



Parent Bulletin

21st November 2025

On Wednesday of this week we were delighted to welcome members of our governing body to the school for the first of our two Governor's days for the academic year. The aim of the Governor's days is to provide all members of the local governing body to spend time in the school community, seeing the school in action as well as taking the opportunity to meet with key staff and groups of students. Whilst our governors spending an incredible amount of time preparing for and attending meetings, the overwhelming majority of meetings take place outside of school hours and while I am sure that they each gain a good understanding of the school's context and current issues from reading detailed documentation we all believe that the opportunity to spend time on the site with students and present is invaluable.

I am sure that many parents and carers will be aware that the new Ofsted framework has, at its core, a focus on inclusion. Within this, they specifically mention students who have been identified as socio-economically disadvantaged, those with special educational needs and / or disabilities as well as those who have been in the care system as it is widely recognised that, on average, these students do less well in school compared to their peers, with outcomes widening since the pandemic. Providing equitable provision for all of our students is a key priority for the school and wider trust and it was this theme that we asked our governors to review during their time with us on Wednesday. As well as visiting lessons, our governors met with their respective link staff including Mrs Bashford-Hynes (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Ms Kendall (SENCO), Mrs Langley (HIRB Leader) and Mr Millard-Healy (Senior Inclusion Lead).

We were also delighted to welcome Mrs Jaswal from the EDT organisation to the school for a careers presentation led by Mr Kohli (Careers and work related learning lead). Mrs Jaswal also presented the school with the Quality in Careers Standard Award (QICS) that was achieved by the school during the last academic year. Parents and carers can read more about the QICS award from Mr Kohli below.



Closely linked to the themes discussed above, I would like to remind all parents and carers that the school will be closed to all students on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November for our annual staff conference as well as on Monday 1st December, which is an occasional day. Please note that the school is open to students for the statutory 195 days during the academic year and that this is not impacted by the occasional day on Monday 1st December. This year's conference is trust wide and will be hosted at Ruislip High School on Thursday with staff returning to their schools on the Friday. The theme of the conference is *Inclusion through the lens of belonging* with a key objective being staff coming together to understand and address some of the inequalities that still exist within society and our schools and how we can address these inequalities to ensure that all of our children can be successful within our schools and in their lives in general. We are very much looking forward to working with our colleagues across the Trust and to the opportunity to engage in two days of carefully planned professional learning. We also very much appreciate the understanding of parents and carers and hope that many have taken the opportunity for a family break over what we hope will be a pleasant long weekend for all concerned.

Parents and carers may also remember that back in October a significant proportion of students in year 10 participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge public speaking workshops led by the Speakers Trust. I am delighted to be able to share that after a very robust and challenging judging process the team were able to reduce the cohort down to nine school finalists; Eliza Lepley, Millie Soby, Muhammad Zahid, Aanya Bhica, Kanni Touray, Tiya Vishnuram, Daivya Roy, Simran Jammu and Amber Suggi. The school final, which took place on Thursday 13th November, was equally difficult to judge. However, I would like to warmly congratulate Kanni Touray who was chosen to represent the school at the Regional finals on 9th December at Douay Martyrs Catholic School and Eliza Lepley, who as runner up, will be a reserve for the finals. Congratulations to all students involved and my thanks to all Mr Nicholls and his team for the dedication and support for this excellent event.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Oxbridge Workshops

Over the last two weeks we have been fortunate to have the support of the Outreach officer at St Anne's College Oxford, Hannah Snell, deliver two workshops to selected pupils in our Sixth Form cohort. For the first session Hannah worked on methods to develop general oracy skills with a group of Year 12 pupils and our medical and Oxbridge applicants from the current Year 13.

For the second workshop for our Year 13 Oxbridge cohort we were joined by Oxbridge candidates from across Hillingdon. This session focused on interview skills in preparation for possible interviews at Oxford and Cambridge for places for next year. This session was jointly run with Evie Hinchliffe from Peterhouse College Cambridge.

The comments below, from some of our cohort reflect how useful and how well they thought the sessions went:

The Oxbridge Interview Workshop went really well and I found it genuinely helpful. We started with a session where we practised answering different interview questions, which made the whole idea of speaking under pressure feel a lot less intimidating. After that, there was a presentation that explained how the interviews work, what tutors are looking for, and what we should expect on the day. By the end, I felt much more confident and clearer about how to approach my interview.

Tejpal, Year 13

I enjoyed critically engaging with economic theory and modelling when discussing how we would answer questions in our group activity. Overall, the session was very helpful and informative.

Diana, Year 13

The session was really interactive; we got the chance to discuss questions as a group, then broke off into subject-specific groups and worked on past interview questions. It was a good continuation from the workshop we had last week, where Hannah introduced us to Oxbridge interviews and honing our oracy skills. Overall, it was an engaging session, and has boosted my confidence in performing well in an Oxbridge interview.

Chiddi, Year 13

Most Oxford and Cambridge applicants (including myself) are currently waiting to see if they received an invite for interview. On Monday, Oxbridge applicants from my year group and Sixth forms across Hillingdon participated in an interview preparation session run by Peterhouse College, Cambridge and St Anne's College, Oxford, in an event hosted by Vyners. Admissions tutors from Oxbridge gave us advice on how to get the best results from any interviews we might take. With a couple students from two Hillingdon sixth forms, I discussed some philosophy interview questions concerning God, ethics and knowledge. It was really useful to listen to the ideas of other students in my position, applying to a similar course. Thank you to the teachers and Oxbridge staff who put this all together.

Ross, Year 13

We wish all our applicants the very best of luck in applying for their University places this year.

Mr Kelly, Oxbridge Coordinator

Careers Recognition

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard (QICS) – the national quality award for careers education, information, advice, and guidance. This is a significant whole-school achievement and a powerful endorsement of the high-quality careers provision our students receive from Year 7 to 13. The external assessor's report describes our careers programme as well-planned, coherent, and ambitious, and highlights how strongly it is embedded in the life of the school. Careers learning at Vyners is not treated as a one-off event, but as a carefully sequenced journey that helps students understand themselves, explore their options and make confident decisions about their future pathways.

The feedback particularly praises the work of the Careers Department, noting the breadth of opportunities available to students and the way careers education is linked to the curriculum. Students are supported to see the relevance of their subjects to future employment, training and higher education. The assessor also commended the strong partnerships that Vyners has developed with employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges, universities and external agencies, all of which help widen students' horizons and raise aspirations.

Strategic leadership was identified as a real strength, with senior leaders and governors providing clear support and direction. Careers is not seen as an "add-on", but as a core part of our wider mission to ensure every young person is well prepared for life beyond school. The report also recognised how well our provision supports all learners, including those with additional needs and those who may require more personalised guidance. The Careers Team work tirelessly to ensure that every student feels informed, supported and empowered to make choices that are right for them.

This award is a public recognition of the dedication, expertise and hard work of our Careers Department, alongside the invaluable contributions of tutors, subject teachers, support staff and external partners. It also reflects the engagement and ambition of our students, who make the most of opportunities such as guidance interviews, work-related learning and information sessions on university and apprenticeship routes. We will continue to build on this success, using the QICS feedback to further strengthen our careers offer so that Vyners students leave us not only with excellent qualifications, but also with the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in the next stage of their education, employment or training.

Congratulations to our Community and to everyone involved in achieving this fantastic recognition for Vyners School.

Mr Kohli, Careers and Work Related Learning Leader

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 16th December

Our Christmas lunch this year will be on Tuesday 16th December 2025. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a full, sit down, Christmas dinner. The cost of tickets is £2.97 and these may be purchased either via ParentPay or via the canteen tills. Tickets MUST be purchased no later than 9th December. Students eligible for free school meals may obtain a free ticket by simply visiting Mrs McLaren (KS3) or Mrs Tighe (KS4). Full details of the menu can be found [[here](#)]. We hope your son / daughter will be joining us!

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations team will be in again on the 2nd December in order to vaccinate students that have already consented to the vaccination but were absent or missed the previous round of vaccinations that took place on the 11th November.

Mrs Atkinson, Student Welfare Officer

Music Department Update

Well done to Riya Silwal who has successfully auditioned for the National Youth Choir and gained a place as Soprano 2 which is a fantastic achievement!

Well done Riya!

Upcoming Concerts

Thursday 4th December Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Wednesday 10th December VLT Carol Concert at St. Lawrence's Church, Eastcote, 1.30pm start
Wednesday 17th December Vyners Christmas Concert. Click [[here](#)] for further information

Message from Uniform4Kids

Our Black Friday promotion will be available **for one day only, online**, on **Friday 28th November 2025**.

- A **20% discount** will apply to all products, including schoolwear, sportswear, footwear, and accessories.
- This offer is exclusively available **online** at www.uniform4kids.com.
- Please enter the discount code **BLACKFRIDAY20** at checkout.
- A discount cannot be applied retrospectively to an order already placed.
- Exchanges are not available for Black Friday purchases, however, items can be refunded within our standard 60 day returns period.
- **Click & Collect** and **Delivery to School** services will not be available during this event. All orders will be sent via courier.
- Please allow up to **one week** for processing.

Please [click here](#) for more information

Fundraising

Miss Hawes and Miss Charlton Park Run

It was so lovely to see students and staff attend our park run/walk event in aid of raising money for Great Ormond Street and St Barnabas Hospice. Our next event will be Saturday 17th January starting 9.15am so please save the date and come down to join in our slightly longer walk/run that we will be running in aid of charity. It was a very wholesome Saturday morning activity. Any donations for our chosen charities are massively appreciated:

- [2026 London Marathon Emma Charlton](#)
- [2026 London Marathon Kirsty Hawes](#)



Miss Hawes and Miss Charlton

MOVEMBER CHALLENGE!

On Wednesday 26th November Mr Hall and Mr Flynn will be taking on their Movember challenge raising awareness of men's health. They will be completing a Rowvember challenge where they will attempt to row 61900m throughout the day representing the 6190 men who have sadly lost their lives to suicide this year. There will be opportunities throughout the day for students to donate cash they may want to give to the cause and the following QR code is available if anyone from the Vyners community would like to donate.



Mr Hall and Mr Flynn

VLТ 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 10th November 2025

Year Group	Present Marks (%)
Year 7	91.50%
Year 8	91.45%
Year 9	85.23%
Year 10	93.69%
Year 11	91.15%
Year 12	94.51%
Year 13	94.73%

Please find below the top 3 tutorials for attendance for w/c 10th November 2025

Tutorial	Present Marks (%)
10G	99.03%
13M	98.24%
10M	97.93%

Autumn Term Key Dates

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)
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 11 & 13 Trial exams start
Thursday 4 th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Friday 12 th December	Year 9 reports issued
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch (tickets to be purchased by 9 th December)
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.