

18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, I would like to apologise about the number of communications that we have had to send out this week alone. It has been a week like no other with a plethora of edicts from the DfE and local Government, the management of positive coronavirus cases within the school community alongside trying to ensure that staff and students are able to enjoy the Christmas festivities in the best and safest way possible. If parents and carers haven't as yet done so, I would ask you to ensure that you carefully read the two letters that accompany this email as they both have significant implications for both the end of the autumn term and the start of the spring term.

Now that I've managed to get that out of the way, I would like to focus on good news to end the autumn term.

Firstly, very well done to all students in Year 7 who participated in our alternative Christmas tree and Christmas jumper design competitions. There were 52 entries and 158 entries respectively and I have been extremely impressed by the level of creativity and the quality of the designs. My warm congratulations go to **Leighton Wheaton (7P)**, **Jeevan Viridi (7P)**, **Khadija Nagri (7F)**, **Marli Pistorius (7J)** and **Anton Rogatin (7G)** who were the prize winner for the Christmas tree competition and **Patrick Emanuel (7G)**, **Elizabeth Allen (7G)** and **Adam El Uahabi (7M)** who won the prizes for their excellent Christmas jumper designs. Mr Maheady has kindly put together a PDF document showing the winning designs. This can be found [\[here\]](#).

Continuing with the theme of alternative Christmas activities, I would like to thank **Mr Cullum**, **Mrs Coyle**, **Ms Walshe** and all of the students involved in the production of the remote Christmas concert this year. It is a wonderful production, which has received extraordinary feedback from individuals and organisations such as the leader of the Royal Opera House and a group of 20 NHS nurses, some of whom were moved to tears. A huge congratulations to everyone involved. If you have not as yet watched the concert then you can do so via the link [\[click here\]](#).

Thank you also to **Mrs Bashford-Hynes**, **Mrs Sombrero** and all of the staff who contributed to the Remote 2019-20 Awards evening production this week. I would again like to warmly congratulate all prize winners. As much as I have been hugely disappointed that I have not been able to hand out certificates to each individual in person we will ensure that every prize winner receives their certificates and prizes in due course so that they can share their successes with their families. A link to the remote event can be found [\[here\]](#).

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The FoV Christmas Raffle draw took place on Wednesday and I would like to thank all families that supported this activity. Thank you once again to the Friends of Vyners for their continued commitment to the school and congratulations to this year's prize winners, each of whom will be contacted individually.

If you have read the Trust Newsletter that was distributed earlier this week you would have learnt that three students, **Ella Brown** (9C), **Wemi Adebajo** (11C) and **Kathryn Dungey** (13F), were the recipients of the Vanguard Learning Trust Awards for Vyners students for the autumn term. This is an exceptional achievement as these awards are only received by one student per year group for the entirety of the autumn term. The awards are richly deserved by these three young women as they are excellent role models both inside and outside of the classroom and also put the needs of others above their own. Very well done to all three and their families. I very much look forward to meeting up with them individually to discuss their achievements in the spring term.

Finally, this week, I would like to wish all students, staff, parents, carers and friends of the school a safe and peaceful Christmas. We are all hopeful that there is a definitive way ahead in 2021. Thank you all once again for maintaining the outstanding commitment toward the school and wider community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Mullings', written in a cursive style.

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