

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

Newsletter 15th November 2019

The past three weeks do seem to have flown by since the half term break and it now feels that we are heading quite rapidly towards the Christmas period. For most of us there is still a significant amount of work to get through before we can even think about the festivities. That does, of course, include our Year 11 and Year 13 students who should be working hard to prepare for their trial examinations that take place towards the end of November. It also feels as if the majority of the school community have settled well into our new buildings. It is a great addition to the school facilities but I must confess that moving into such a facility during the academic year has put additional strains upon my very committed team of staff.

On Friday of last week we did welcome a number of distinguished guests to the school for the official opening of our new facilities. The project has been funded by the London Borough of Hillingdon so I was particularly pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon, Counsellor David Yarrow and Mary O'Connor MBE as well as other long serving Counsellors who have been great supporters of the school such as Ray Puddifoot MBE and John Hensley CBE. Amongst our other special guests it was wonderful to catch up with two of our longest serving members of staff, both who have now retired, Margaret Hutchinson and Dr Harshinder Malhi. Unfortunately, our previous Headteacher, Mr Heale, was unable to attend but he is very hopeful that he will be able to visit the school in the coming months to see the project that he initially negotiated. Once Counsellor Yarrow had cut the ribbon our guests were given a guided tour of the facilities by student ambassadors before joining members of staff in the new dining area for refreshments.

The Official Opening is seen by many at the school as the start of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations. This morning, we welcomed several members of our Alumni to our Anniversary Coffee morning. Our Alumni network through the Future First organisation has become increasingly important to us over recent years as we have been able to rely on a significant number of former Vyners students to support our careers and work related learning programme for students of all ages. This has included individuals leading careers talks and workshops and most recently, supporting our careers day for our Year 11 students.

It gave me great pleasure to welcome so many of our past students to the school, even more so when I current students are able to benefit from the guidance and support from such a wide range of excellent professionals.

On Monday, the entire school community convened on the school courtyard shortly before 11am to observe two minutes of quiet reflection as we remembered all servicemen and women who have fought in conflicts from World War I onwards. The two minutes of silence were preceded by a recital of Laurence Binyon's war time poem, 'For the Fallen' by Deputy Head Girl, Emma-Louise Jattan and a performance of the Last Post by Amelia Reynard (13F) and Joseph Saunders (11H). As has always been the case since we started observing remembrance in this way the students were, without exception, thoughtful and respectful and a credit to the community.

My congratulations this week go to three students who received Trust Awards this term. George Hall (13C), Hussain Qadri (8G) and Lily Moroney (11H) all received awards from our Trust CEO, Dr Martina Lecky. Each student has exhibited the Trust values in that they each have a positive attitude towards their studies whilst consistently demonstrating commitment to supporting others within the school community. All three students participated in a video that will be shared with staff during the Trust Conference. Well done to all three students.

Finally this week, I would also like to remind all parents and carers that the school will be closed to students on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November for our annual Staff Conference as well as Monday 24th November for an occasional day. The Staff Conference is a key part of our staff professional development programme, which has a significant impact on the quality of teaching and learning at the school. On Friday we will be hosting staff from the other two schools in the Vanguard Learning Trust, Ruislip High and Ryefield for a joint conference. I will share some of the key highlights from this year's Conferences with you in my Newsletter on Friday 28th November.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Work Related Learning 8F:

Samuel Burgess, Callum Dooley, Bethany Dytham, Elliot Few, Aliyah Hamaida, Yathrib Hasan, Harry Haynes-Winskill, Jess Hugill, Kyle Jheeta, Emma Kennedy.

Learning Support:

Mika Assumption, Jacob Ciftci, Nishil Kakaya, Seb King, Jiya Gujral, Ryan Carstairs, Deep Bansal, Rohan Rahanu

Community:

Harry Farrell

Science:

Abdulmalik Bajri, Hubert Oleniacz, Yousef Saidam

CURRENT STAFF VACANCIES

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

DATA MANAGER

PA to HEADTEACHER

ICT TECHNICIAN

LEARNING (Cover) SUPERVISOR

LEARNING SUPPORT ASST - HIRB

For more information and application form, please visit the vacancies page of our website OR email Frances Webb (HR Manager) at fwebb@vynersschool.org.uk.

Attendance Figures

BEST TUTORIAL FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 7G - 98.45%
Year 8 - 8W - 98.18%
Year 9 - 9M - 96.32%
Year 10 - 10H - 97.22%
Year 11 - 11F - 97.00%
Year 12 - 12C - 97.15%
Year 13 - 13G - 94.69%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 97.93%
Year 8 - 96.73%
Year 9 - 95.78%
Year 10 - 94.61%
Year 11 - 95.42%
Year 12 - 95.43%
Year 13 - 93.33%

NOTICE

FOV quiz night on the 29th November has been cancelled.

