

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

Newsletter Friday 27th September

This week we learnt of the tragic news of more senseless deaths due to knife crime. You will all be aware that this issue is currently blighting the entire city of London and is rightly causing concern and angst amongst schools and families. I am very much aware that some of our students were in the area around Hillingdon Station when this incident occurred and I am also aware that there are students and families who knew the victim, Tashan Daniel. If you do believe that your child has been affected in some way and feel that we can support them then please do not hesitate to contact our safeguarding or pastoral teams at the school. As a school we would also like to send our sincere condolences to the Daniel family. Having spoken to members of our community who knew him for several years it is clear that he was a fine young man who should have been looking forward to an exciting future.

On Wednesday 2nd of October we will be hosting our annual Junior School Open Evening. This is one of the biggest events of the school calendar and an extremely important evening for parents of children who may wish to be admitted to Vyners in September 2020. In order to prepare for the evening the school day will end at 12.20pm on Wednesday and school will re-open at 9.30 am on Thursday for a 9.45 am start. At this point I would like to thank all students who have agreed to assist on the night. If your child is helping on Wednesday evening and you are planning to bring them to the school via the roads then I would ask that you avoid Warren Road at all costs as it will be extremely busy on the evening and can, at times, become grid locked. We will also be running a series of open mornings, which both prospective and existing parents are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend any of these mornings then please check the details on the school website and contact the school reception to book an appointment.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, a group of nominated students from Year 10 participated in a Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' workshop. The training focuses on building confidence and delivering speeches with impact. This year we were honoured to have Jane Chambers from The Speakers Trust to deliver the programme. Jane is a lauded BBC World Service correspondent based in Chile with an illustrious journalistic career. Mr Cahill and Miss Flynn worked with Jane and picked 11 finalists from a group of 50 Year 10 students who participated in the workshops. The Vyners Final will be

held next week with a judging panel of English teachers. The winner will go on to represent the school at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final at Bishopshalt School on Wednesday 27th November. My very best wishes to all involved.

On Tuesday evening of this week, we hosted our Year 13 Raising Achievement evening for parents and carers of students in the Sixth Form. The evening was reasonably well attended and we hope, informative. As always, we welcome any feedback regarding these events so that we can make improvements for future meetings. The next Information evening will be our Cheese and Wine reception for parents and carers of students in Year 7, which will take place on the evening of Thursday, October 10 commencing at 6.00pm.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending a 'Your Army' event at the City of London School. The event was designed to give school leaders the opportunity to learn about the opportunities that the Army and the other Armed Forces provide in terms of engagement with school communities. There was a small element related to recruitment, however the key messages were about diversity, supporting schools and communities and supporting careers events. I was surprised to learn that there are only a mere 1800 military personnel based in London, however we do know that a significant proportion of that number are based in Hillingdon and therefore we do believe that engagement with the forces is crucial for our community. We also are aware that dozens of Vyners students are involved in military cadet programmes, something that we fully endorse. If your child is interested in engaging with the Cadets then please do contact me at the school. We will, of course, ensure that there will be representation from the armed forces at our careers events going forward.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Work Related Learning Day 8C

Emilia Dinescu, Dulina Ekanayaka, Alex Fitzwater, Elliot Gray, Nathan Habash

STUDENT ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Year to date 27 Sept 19

BEST TUTORIAL

Year 7 - 7W - 99.76%
Year 8 - 8M - 98.04%
Year 9 - 9H - 97.70%
Year 10 - 10H - 97.70%
Year 11 - 11G - 98.77%
Year 12 - 12C - 97.98%
Year 13 - 13W - 95.89%

BEST YEAR GROUP

Year 7 - 98.70%
Year 8 - 96.58%
Year 9 - 96.36%
Year 10 - 94.27%
Year 11 - 95.96%
Year 12 - 95.93%
Year 13 - 94.55%

Friday 11th October

Vyners Canada Rugby Tour Race Night

This is a key fundraising event for the biannual rugby tour to Vancouver and it involves students in Years 9 to 13. The students have been working hard to make the event a success and all are welcome to come and enjoy what is a hugely entertaining night.

If you are interested in coming along there are a number of ways you can get involved:

1. By buying a Horse

We will sell a horse for £10. The name of the horse is printed in the Race Card with the name of the owner. Each winning owner will receive £30 as a prize.

2. By buying a ticket(s) and attending the evening.

These are priced at £10 which includes the Race Card plus a fish and chip supper. A bar will be available and on-course betting facilities will also operate.

3. By sponsoring one of the races

For £50 your business/club/individual can have a race named after it and receive a special mention in the Race Card.

There is a race sheet attached to the newsletter that you can complete and send in to the school addressed to Mr Lavington or Mr Abassi.

A massive thank you to those who have already participated and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Mr Lavington / Mr Abassi

