

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

The third week of the new academic year has been an extremely positive one. Once again, our students have risen to the challenge and demonstrated a high degree of resilience when dealing with the current context. The attendance rates for staff and students have been excellent this week and I am particularly pleased to be able to report that the number of consequences recorded is significantly below what was recorded at the same point last year. The use of face coverings is now a part of daily life. However, I would like to remind parents and carers that our strategy is for the entire school community to be wearing fabric reusable face coverings to protect each other. This is due to the fact that there is a tendency to reuse disposable masks on several occasions, which carries more of a health risk. The use of fabric masks allows us to manage this risk more effectively.

#### **London Borough of Hillingdon, Dream Bike Competition Winner**

I was delighted to receive a letter on Tuesday from the local authority School Travel and Safety Officer to inform me that Daniel Hassanian (8J), came second in the London Borough of Hillingdon “Design your dream bike” competition 2020. The competition, which ran over the lockdown period, asked children to design their dream bike. There were over 470 entries from children aged 4-16, which makes Daniel’s achievement even more remarkable. The winners were invited with their families to the forecourt of the Civic Centre where they met the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon and was presented with a framed digitalised version of his design. My warmest congratulations to Daniel for his outstanding achievement.

#### **SSAT Re-accreditation**

We were extremely pleased to learn this week that we have been re-accredited for transforming practice in Professional Learning within the SSAT’s Framework for Exceptional Education. Members of the senior leadership team put together a portfolio of evidence and then met with SSAT Senior Education Leads to ensure the school’s position in the SSAT Leading Edge directory. This success recognises the commitment of the staff at Vyners to their own professional development and builds on the work, over a number of years, of the school’s senior leadership team to expand and enhance the professional development programme for teachers and support staff. We are also seeking to make an application in the current round for an accreditation for Curriculum Innovation. My thanks to our Subject Leader for English and Associate Assistant Headteacher, Mr Cahill for leading on this development.

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### **Open Evening 2020**

We are currently putting the final touches on our video, prospectus and FAQs documents, all of which will be published on our website on Wednesday afternoon. We remain disappointed that we will not be able to welcome families to the school site this year but we do hope that the information shared will prove informative and assist parents and carers when making their decisions about secondary school provision for their child.

### **A New Hospital in Hillingdon**

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has announced plans to build a new hospital in Hillingdon. As anyone who has visited the hospital will realise, the current Hillingdon Hospital is an old building. The maze-like layout makes it difficult to get around and the condition of buildings can make the experience of being in hospital more difficult. They have an ambitious plan to build a new hospital by 2025 and very much want to hear from everyone who has an interest in the hospital, to ensure that plans consider their ideas and aspirations. More detail about the plans and a short survey can be found [here](#). I would warmly encourage all parents and carers to share their views.

Finally, this week I would like to inform parents and carers that we will be publishing a school newsletter on a fortnightly basis for the foreseeable future. This will allow us to focus on news about the school and its students in the newsletter, whilst continuing to update parents about Covid-19 in separate updates as and when required. We will do this on a trial basis and revert to a weekly newsletter if necessary.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend.

Kind regards,



**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**