Vyners School

Striving for Excellence

Year 9 Update **23/10/2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we place immense value on our partnership with families to ensure our young people feel safe, supported and confident both in and out of school. With the growing independence that comes with Year 9, we know how important it is for students to spend time socialising, relaxing and building friendships with their peers outside of school hours.

To help them navigate this growing independence safely, we wanted to share a gentle reminder about evening routines and community safety. We have been made aware of an increase in the number of young people gathering in public areas, such as parks and local town spaces, late into the evening without adult supervision.

While independence is a positive step in their personal growth, being out late in unmonitored spaces can sometimes place young people in vulnerable situations or expose them to influences that do not have their best interests at heart. We want to work together to ensure our students enjoy their social time safely.

You can help us support your child by:

- Establishing gentle curfews: Agreeing on a clear, reasonable time for them to return home each evening.
- Staying connected: Having regular, open conversations about where they are going, who they are meeting and checking in while they are out.
- Keeping communication open: Reassuring your child that they can always talk to you or a trusted adult at school if a situation ever feels uncomfortable or unsafe.

In school, we are supporting Year 9 through assemblies and tutor time, focusing on positive decision-making, personal safety and looking out for one another.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing care and partnership as we guide our young people through these important secondary school years.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brown

Assistant Headteacher

Remembrance Day - RBL Poppy Appeal

Please note that after half term from Monday 2 November 2026, the sixth form executive team will be going round the school with the poppies to be purchased with a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have enclosed below the QR code to enable anyone to make a donation online. If your child would like to purchase a poppy we will need cash payment as this goes directly into the charity boxes that we have with the poppies supplied by the RBL. They also provide us with a box of RBL wristbands, rulers, reflectable poppies if your child would like to purchase something other than a poppy.

Free Breakfast at Morrisons Cafe's

Throughout the October half-term holiday, Morrisons and Kellogg's are offering free breakfasts for both children and adults at Morrisons Cafés nationwide.Available from 12 October to 1 November, the offer includes:

- A bowl of Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies
- Choice of dairy or non-dairy milk
- A piece of fruit (apple or banana)

The offer is available to all family members, providing an opportunity for families to enjoy a free breakfast together during the school holidays. This initiative aims to help ease the cost of living pressures many families experience during holiday periods when school-based breakfast provision may not be available.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot includes information from the Metropolitan Police regarding mobile phone safety and the use of e-scooters/e-bicycles. Please [**click here**] for further information

Trust Update

Please [click here] for the Trust Update, October 2026.

Support Staff Vacancies

Please [click here] for the list of support staff vacancies across the VLT sites.

Local Girls' Football Team Looking for Players

We have been contacted by a local grassroots football club, Ickenham Youth Tigers U15s, who are currently looking for new players to join their squad for the season.

The team is open to girls in Year 9 and Year 10, welcoming both experienced players and those who are new to the sport and keen to try something new.

Keeping young women active and engaged in sport is hugely important to us, and joining a local club is a great way to build confidence, stay fit, and make new friends.

If your daughter is interested in joining or attending a training session, please see the details on the attached poster or get in touch directly via the contact information provided.

Maths Xtra

Maths Xtra with Imperial Maths School - Register Interest

For teachers, students in Years 8 & 9, parents & guardians

Maths Xtra is designed for students who have a passion and talent for maths and who want to expand their knowledge beyond the curriculum. Maths Xtra takes place each Tuesday afternoon from 16:20-17:45 at Imperial Maths School in North Finchley.

Supported by Imperial Maths School teachers and sixth form student mentors, students in Years 8 and 9 can get support and guidance with challenging maths outside the classroom.

To express interest for a student to attend please complete the registration form.

For any queries please email outreach@imperialmathsschool.ac.uk.

Autumn Term Key Dates For Year 9

Autumn Term 2026	
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
Wednesday 18th November	Governance Day
Thursday 19th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Friday 20th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Monday 23rd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 27th November	FOV Quiz Night
Thursday 3rd December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Wednesday 9th December	VLT Christmas Concert
Friday 11th December	Year 9 reports issued
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December	**End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)**