



Parent Bulletin

17th October 2025

Thank you to all families who have been able to support the two campaigns that we have engaged in over the past fortnight, firstly, the *World Mental Health wear yellow day* ([click here](#)) that took place on Friday of last week and the *Show Racism the Red Card day* ([click here](#)) that took place today which involved participants wearing an item of red as part of their uniform or attire. One thing that I would like to share with parents and carers is that we do like students to make their own choices about whether they choose to wear the coloured items and support charities such as these and whether they choose to donate a pound to the charities. We now have very few blanket charitable non-uniform days for a number of reasons, but the main one being that we hope that by giving the option to wear an item as part of their uniform, it allows students to make a conscious decision about which issues and charities they wish to support as well as the ones that they do not. During both weeks, all students engaged in assemblies and tutorials to learn about different issues related to both charitable causes; we hope that activities such as these contribute to our students making more informed decisions and choices. I would like to thank Ms Brown and Mrs Bashford-Hynes for their work on these notable activities.

I would also like to thank all families who continue to support us with our drive towards pre-pandemic attendance rates at the school. I am delighted that, as we approach the October half term, the attendance rate in years 7-11 (statutory school age) stood at 95.1%, whilst the rate was 95.6% for the sixth form. As we might expect, Year 7 is leading the way with a 97.1% attendance but this has been matched by a very impressive 97.1% for students in Year 12. Our historic data does show that rates tend to fall in the lead up to Christmas and that this is primarily due to illness. To try to counteract as much of this absence as possible, we will be having a big push on hand and respiratory hygiene affects the half term break as we now know from the experience of the pandemic, that these are the biggest issues in relation to the spread of illness in the winter months. We would appreciate as much support from families with this as possible.

I would like to congratulate the Vyners team, led by Ms Egbedi, that came third in the VLT Maths Challenge that took place on Wednesday afternoon of this week and also congratulate the staff and students of Hermitage school for their achievement of having their A and B teams being placed first and second overall. This is incredibly impressive for a Year 6 cohort!

Well done also to all the students in Year 10 who took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out challenge workshops that took place within school throughout the week. Many parents and carers will be aware that I am a keen advocate of students engaging in public speaking training and activities whilst in school due to the positive impact that its development can have on a child's personal and professional life in adulthood. Thank you to the Jack Petchey Foundation for their continued work in schools, the Speakers Trust for delivering the workshops and Mr Nicholls in the English department for overseeing the activity in school.

Finally this week, I would like to wish all families who are celebrating Diwali on Monday a very special time together. In addition, I would like to wish all families a peaceful and restful half term break.

Gary Mullings, Headteacher

Access to school site at the end of school

Effective immediately, the school will be stopping all vehicle access into the school site between 2.55pm and 3.10pm. This is to enable our students to leave the site safely.

If you need to come into school to collect your child, please ensure you are here before 2.55pm. Otherwise, please park on the main road and walk in through the pedestrian gate. Vehicle access will resume at 3.10pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Miss Williams, Business Manager

National Nasal Vaccination Programme

Vyners School is once again working with the NHS to help deliver the national nasal flu vaccination programme for students in Year 7-11. Vaccinations will be held in school on 11th November (with catch up vaccinations on 18th December).

Vaccination is very straightforward and is strongly recommended in order to safeguard your child's health. Please note that a faith-friendly, pork free, gelatine free injection will also be available on the day. Full details, plus an electronic consent form, will be sent out via Edulink shortly

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal / Vyners Remembrance Service

We have received our supply of poppies from the Royal British Legion and they will be available for students to purchase during w/c 20th October and 3rd November 2025.

Please remind your children that it is a donation toward the poppy appeal and for them to bring cash into school if they wish to buy a poppy. The Sixth Form Executive Team will be going round the tutorial rooms each morning and will be available at break for students to purchase the poppies.

Ms Derby, Office Manager

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be on Thursday 4th December. We would be interested to know if any parents / carers in the community run a business and would be interested in sponsoring our event. Perhaps you run a catering business and could supply cake or mince pies for our guests? It is a lovely annual event that the guests really look forward to attending.

We are also looking for prizes to give out as part of the ever popular bingo session. If you have unopened boxes of chocolates or biscuits at home (in date please!) that you would like to donate, please bring them to school reception.

If you are able to help support this event in any way, please contact Ms Derby in the main school office (office@vynersschool.org.uk)

Ms Derby, Office Manager

Year 10 University Talk

We were very fortunate to have St. Anne's College Oxford in school on Thursday to give some of our Year 10 pupils a talk about University. The talk followed on from the variety of opportunities from Oxbridge Colleges that were recently made available to Year 10 pupils. The paragraph below is from Catherine in Year 10 who listened to the talk.



Mr Kelly, Lead Practitioner, Maths

This week, we enjoyed a talk given by Hannah from Oxford University. She talked to us about St Anne's College, where she is based, and the value of studying for a degree. University can seem expensive but Hannah broke down the cost and made it seem affordable. I found it interesting that she explained that it doesn't matter what degree you do for a lot of jobs. It's more important to study something you enjoy. Overall, it was really inspiring. Although it's a few years away, it's made me excited about going to university.

Catherine, Year 10 Student

Sports Update

Year 11 Versatility Netball Tournament

This week, 12 students proudly represented Vyners in the Year 11 Versatility Netball Tournament. Unlike a traditional tournament, this unique format saw playing positions assigned at random before each game, putting the girls' adaptability and all round netball skills to the test. The team rose to the challenge brilliantly, displaying excellent teamwork and determination throughout. They won the majority of their group matches and secured a well-earned place in the semi-finals. Despite a narrow loss to St Helen's, who went on to win the tournament, the girls can be incredibly proud of their performance!



Ms Powick, Deputy Subject Leader - PE

Year 7 Rugby

Vyners Year 7 boys travelled to Oakwood this week to play in their first ever rugby match. There was some fantastic rugby on display especially with the majority of players new to the game. Congratulations to Tejpal Virdi and Zane Mcnamara on players of the match.

Arabic Co-Curricular Club

If any students are keen to learn Arabic, a new co-curricular club started this week in MFL. It is being run by Mr Amer and Ms Kelly on Thursdays after school Week A in 251. Students should see Ms Kelly if they would like to sign up.

Ms Kelly, MFL Subject Leader

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

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

Attendance Figures

Please find below attendance figures for w/c 6th October 2025

Year Group	Present Marks (%)
Year 7	96.88%
Year 8	95.95%
Year 9	94.13%
Year 10	95.31%
Year 11	93.08%
Year 12	95.23%
Year 13	93.72%

Please find below the top 3 tutorials for attendance for w/c 6th October 2025

Tutorial	Present Marks (%)
10G	99.68%
7W	99.67%
7J	99%

Autumn Term Key Dates

Tuesday 21 st October	Sixth Form Open Evening (applications open)
Friday 24 th October	Year 8 and Year 13 reports issued
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October	Half Term
Friday 7 th November	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 14 th November	Year 10 reports issued
Friday 21 st November	FOV Quiz Night
Thursday 27 th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Friday 28 th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Monday 1 st December	Occasional Day (school closed)
Monday 8 th December	Year 11 & 13 Trial exams start
Friday 12 th December	Year 9 reports issued
Wednesday 17 th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 19 th December	Year 7 reports issued
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)

Please click [\[here\]](#) for the link to the Calendar page on our school website, which includes key dates for this academic year - this document will be updated regularly.