

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

Newsletter 6th March 2020

Year 11 Macbeth Production

We had a difficult start to the week as the Ginificent production of 'Macbeth' for Years 10 and 11 was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances on Monday. The theatre company did not show up for this performance and later explained that the person who took the booking and invoice remittance last May left in June and did not handover this information. We were receiving automated booking reminders making us believe it was still on. Whilst this is a hugely disappointing, the finance team organised an immediate refund of the parental contributions on sQuid. To confirm £2.00 has been refunded back onto all 271 pupils' sQuid accounts (there were about 90 students who never paid (across Y10 and Y11). These amounts will sit in the Trips & Offers purse. If parents want the money to go into their child's catering purse they will need to e-mail sQuid directly and request this on customerservice@squidcard.com. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Sport Relief

Sport relief will be taking place on the 11th March at School. There will be a number of events going on to support the multiple charities that Sport Relief fronts. This day will be a non-uniform day where students are encouraged to wear their favourite sports teams kit or something red to show their support. Students will be taking part in the Sport Relief mile and will have the opportunity to join our roller disco event during PE lessons which is available to book on Squid. It promises to be a great day which will raise money for a valuable cause.

World Book Day 2020

In order to celebrate World Book Day, a number of activities have taken place in school this week. Key Stage Three pupils embarked on a Scavenger Hunt, in which their aim was to find clues, worn by staff that made a nod to a character from a book. It was wonderful to see pupils hunting round the school for clues and excitedly identifying the characters that they recognised. These pupils also learnt about the importance of reading for pleasure in their English lessons and explored how we can be inspired by literary characters. Key Stage Five pupils evaluated the significance of the six most influential books of all time, ranging from the works of William Shakespeare to Charles Darwin; all Sixth Form pupils will vote for the book that they believe to be the most influential and the result will be announced next week. Furthermore, £1 book tokens have been provided to all pupils across the school, which they can exchange for the special '£1

books' published especially for World Book Day, or equally they can use the tokens to get £1 off a book of their choice. Information about how to spend these tokens can be found on the official World Book Day website: www.worldbookday.com. Finally, all pupils are also encouraged to take part in our Reading Rewards initiative, in which they get a stamp card and are rewarded with a stamp (and merits) for each book they read and review; completed cards are entered in a prize raffle at the end of the school year. Thank you to Mrs Nicholls for her excellent work leading the school's reading and literacy strategy.

Admissions Consultation Update

The decision regarding the admissions consultation for the September 2021 intake was made prior to 28th February as required by the Admissions Code. The code requires that the decision and policy must be published on the school website by 15th March. I can confirm that the Governors and Trustees will be adhering to this deadline.

Coronavirus Update

I will again be sending a separate Coronavirus update to parents and carers later today. As I am sure you are aware this is a dynamic and ever changing situation but I am pleased to be able to report that the Government advice is being updated daily and that we are updating our contingency and business continuity plans in line with this information. There are several links that parents may find useful that I will provide in the email. We will also be running assemblies next week which will be led by the Science department to ensure that the students are properly informed and aware of the implications of potentially unhygienic behavior. We will also be implementing the procedure of not shaking hands with visitors at the school in the immediate future. I am sure that parents and carers will understand this when in attendance at events such as the Year 9 parents evening that will be taking place next Thursday.

Gary Mullings

Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Work Related Learning Day 8H

Jaimeen Sangha, Ava Williams, Simran Phull, Amyukt Nembang, Ralph Lacey, Daniel Petkov.

Tutor Time/English 8F

Samuel Burgess, Saabir Subeir, Jacob Kerswill.

French

Elise Allen 7C

Drama

Jemima Potter 7H

Parent Workshop: How to get a grade 4/5 in Foundation GCSE Maths

Wednesday 18th March 4pm - 5.30pm in the School Hall

Year 11 foundation students and parents/carers

The aims of this workshop are to:

1. Familiarise parents with the format of the exam paper.
2. Enable parents to better support their child by giving strategies for practise and revision.
3. Guide students and parents through examination questions.

To book a place on the workshop, please email Mrs Purtil at: upurtill@vynersschool.org.uk

YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS

Just to remind parents/carers that the 3-in-1 Teenage Booster and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations will be taking place on MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2020. 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 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

Year 7 - 7W - 97.67%
Year 8 - 8F - 98.62%
Year 9 - 9M - 98.33%
Year 10 - 10W - 95.33%
Year 11 - 11F - 95.31%
Year 12 - 12H - 97.12%
Year 13 - 13W - 88.24%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR WEEK ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

Year 7 - 94.95%
Year 8 - 95.50%
Year 9 - 96.09%
Year 10 - 92.83%
Year 11 - 92.99%
Year 12 - 89.69%
Year 13 - 83.08%

BEST TUTORIAL FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 7M - 97.68%
Year 8 - 8W - 97.10%
Year 9 - 9H - 95.31%
Year 10 - 10H - 95.62%
Year 11 - 11W - 95.62%
Year 12 - 12M - 94.69%
Year 13 - 13W - 93.19%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR YEAR TO DATE

Year 7 - 96.63%
Year 8 - 95.79%
Year 9 - 95.31%
Year 10 - 94.55%
Year 11 - 94.86%
Year 12 - 93.58%
Year 13 - 91.53%

