



## Year 10 Update

08/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

### **RE GCSE Exam - Wednesday 20th May 2026**

A reminder that the Year 10 Students have their first GCSE next Wednesday, 20th May in the afternoon. It is very important that they are prepared for this GCSE.

Key Messages:

- Clear pencil case
- No labels on waterbottles
- Empty pockets
- No paper in blazers
- Phones in bags

### **Assembly this week - Next Steps**

This week's assembly was looking at next steps post GCSE's. I planned this as I realised open days for colleges etc had happened and were advertised in the next few weeks so I wanted to raise this with students. I have attached the slides for your information too and these are on google classroom for students too.

### **Uniform Standards**

- No Tech Fleece/Hoodies used as coats. These will be confiscated if caught twice wearing around school.
- 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.

### **Year 10 End of Year Assessment**

Year 10 students are undergoing assessments in class and will complete the remaining subjects next week. These will be organised by the classroom teacher and are on google classroom. If your child is absent or misses an assessment, these will be rearranged by the classroom teacher.

### **Prefects**

Mr Newbey and I have completed our first week of prefect interviews and the remaining interviews are next week. I have thoroughly enjoyed these so far and the standard is incredibly high. It is going to be very tough. Decisions will be made on Friday 22nd May.

## **Safeguarding Snapshot**

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot includes useful information on how to build resilience in children [\[click here\]](#).

## **VLT Staff Vacancies**

Please [\[click here\]](#) for a list of all vacancies across the VLT schools.

## **Summer Term Key Dates**

Week beginning 5th May - Friday 15th May 2023	Year 10 trial written exams start - in class <a href="#">Assessment Topics Year 10 Summer 2026</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FOV Quiz Night
<b>Wednesday, 20 May 2026</b>	<b>AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Religious Studies Short Course Exam</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 reports issued
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day (school closed to students)</b>
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7 ,8, 9 and 10
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)</b>

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

Thanks so much for your support.

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