

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

Newsletter 1 November 2019

I am delighted that we were able to open the doors to our new building to students and staff for the very first time. As anticipated, the partial move into the new building during the academic year has had its challenges; we have been presented with a number of obstacles that we have had to overcome throughout the week and I have to thank both the staff and the students for their attitude and patience as we have worked to resolve a number of snagging and other issues. One such issue has been the relocation of student lockers to new Tutor rooms. This has not gone according to plan and I do apologise for that we will seek to resolve this issue during the coming week. However, without doubt, the new facilities are a fantastic addition to the school, which I know that the students will benefit from now, as well as in years to come. I would like to thank our contractors, Farran's for their exceptional work in delivering the project on time alongside the project management team, Arcadis and the Vyners project team, which consisted of Ms Williams, Mr Davey, Mr Seabridge, Mr Gardner (Governor) and Mr Wilcock (Governor). As I mentioned in my letter at the end of the first half term the school has now 'turned around', which means that the vehicle and pedestrian entrances are at from the bottom gates towards Swakeley's Drive and the new school reception located immediately on the left as you first progress into the driveway. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting new signage so I would ask that all parents and carers ensure that they locate and sign in at the school reception when visiting the school during normal hours of opening. The official opening of the building will take place next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm when we will be welcoming a number of guests to the school including the Mayor of Hillingdon as well as two of our former long serving senior members of staff, Dr Malhi and Ms Hutchinson.

The second part of my recent letter referred to the issues concerning parking and other vehicle issues on Warren Road. Having monitored the situation throughout the week, I do believe that (whether through my intervention or other means) the situation has improved. It is true that there are still too many parents attempting to collect their child from the school at the end of the day but the negative behaviours that I referred to in my letter are less evident and I would like to thank parents and carers concerned for their cooperation.

Whilst sitting at my desk writing this week's newsletter I am very much aware that all of our students in Year 11 will be readying themselves for their Careers Day. I would like to wish them all the very best for the day. I know that the experience of arriving at school in their own business wear and engaging with employers throughout the day through a range of activities including one-to-one interviews is an extremely valuable experience for the students as they learn about the world of work. My thanks in particular go to Mrs Harvey, Mr Lavington and Mrs Purtil for their organisation of today's proceedings as well as the volunteers from industry who have given up their time to support our students.

Another important event for this cohort is our Sixth Form Information Evening for September 2020 entrance, which will take place on Tuesday of this coming week. The evening will start at 6pm with families able to visit subjects of interest and discuss the different options choices with Subject Leaders and A-level class teachers. At 7.15 pm we will be inviting all families present to attend a talk in the main hall that will be hosted by myself and Mrs Harvey. There will be limited parking on the school site. If you do intend on attending then please arrive in good time accessing the school via the main reception.

Finally this week, I would like to thank parents and carers who attended the Year 9 Information on Tuesday evening. The event was well attended and I do hope that those present found that the evening was both useful and informative. We do continue to believe that the success of the students at the school is far more likely when there is an effective home-school partnership and we very much appreciate the efforts made by the vast majority of our parents and carers. Our next Information Evening will be for families of students in Year 8. This will take place on Tuesday 12th November. I very much look forward to seeing as many families there as possible.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Work Related Learning

Taya Ward & Rihaam Aadan 8C
Leona Betts, Keerat Bhabra & Thomas Merritt 8F.

ICT

Mohammed Ali 10C & Jason Godden 10W.

FRIENDS OF VYNERS

The Friends of Vyners Christmas Faire is set for Friday 13 December, between 3 and 5pm, in the main school hall.

As usual this will be an event run by the students for the students and consists of lots of games and activities to help raise funds for Friends of Vyners to help them support activities that help students throughout the year.

One of the key activities at the Fair is the chocolate tombola and this can only run with the generous support of donations from you. Could you please bring in to reception, or send in with your son or daughter, any donations of chocolate boxes, tins, bags or bars that you can.

All donations will be gratefully received.

If you have a hobby or run a small business and things that you would like to sell at the Fair then please do get in touch with Mr Davey, Chair of Friends of Vyners at jdavey@vynersschool.org.uk to discuss the logistics.

Please note that what you have for sale needs to be age appropriate and for pocket money prices. Our raffle this year is for an Apple Watch Series 5, Apple Wireless earbuds and John Lewis vouchers. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon, please buy as many as you can.....If you would like to offer anything to add to the raffle prizes then please drop off the prize at the school reception.

Lakin and Co kindly sponsor our Christmas Raffle and put boards up in the local area to advertise the Christmas Fair. If you are willing to have a board in your garden for a couple of weeks then please email Mr Davey giving your name address and a contact number.

Thank you in advance for all of your support for what I am sure will be another wonderful event.

CURRENT STAFF VACANCIES

Due to continued school expansion, we currently have the following vacancies:

DATA MANAGER

PA to HEADTEACHER

ICT TECHNICIAN

For more information and application form, please visit the vacancies page of our website.

BEST TUTORIAL WEEK ENDING 18.10.19

Year 7 - 7M - 100%
Year 8 - 8W - 98.06%
Year 9 - 9H - 96.43%
Year 10 - 10H - 96.45%
Year 11 - 11F - 94.41%
Year 12 - 12C - 99.13%
Year 13 - 13G - 96.82%

BEST YEAR GROUP WEEK ENDING 18.10.19

Year 7 - 97.53%
Year 8 - 95.40%
Year 9 - 94.11%
Year 10 - 94.69%
Year 11 - 94.41%
Year 12 - 93.55%
Year 13 - 92.35%

