

# Weekly Vyne Bulletin

## Newsletter 24th January 2020

I start this week with the sad news of the death of the PiXL Chairman, Sir John Rowling who passed away last Friday after a short illness. Most of you will not be familiar with Sir John. He was the Headteacher at Nunthorpe Comprehensive School (now Nunthorpe Academy) in Middleborough from 1984 to 2003 and was knighted for services to education in 2003. He went on to set up the school improvement network organisation PiXL, in 2008 which led him to become one of the most influential educators in the country.

Vyners is a committed member of the PiXL family and has been for a number of years and a significant proportion of the schools' success has been driven by the collaboration with PiXL and the approximate 2000 schools nationally that form the PiXL partnership. Moreover, it was back in 2013 that Sir John agreed to be our PiXL Associate, a role that involved regularly visiting the school and giving us direct support for our school improvement strategies. I feel extremely fortunate to this day to have been able to meet with Sir John on a number of occasions and learn from such an influential figure. As recently as December I was invited, by Sir John to a PiXL strategy meeting in Central London. In his final months, at the age of 79 he remained a great supporter of both myself and our previous Headteacher, James Heale and being an incredible advocate for Vyners School. Sir John was a great leader and an absolute gentleman; he will be dearly missed by us all.

### **Year 8 into 9 Options Evening**

A reminder that the Year 8 Options Evening will take place on this coming Tuesday starting at 6.30 pm in the school hall. This is a very important meeting as Deputy Headteacher, Mr Cowling will be giving guidance regarding the process for choosing key stage 4 options as well as some important information related to GCSE and Equivalent qualifications. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

### **Attendance**

As you will be aware excellent attendance rates at school are crucial when trying to ensure positive progress, both academically and socially whilst at school. The school' target remains 96%, both for individual students as well as across the organisation as a whole. The attendance rate for the autumn term was 95.9%, which is just short of where we need to be (attendance figures are not rounded to the nearest whole number). Therefore, I would ask for even more

support in achieving these targets. One such example is the final day of term. On 20th December there were twice as many absences than on any other day in the term. Whilst many of those absences will have been legitimate it is clear that some were not. As much as I do understand about the difference in travel costs on given days this should not be a reason for taking a child out of school. On a very positive note, my congratulations this week go to 7 Jagger who achieved 100% attendance as a tutor group last week and Year 7 students (97.9%) and Year 8 students (97.4%) as they are currently exceeding the schools targets.

### **Cross Country**

Eleven students from Vyners represented Hillingdon at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships at Harrow School on Thursday. It was a tough course with very muddy conditions but despite this, there were numerous excellent performances. Congratulations to all 11 runners but a special mention to Issy Stone (7J), who came 13th out of around 85+ runners. This is the best positioning Miss Hawes has seen from a Vyners debutant, in this competition in recent years.

### **Admissions Consultation**

You are probably aware that the seven week admissions consultation closes today. The Governors and Trustees will now take the time to carefully consider the responses from all stakeholders. I will update you in the coming weeks as to when the school and Trust will publish the response. In the meantime, I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond.

### **Gary Mullings**

Headteacher

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

### **Work Related Learning 8G**

Shriya Malhotra, Abbie Manners, Rehan Mustafa, Alaina Powney.

### **German**

Isabella To 8F, Raquel Corjuc 8G, Aidan Gallagher 8H, Julia Ozen 8H.

### **Economics**

Hannah White 11G, Benjamin Surguy 11W

### **English**

Emmanuel Irechukwu 11M

## Attendance News

### **BEST TUTORIAL FOR WEEK ENDING 17TH JANUARY 2020**

Year 7 - 7J - 100%  
Year 8 - 8F - 98.62%  
Year 9 - 9F - 97.42%  
Year 10 - 10F - 98.67%  
Year 11 - 11G - 96.88%  
Year 12 - 12C - 97.83%  
Year 13 - 13G - 94.51%

### **BEST YEAR GROUP FOR WEEK ENDING 17TH JANUARY 2020**

Year 7 - 97.41%  
Year 8 - 94.99%  
Year 9 - 94.36%  
Year 10 - 92.87%  
Year 11 - 94.13%  
Year 12 - 93.74%  
Year 13 - 91%

### **BEST TUTORIAL FOR YEAR TO DATE**

Year 7 - 7M - 97.85%  
Year 8 - 8W - 97.40%  
Year 9 - 9W - 95.53%  
Year 10 - 10H - 95.53%  
Year 11 - 11G - 94.93%  
Year 12 - 12C - 95.84%  
Year 13 - 13H 94.86%

### **BEST YEAR GROUP FOR YEAR TO DATE**

Year 7 - 96.89%  
Year 8 - 95.80%  
Year 9 - 95.07%  
Year 10 - 94.69%  
Year 11 - 94.13%  
Year 12 - 94.40%  
Year 13 - 92.84%

