity to speak to some of the families thereafter. As much as we are looking forward to a break this summer, we are genuinely looking forward to formally starting with our new Year 7 cohort when they arrive in their Vyners uniforms in September.

On Wednesday 25th June we were pleased to be able to welcome Governors and the Chair of VLT, Peter Davies to the school for part of the Trust's Governance Day. The group spent time in the morning meeting with groups of students, discussing issues such as artificial intelligence (AI) and enrichment activities, whilst also meeting with a group of staff to talk about their experiences as employees at the school. In the afternoon, all Governors, Trustees, Headteachers and core trust staff met at the ACS Hillingdon School to review the year and discuss the Trust's strategic approach for the year ahead. This will involve even greater collaboration and collective responsibility between the schools in order to ensure that we raise standards further and share the very best practice across the five schools and beyond. The day culminated with presentations for long service awards for two of the longest serving members of staff at the Trust schools. I was delighted to be able to say a few words for our SENCO, Ms Kendall who celebrated 25 years of service at Vyners back in September. Her service demonstrates remarkable commitment and loyalty to the school and her award is very much deserved. I would like to thank Dr Lecky, the trustees and Governors for all of their hard work as volunteers to support and challenge the schools in order that we can continue to raise standards for the children in our communities.



Amongst the other activities that have taken place over the past two weeks, I must mention the two excellent proms that took place (during the same week) for our Year 11 and Year 13 students respectively. They were both wonderful occasions; the students all dressed impeccably and the evenings both felt like suitable occasions for celebrating the end of the exams season as well as their time together as a cohort. I would like to thank all of my colleagues who made the events possible and particularly Mr Neville, Year 11 Leader, and Mrs Lane, Year 13 Leader, for their excellent leadership of the year groups.

As luck would have it, I actually missed both sports days this year, which is actually the very first time that this has happened in my career. This was due to the fact that the two days coincided with a training programme that I attended in Leicester and the Governors Day, which took place on the Year 9 and 10 sports day. The feedback that I received regarding both days was that they were excellent with all students engaging in their events as well as supporting their peers and houses. I would like to thank Mr Hall, Subject Leader for PE, and his team for the two wonderful days as reassure anybody who is concerned that I will return to my duties as race starter next year.

Finally this week, I would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Kohli, Head of Careers and Digital Learning for his excellent work that has culminated in Vyners being awarded the Quality in Careers Standard after our successful recent assessment. This is an excellent achievement and recognises the quality and breadth of your careers provision at the school, as we are fully meeting the nationally recognised Gatsby Benchmarks ([click here](#)) and all of the additional accreditation criteria required. I am aware that Mr Kohli is also working with other careers leaders across the Trust, with a particular focus on initiating appropriate level careers education within the primary schools. I would also like to thank Alan Ginman, who as a link governor, has supported throughout the process as well as Mrs Harvey, Deputy Headteacher, for her senior leadership oversight of the careers programme.

I do hope that all parents and carers enjoy reading about some of the activities that have taken place over the past fortnight. Wishing all families a wonderful weekend with pleasant and manageable temperatures.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Year 11 Visit to St. Anne's College, University of Oxford 26th June 2025

The trip to St. Anne's College Oxford was taken by 29 Year 11 pupils along with Mr Kelly and Mrs Harvey. The trip was designed to show pupils the type of elite learning institutions that they could aspire to in the future if they had the belief and a determined approach to their studies when they return in the Sixth Form. The day started with an interesting talk about the University of Oxford and ways to prepare to apply for a competitive University via taking part in super curricular activities. The second session of the day was a tour of St. Anne's College followed by lunch in the hall that students would use for their formal dining. After lunch pupils had the opportunity to experience a mini taster session on either History or vaccinology. The day will kick start the programme of support that will be offered to pupils whilst in the Sixth form at Vyners.

"The trip to Oxford was an extremely enriching experience that greatly inspired me to consider my next steps, especially during the seminar about Spanish History"

Ruby - Year 11 Student

"I found the entire day very informing and educational. In particular, the vaccinology seminar provided a dense taster of how Universities teach, supplying me with knowledge on where I want to go after A levels."

Chloe - Year 11 Student



Mr Kelly, Lead Practitioner - Maths

AQA Photography Moderation Visit – Tuesday 24th June

On 24th June, we were honoured to welcome both the AQA Examiner and the Lead Moderator for A-Level Photography to our school. During their visit, they carefully reviewed the work of 15 students from our A-Level Photography course and took time to learn about our curriculum, teaching approaches, and the experience of our staff.

We are delighted to share that they were extremely impressed by the standard of work presented. They praised the organisation of the coursework, the breadth of themes and media explored, and the strength of our teaching practice. So impressed were they, in fact, that they asked to take photographs of the work to share with other schools and requested permission to keep selected pieces as exemplars for teacher training across the country.

Some of our students' work will also be featured in the new AQA course standardisation materials – resources used nationally by both teachers and students. This means our students' achievements will serve as inspiration and guidance for photography departments across the UK.

We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved and thrilled to see their creativity and commitment recognised at this level. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the school community and to parents and carers for their ongoing support. These accomplishments are only possible through our collective efforts, and we are excited for what lies ahead in the continued growth of our visual arts provision."

Mr Wilcox, Subject Leader, Art & Photography

Year 7 Art

In Art, Year 7 have been exploring cultures and customs. Some students learnt about the Spring Festival "Chinese New Year" and made decorative fans, finishing them off just in time for the heatwave this week!



Mrs Teji, Teacher of Art

Sports Days 2025

We are delighted to share the success of our recent Sports Days, both our Year 7 and 8 event on Tuesday 24th June and Year 9 and 10 event on Wednesday 25th June. Both days were filled with energy, enthusiasm, and impressive athleticism. From the starting 1500m races to the final relays, the level of participation was fantastic in the warm weather. Pupils gave their all in every event, showcasing not only their physical abilities but also their determination and sportsmanship.

The encouragement from students and staff created a positive environment where everyone felt inspired to do their best and this sense of community spirit was evident throughout both days. We are especially proud to report that several school records were broken on both days, a testament to the incredible talent and dedication of our students.

New School Records:

- 1500m - Year 10 boys - **Dylan**
- 800m - Year 10 boys - **Dylan**
- Javelin - Year 10 boys - **Nathan**
- Long Jump - Year 9 boys - **Jordan**
- Relay - **Year 9 Girls**
- 1500m - Year 8 girls - **Elsie**
- 300m - Year 7 boys - **Harry**

Well done to all involved and results will be revealed at the end of term assembly!



Ms Powick, Deputy Subject Leader, PE

Parliament Day

Thursday 26th June was Vyners first Parliament Day. Students in Key Stage 3 took part in a range of activities to better understand how Parliament works and the impact it can have on our lives. Students heard from MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, Danny Beales, in a loom assembly at the start of the day (viewable [here](#)) and worked on a carousel of activities which culminated in them writing letters to him on an issue that mattered to them. Mr Beale is currently whittling down over 650 letters (more than there are MPs in the House of Commons) to parcel up and send to him. Here is reflection of the day from Key Stage 3 students

Mr Beale, Subject Leader, History and Politics

Role of Parliament

For this period, we read pages 2 and 3 of the booklet provided to help us understand what Parliament is and how it progressed through history. We watched a video explaining the transfer of power from the King to Parliament. I enjoyed Parliament day as Parliament is an important part of our democracy and it was interesting to learn about it in detail. Afterwards, we filled in a timeline of events from the transfer of power from the Monarchy.

Tiya - Year 9 Student

MP for the week game

During this lesson, we played an extremely fun game called MP for a week on the BBC website. It involved attending press meetings, responding to messages from your party and constituency, balancing the interests of media, voters and your party, attending meetings, and many more. Unfortunately, when I tried to launch an inquiry, one of the functions, the whole game crashed, and all of my hard work was lost. There was risk as well: the person who sat next to me (who will remain anonymous) was fired a grand total of 4 times. This game was a lot of fun, and I recommend you try it!

Zach - Year 9 Student

British values

It was interesting to learn about what different groups of people have been through and how much they have overcome. Each table in our class got a different case study (my table got LGBTQ+ history) and we had to present four important bullet points to the rest of the class. I found some of the laws there used to be in place shocking.

Mia - Year 7 Student

It was very different to learn about what oppression over groups have faced - it's a good change, because it can resonate with lots of different groups of people. There were some laws lots of people didn't know about - and it's always better to be educated about people's suffering to understand why upholding British Values is so important.

Bella - Year 9 Student

Achieving change

During this wonderful day, we learnt about achieving change. It starts with a proposal which is known as a bill. If a bill is to become a law it has to be passed by the House of commons (which consists of 650 MPs voted in by the public) and the House of Lords. Many laws that have been accepted recently include : the online safety act of 2023, the statutory sick pay increase of 2025 and the banning of disposable vapes. On the whole this was an incredible opportunity to learn about Parliament.

Eduard - Year 8 Student

It was interesting, fun and something new added to the curriculum. It gives us an insight on how parliament is run, how changes are met and how new laws are passed. It helped us understand how hard the process of change actually is and how long it could take for the change to take place. The whole process was a fun and new experience, something to enjoy and something to look forward to. It has been nice having a whole day dedicated to parliament day and a whole day of normal lessons.

Eesa - Year 9 Student

Write to your MP

During this lesson we began by picking a topic to write about from global, local and national issues. Once we had chosen our topic we began to write our letters to our local MP, Danny Beales. Once we had written our letters we had to achieve 5 signatures from around the class, if we achieved this we were able to send our letters about our chosen issue to the MP. This was an extremely fun experience.

James - Year 8 Student

Post-18 Destinations Conference

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 23rd-25th June we held our annual Post 18 Destinations Conference where all Year 12 students engaged in a number of different workshops, including:

- Understanding the UCAS process
- Police and Engineering Apprenticeships
- Non University Options
- engaging in workshops with our outgoing Executive Team and many of our alumni students.

We also held a successful parent/carer information evening on Monday 23rd June and it was fantastic to see so many turn out to find out more information about the year ahead. Students have lots to research and discover over the summer holidays with the majority of students ready to start their university applications in September.

Mrs Coyle, Head of Sixth Form

Year 11 Prom

It was an absolute pleasure to spend the evening celebrating our Year 11 cohort at the Pinewood Hotel on Tuesday 24th June. It was incredible to see all of our students dressed so smartly and arriving in style. The evening was a huge success with a record number of students in attendance. Well done to all Year 11 students for their incredible hard work and commitment to their exams and studies over the past 5 years.



Mr Neville, Year 11 Leader

Year 13 Prom

On Thursday 26th June we held the Year 13 Prom at Venue 5 in Eastcote. It was a fantastic evening full of dancing and laughter and a brilliant way to celebrate the 2025 Year 13 Leavers. A massive thank you to Mrs Lane for the organisation of the Prom.



Mrs Coyle, Head of Sixth Form

Friends of Vyners



Race Night & Sports Day Refreshment Sales

🎉 A big thank you to all the Vyners' staff, pupils and volunteers who helped run the refreshment stalls at both Sports Days and to everyone who came along to Friday's Race Night at Uxbridge Golf Club!



Thanks to your support, we've raised nearly £700 for the school! 🙌💙

And a special thank you to the individuals and businesses who kindly donated their time, prizes, and services for the Race Night:

- Scott & Julie Packman
 - Uxbridge Golf Club
- Teelan & Silwal Family Law
 - The Castle Inn Ealing
- Hawkins Personalised Printing
 - Naz Hair Design
 - The Tichenham Inn
 - Sarah's Bunches Florists

We couldn't have done it without you! 💙🙌

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Tickets via your child's Parent Pay account and sum -up

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- Winchester pharmacy hamper
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Multiple tickets can be bought via **SumUp**:

<https://friends-of-vyners.sumupstore.com>

or your children's **ParentPay** accounts

FONDRaiser

Friday 11th July 2025
3pm after school
Quad area

HELP US RAISE SOME MONEY
Organised by FoV (Friends of Vyners)

Single glazed ring doughnut
£1 each
(CASH ONLY)

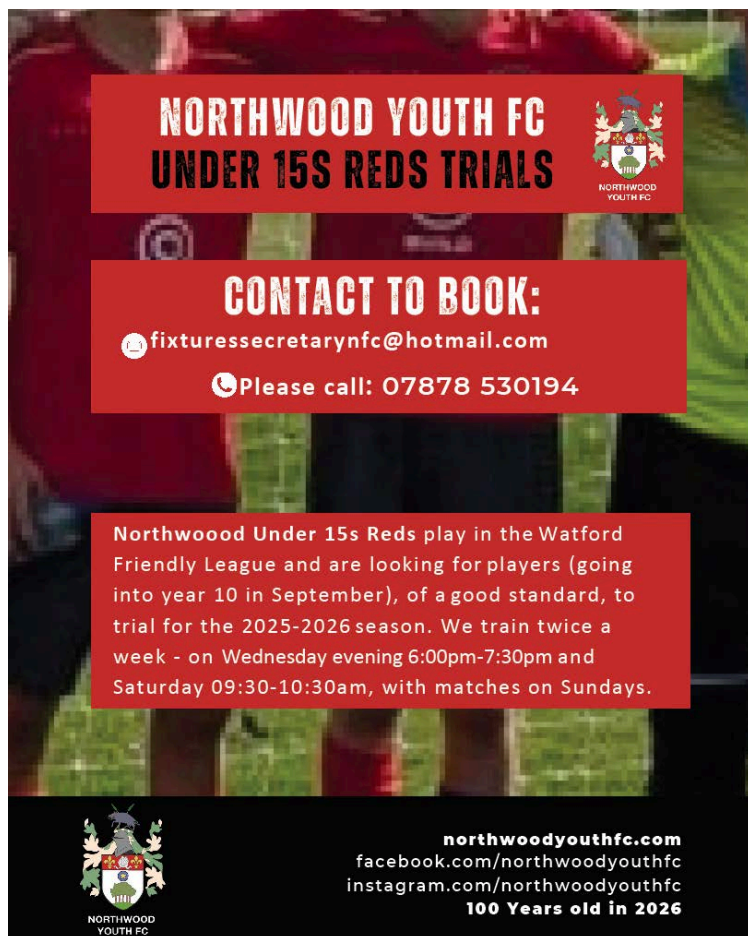
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Northwood Under 15s Reds play in the Watford Friendly League and are looking for players (going into year 10 in September), of a good standard, to trial for the 2025-2026 season. We train twice a week - on Wednesday evening 6:00pm-7:30pm and Saturday 09:30-10:30am, with matches on Sundays.



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