



Year 10 Update

27/02/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the weekend. A few updates to inform you of:

Lateness to School/Tutorial - TRIAL

With the aim to reduce the number of students who are persistently late to school, rather than punishing people who have one off lateness, we will be **trialling** for this half term the below:

- 1) If your child is late **3 times in a half term** you will receive an **immediate C3 detention**.
- 2) They will also be placed on to **late report**, where your punctuality will be **carefully monitored**
- 3) There will be **no more lunchtime detentions**

Drop Everything and Read (DEaR)

Unfortunately I have been made aware that a large number of Year 10 do not have any reading materials with them in general, but specifically for the weekly DEaR. They do not necessarily need to bring in a book for pleasure but can have a book for enrichment purposes. Either way, they should be reading! They should have a book in their bag and engage with the weekly process.

Prefect System

I have been touching on the Prefect System being launched soon. I plan to deliver an assembly regarding this in a few weeks and launch the application process after Easter. This will consist of an **application** to complete with questions related to why they would like to be a prefect and what they can bring to the role, followed by a second round consisting of a **group interview** with shared questions prior around how they would deal with situations that may arise. As you can appreciate we have a fantastic year group and will only be selecting the best candidates for only a small amount of prefect spaces. This is a privilege and therefore myself and Mr Newbey have been stressing to the students that behaviour, attendance, punctuality and uniform (jewellery included) as well as their ability to be a good role model and effectively contribute to Vyners as a prefect is so important.

Uniform Standards

- Hoop/Dangle earrings are **not** permitted - these will be confiscated and if continuous C4 for deliberate defiance as per our behaviour policy.
- Students with hair/nails will attend a lunch time detention and if continues will escalate to a C4.
- **Flared trousers are also not permitted** and must be straight leg.

Revision Workshop for students (in day) and parents (in evening) - Tuesday 21st April

There will be more information that will come out but save the Tuesday 21st April 6-7pm for a parent workshop on how to help your child revise. Students will have an hour-long workshop on this day too.

Save The Date - Final Charity Event for GOSH and SBH - Saturday 14th March 9.30am

Miss Hawes and Miss Charlton are raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and St Barnabas Hospice. They are also running the London Marathon in April in aid of these charities. Donations would be massively appreciated. If you would like to donate, we would really appreciate it via cash on the day or through our just giving pages below.

- <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/emma-charlton>
- <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kirsty-hawes>

School Wars' Posts

We are aware of recent social media posts circulating on TikTok concerning so-called 'School Wars'. The school community has been very calm since our return, and we are keen to avoid unnecessary hype caused by inappropriate and potentially dangerous social media posts. Please be assured that the Metropolitan Police are closely monitoring the situation and are maintaining regular contact with schools across several London boroughs. This has included officers attending schools at the end of the day as a precautionary measure. They are committed to responding swiftly and effectively to any reports of violence or disorder, ensuring the safety and well-being of all young people. However, I would like to stress that there is currently no evidence of any group or individuals acting on these posts.

If you become aware of any relevant information, please report it to the police by calling 101, as well as informing the school. Your vigilance plays an important role in keeping our communities safe.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

School Communications

Further to the successful move to Arbor last spring, the school is preparing to migrate its communications package. At the moment, a second piece of software - Edulink - is used to send emails and text messages home. This was needed because our old Management Information System (SIMS) did not include a communications module.

Arbor has this functionality built in, and we will be using it exclusively to communicate with you from 23rd March 2026. In preparation for this change, there will be a short period of 'double running'. Some emails you will be getting from us twice. This 'double running' enables our staff to become familiar with the new system, and also for us to confirm that you are receiving everything we send out.

Apologies for the extra messages into your inboxes for the next few weeks - and thank you for your support during this period of transition.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding online safety. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information.

School Production

A reminder that there will be performances of the Vyners School Production '*Addams Family*' on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information on how to book tickets.

Friends of Vyners

Please [\[click here\]](#) for details of the Friends of Vyners Quiz Night on Friday 13th March.

Spring Term Key Dates

Spring 2	
Wed 4 th , Thur 5 th & Fri 6 th March	School Production
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Friday 6 th March	Year 10 & 12 reports issued
Friday 13 th March	FOV Quiz Night
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Tuesday 21st April	Year 10 Revision Workshop (1 period during day for tutorials)
Tuesday 21st April	Year 10 Revision Workshop for Parents 6-7pm.
Wednesday 29th April	Year 10 parent consultation evening (online)
Week beginning 5th May - Friday 15th May 2023	Year 10 trial written exams start - in class
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Wednesday, 20 May 2026	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Religious Studies Short Course Exam
Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 th June	Year 10 reports issued
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
w/c Monday 13 th July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7 ,8, 9 and 10
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself (khawes@vynersschool.org.uk) or Mrs Tighe who is our family liaison officer for KS4 (ktighe@vynersschool.org.uk).

Thanks so much for your support.

Miss Hawes
Year 10 Leader