

Year 9 Update

27/03/26

Message from Mr Mullings

Earlier this year we wrote to parents and carers outlining our updated behaviour policy with specific references to student mobile phone use at Vyners. As part of that communication we stated that it is our intention to continue to strengthen the policy over the coming academic year in line with the updated guidance from the Department for Education ([click here](#)). We support the DfE's guidance given the overwhelming evidence regarding smart phone use and children's mental health and wellbeing, their ability to develop social skills away from technologies as well the disruption to learning that we experience from time to time.

At our spring term local governing body meeting, the decision was taken to adopt the strategy for the new Year 7 cohort for September 2027 to be smart phone free and that the only phones that they will be able to bring to school will be **non-smart phones** with the ability for calls, texts and tracking. This will then be rolled out year-by-year until the school becomes smart phone free. This strategy has been successfully trialled within the Trust at Ruislip High School and we will be communicating this week to parents of Year 6 children who are due to start at Vyners in September.

With regard to students in the current cohorts at the school, we will be consulting on potential changes to the policy during the summer term with the view of finalising the policy for 2026-27 at the local governing body meeting in June. We will be in contact with parents and carers (and students) ahead of that time to gain their views. In the meantime, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with regard to this matter.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

KS3 Assessment Week

Following feedback from last year Y9's will take some formal assessments during the week commencing 18th May. Students will complete a revision week the week after the Easter holidays and they will receive more information about this. Please see some information slides [here](#).

Year 9 WB - 18/05/25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Maths	English	Science Physic/Bio	RE	Normal Lesson
2	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
3	Science Chem/Bio	History	Geography	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
4	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
5	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson

Meningitis Guidance

Please see the guidance on meningitis [here](#).

Easter Egg Hunt

9H won the Easter Egg Hunt today with the least amount of lates for the term. This took place this morning during tutorial

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please [[click here](#)] for this week's safeguarding snapshot.

VLT News

Please [[click here](#)] for a Trust Update letter from Dr Lecky, VLT CEO.

Please [[click here](#)] for information on staff vacancies across the Trust.

Information Received

Please [[click here](#)] for a leaflet from Premier Kickboxing with information about the classes they offer.

Spring Term Key Dates

Friday 27 th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)
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Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
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)
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Friday 10 th July	Year 9 reports issued
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)