

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

HEADTEACHER'S Newsletter **13th December 2019**

The Vanguard Learning Trust Christmas concert took place on Monday 9th December at the All Saints' North Hillingdon Church. The event, which is now well established, signaled the start of festive season within the VLT family of schools. Everyone present engaged heartedly in a series of hymns such as 'Once in Royal David's City', 'O Come All Ye Faithfull' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', all being accompanied by the brass section of the Vyners Swing Band. The hymns were interspersed by superb choir arrangements from Vyners, Ryefield and Ruislip High. The readings from three individual students were beautifully executed and were a perfect complement to what was a fantastic collaborative event. My thanks to all of the VLT staff who continue to work incredibly hard to support Music at the three schools and in particular, The Director of Music at Vyners, Mr Cullum for coordinating this event. As a reminder, the Vyners Christmas Carol Concert will take place in the main hall on Tuesday from 7.00 to 8.00 pm, with doors opening at 6.30 pm. Tickets will only be sold on the door on a 'first come first serve' basis and will be priced at £6 for adults and free for under 16s.

We were once again delighted to be able to welcome senior citizens to the school on Wednesday afternoon for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas party. This year, due to accessibility issues surrounding the main hall and the re-suiting works in that area of the buildings we had to relocate to the new canteen. Unfortunately, this did mean that we were unable to cater for our usual number of guests but it remained a fantastic event as our visitors were treated to a variety of different activities and entertainment including musical items, a quiz and what has become the highlight of the event, Bingo! We are extremely proud of the dozens of students who volunteer to support this event each year, whether as performers, those who serve teas, coffees and refreshments or those who simply spend time with the guests. It is the students who make the experience a special one for our guests. We do also have a significant number of staff who contribute to the event but I would like to express my particular thanks to Ms Derby and Mrs Bashford-Hynes for their excellent organisation and Mrs Kendall for coordinating the refreshments.

Although the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is, in fact, today we will be holding our event next Friday, which will coincide with the final day of term. It will be a non-uniform day, but I am hoping to see as many of our students wearing their Christmas jumpers to show their

support for such a worthy cause at this time of year. We would ask students in non-uniform and / or Christmas jumpers to donate £1 to the charity. I would also make a plea that parents support us by ensuring that children do not attend on the final day of term with inappropriate haircuts.

The prize draw for the FoV Christmas Raffle will take place during our end of term assembly on Friday. At this precise moment in time the Year 7 cohort have by far and away raised the most money through the sale of raffle tickets with a total exceeding £600. Congratulations, in particular, to students in 7M who have raised £133 so far. I'm sure that we can all make a final big push to ensure that we can support the Friends of Vyners in raising significant funds to support the schools' activities further. Thank you to everybody who has contributed to date as well as for supporting the Christmas Fair that will be taking place this afternoon.

Admissions Consultation

I very much appreciate that the publication of the admissions consultation has caused a significant amount of discussion and concern within the local community. This may feel very much 'out of the blue' for many of you but I hope that you are able to appreciate that discussions regarding issues such as school admissions should remain confidential until the date that the publication of the public consultation takes place. Admissions arrangements such as these are commonplace in multi academy trusts that involve schools with both primary and secondary aged students, the objective in such instances being to provide an 'all through' education for trust children whilst recognising that a significant number of children will join a Trust school at the age of 11. I understand that there will be families in Ickenham and Uxbridge who will be concerned about the impact upon children who are currently being educated in non-Trust primaries and with this in mind I have committed to publishing a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document before the end of term, which I hope will address a number of the concerns and queries that have surfaced. In the meantime, if you do wish to contribute to the consultation then please ensure that you use the methods as outlined in the consultation documentation and that you do not contact the school directly.

Thank you

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Work Related Learning 8F

Jasmine Senakey, Saabir Subeir, Isabella To, Emily Power, Harry Todd, Rhea Vohra, Rio-Star Wilson, Sophia Abeid, Rayyan Ahmed, Avni Artut.

English

Harveen Bodwal 7G

Attendance Figures

BEST TUTORIAL FOR WEEK ENDING 6TH DECEMBER 2019

Year 7 - 7P - 100%
Year 8 - 8W - 98.71%
Year 9 - 9M - 97.00%
Year 10 - 10C - 98.67%
Year 11 - 11F - 99.69%
Year 12 - 12G - 96.07%
Year 13 - 13H - 97.83%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR WEEK ENDING 6TH DECEMBER 2019

Year 7 - 97.98%
Year 8 - 96.99%
Year 9 - 98.65%
Year 10 - 96.12%
Year 11 - 96.90%
Year 12 - 93.65%
Year 13 - 89.84%

BEST TUTORIAL FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 7F - 98.07%
Year 8 - 8W - 97.95%
Year 9 - 9W - 96.06%
Year 10 - 10H - 96.27%
Year 11 - 11F - 97.25%
Year 12 - 12C - 96.44%
Year 13 - 13W - 94.50%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 97.56%
Year 8 - 96.39%
Year 9 - 95.64%
Year 10 - 95.00%
Year 11 - 95.56%
Year 12 - 95.21%
Year 13 - 92.76%

