

Year 9 Update

10.07.26

Y9 into Y10

As we progress into Year 10 I just wanted to make you aware of some personnel changes within the pastoral team. Mr Newbey will be taking over from Mrs Bashford-Hynes as the SLT link for the year group, as she moves into a slightly different role. Ms Amin and Ms Veronese will also be leaving the year team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their hard work and dedication to the students in their tutorials and wider year group.

There will also be a change of Family Liaison Officer, as we move into Key Stage 4 Mrs Tighe will be taking over this role from Mrs McLaren, as she will remain in Key Stage 3. Mrs McLaren has done a fantastic job in supporting students and I would like to thank her for her support and commitment. The pastoral team will be moving to room 161 from Monday 13th July.

Silver Awards

I am very much looking forward to celebrating the achievements of the year group at the Silver Awards assembly. It is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on a wonderful year. For those of you who have been invited due to your child receiving an award, please be reminded this will take place at 11.20 on Tuesday 14th July 26.

Progress Checks

Your son/daughter has been emailed a copy of their progress report today. The report has also been emailed to you and is available on the Arbor app.

Attached [here](#) is the accompanying letter to go with the report.

Please note that any subject specific queries need to go directly to your child's subject teacher. You can contact any teacher by clicking on the 'Email a member of staff' link on the Vyners school website.

Year 12 Student EPQ Questionnaire

If you see fit please could you ask students to complete this questionnaire for a Y12 students' EPQ work.

I'm currently completing my EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), where I'm researching how changing beauty standards have influenced dental treatment.

To support my research, I've put together a short anonymous questionnaire about attitudes towards teeth, cosmetic dentistry and social media, that I would like as many students as possible to complete. It only takes around 3–5 minutes to complete, and every response will help me build a more reliable set of results for my project. ([click here](#))

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete it!

End of Term Rewards

On Monday 13th July, 25 Y9 students with the highest merits for the year will be taking part in rewards activities on the back field. This includes outdoor games and Ice Lollies. This will take place during P5 lessons. These students have received invitations today.

Attendance Competition

Students were informed that from the 29th June to 10th July every time they were in school for a full day and on time for lessons they would receive one entry into an attendance raffle. The winning students of activity vouchers will be announced in the whole school assembly on Friday 17th July.

Vyners School Open Evening

Vyners Open Evening will be on Wednesday 23rd September and families with children who will be in Year 6 (or Year 5 with an EHCP) in September 2026 are welcome to **book tickets from Monday 13th July at 8am**. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information on our website and details of how to book the tickets. This information is being shared with our current families and local primary schools to give advance notice of the Open Evening and to allow tickets to be booked early.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding 'Looks Maxxing'. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information

Warm Weather Uniform Update

Whilst we were expecting slightly cooler temperatures next week, there has been a change in the forecast over recent days which suggests that temperatures will again be in the region of 30 degrees celsius during most afternoons. Given this forecast, it has been agreed that students will be permitted to wear their PE kit to school through to the end of the summer term. As previously stated, this should be Vyners branded shorts or skorts along with the Vyners branded polo shirts. Items such as non-branded jogging bottoms or shorts should not be worn. It should be remembered that students do not need to wear their PE kit. They have the choice of wearing their school uniform with ties and blazers at home. I would encourage children and families to consider wearing standard school uniform items on some days, particularly to ensure that PE kit is regularly washed and odour free. If parents and carers have any questions regarding uniform during the final week of term they should contact their child's Year Leader in the first instance.

Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Having had a quick review of offers locally, it is clear that many businesses are taking this opportunity to offer excellent discounts to children and families.

As part of this campaign, the Government has launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Summer Term Key Dates

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)