

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

Newsletter 7 February 2020

Firstly this week, I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Parental Consultation evening yesterday. This is obviously a critical time for all of the students in the year group and the support of family and friends, alongside the school, becomes increasingly important. As is the case every year, we will be implementing a range of strategies to help the students through to the end of their examinations and we would, again appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attend relevant activities, such as interventions when they are requested to do so. Our evening for parents and carers of students in Year 13 takes place next Thursday. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Following their success at the Borough Tournament, the U13 girls' handball team have progressed to the London Youth Games qualifying rounds. The squad travelled away to Hampton High in round 1 and the girls played absolutely fantastically, winning 24-1. A special mention to Grace Bunce (8F), who scored 21 goals! The girls have now received a bye in round 2 and have qualified straight to the London Youth Games Finals at the Olympic Copper Box. Congratulations to all involved and my thanks to Miss Powick for her work coaching and supporting the girls.

I recently wrote a piece in the newsletter about attendance and I must again reiterate how pleased I am with the improvement that we have seen in the overall school figures in comparison to this time last year. I am, however, disappointed with the number of consequences that are being given out on a weekly basis for students being late to school. As a reminder, students should be on site by 8.25am at the latest so that they are ready to be registered at 8.30 am promptly. In addition, with the overwhelming majority of students attending Vyners living within 1.2 miles from the school I feel that there are still too many who are being dropped off and collected by cars at either end of the day. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

We are fortunate that thefts remain very rare at the school, however they do, on occasion happen. In addition, we also have had a small, but significant number of occasions whereby expensive items have been lost or misplaced and whilst in most cases these items are returned to their rightful owners, this is not always the case. With this in mind, I would again like to stress that expensive items such as jewelry, ear pods, etc. should be left at home. Whilst our policy on mobile phones is clear, we do understand that many parents and carers do wish for their child to have a phone in school so that they can be contacted, if necessary, at the end of the school day. Finally, I would also like to remind parents and students that if you wish to bring a bicycle onto the school site then your child needs to wear

a helmet and must lock the cycle in the cycle shed area.

Search Dogs

At Vyners School we are committed to ensuring the safety of all our young people. Part of this is ensuring that Vyners School continues to remain drug free. In order for this to continue we have looked at ways in which other schools have educated their young people about the dangers of drugs and making young people aware of the dangers of being found in possession of drugs and, after significant consideration, the Governing Body have supported the decision to introduce the use of Search Dogs.

Canine detection services are widely recognised as a rapidly emerging resource within the security community. With an ability to effectively detect the smallest traces of contraband, they are easily deployable in any environment, including schools. ICTS (International Consultants on Targeted Security) work with a number of schools across the region to introduce young people to search dogs and the work that they do. ICTS are a leading provider of highly-trained handlers and detection dogs for private and public operations. Searches will be undertaken on a number of occasions throughout the year. The times and dates will not be made available to parents, students or staff.

All ICTS dogs and handlers are trained and accredited to National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) standards, HABC level 4 or both. Both handler and dog are certified as a team and live together. They undergo monthly continued training, attend two Police refresher courses and are accredited every six months at a Regional Police Dog Training School to NPCC standards. All ICTS handlers receive regular on-site training by ICTS' in-house NPCC instructors and are regularly tested by outside assessors.

The dog team, consisting of one handler with two dogs (one passive person screening dog and one proactive search dog). The day will also consist of educational assemblies conducted by Ian Robinson, who is a retired Thames Valley Police Officer. The assemblies would include demonstrations of the different types of search dog, how they work and a question and answer opportunity for the students. Ian would also be available throughout the duration of the visit to offer Q & A opportunities to all students and staff.

Alongside knife crime, drugs continue to be one of the greatest challenges in communities. I do hope that as parents and carers you will be in full support of the introduction of this strategy. If you do have any further questions regarding the deployment of Drugs Dogs then please contact Mr Cowling at the school.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION 27.01.20

Work Related Learning Day 8G

Hussain Quadri, Zaynab Quadri, Jayden Sangha, Maddie Sinclair, Lydia Smith.

History

Ciara Davies 9C, Max Goolamali 9C, Adam Hameed 9F, Phoebe Crawford 9F, William

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION 03.02.20

Work Related Learning Day 8

Tom Walshe 8G, Saif Althonayan 8H, Luke Boxall 8H, Samuel Brown 8H, Emilie Capp 8H.

English

Muhammed Butt 7P

YEAR 10 VACCINATIONS

Just to remind parents/carers that the 3-in-1 Teenage Booster and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations will be taking place on MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY. Please make sure that your child wears a short sleeve shirt, brings a bottle of water and a sugary snack.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

BEST TUTORIAL FOR WEEK ENDING 31.01.20

Year 7 - 7M - 98.33%
Year 8 - 8C - 97.33%
Year 9 - 9F - 97.17%
Year 10 - 10C - 96.67%
Year 11 - 11W - 98.44%
Year 12 - 12G - 94.78%
Year 13 - 13G - 96.53%

BEST YEAR GROUP WEEK ENDING 31.01.20

Year 7 - 94.98%
Year 8 - 96.01%
Year 9 - 95.21%
Year 10 - 95.12%
Year 11 - 95.97%
Year 12 - 92.01%
Year 13 - 89.48%

BEST TUTORIAL FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 7M - 97.80%
Year 8 - 8W - 97.13%
Year 9 - 9W - 95.58%
Year 10 - 10H - 96.04%
Year 11 - 11G - 96.47%
Year 12 - 12G - 95.66%
Year 13 - 13H - 94.20%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 96.79%
Year 8 - 95.78%
Year 9 - 95.18%
Year 10 - 94.77%
Year 11 - 94.97%
Year 12 - 94.16%
Year 13 - 92.24%

