



## Headteacher's Update

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Whilst we have been pleased to put the storms of last week behind us, the events in Ukraine this week have quite rightly caused a degree of anxiety and worry amongst some members of the school community. I, myself, returned home yesterday evening to find my thirteen year old daughter in a state of panic due to the fact that earlier in the day she had been involved in a number of discussions with other students about the potential implications of the war in Ukraine. Whilst it is difficult at this point in time to know exactly what to say to young people about this conflict, I think that it is beneficial to have these discussions, particularly in the home as we know that some young people already have a heightened sense of anxiety as a result of the global pandemic. We are thinking carefully about how to address this issue within the school community and will be happy to share any guidance on this matter that is shared with us. Obviously, we are all hopeful that this situation will de-escalate as quickly as possible.

Hopefully by now, all parents and carers have been able to read and reflect on the letter that was sent home yesterday regarding the [end of the legal requirement to self isolate and the end of twice weekly testing](#). I would again ask all parents and carers to speak to their children about the most recent guidance to ensure that there is a good understanding of the requirements during this phase. As mentioned, we do still have a good number of testing kits in stock at the school and will be happy to support any family who may require one for day five and six testing. In addition, whilst we will continue to ensure that classrooms are ventilated, the temperature within the school has remained comfortable, mainly due to mild conditions throughout winter and spring. Given that this is the case, **today will be the last day that students are permitted to wear Vyners hoodies with their general school uniform.** However, students are still recommended to wear layers beneath their uniform on days where there is a considerable drop in temperature.

### School Production – *Hairspray*

We very much look forward to the return of the school production next week after the enforced 2 years absence. Tickets for the production of *Hairspray* are still available for each of the evening performances. We fully expect there to be a further rush for tickets at the start of next week after the cast have performed some scenes during the whole school assemblies. As a reminder, tickets can be purchased via the [ticket source website](#). As per the most recent government guidance we would recommend that all guests take precautionary measures, such as wearing face coverings when attending the production due to the fact that there will be

a significant number in attendance in an enclosed space.

### Parental Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers of students in Year 9 for their engagement in the parental consultation evening yesterday. A questionnaire will follow shortly to gain parental views related to this event. The next event will be for parents of students in Year 8. This will take place in two weeks time on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. An invitation to this online event along with booking instructions will be sent directly to parents during the week ahead.

### A Message from the Jaggar Family

We have pleasure in informing you that a memorial meeting for Trevor Jaggar, first headmaster of Vyners from 1959-1967, will take place on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 from around 11am at the Quaker Meeting House at Jordans, Buckinghamshire

(<https://www.visitbuckinghamshire.org/attraction/jordan-s-quaker-meeting-house>), with a subsequent interment of ashes in the burial ground and luncheon for attendees. It is anticipated that total proceedings will continue for up to around 4hrs. We expect to provide more formal details of the exact programme in a few weeks when such details have been agreed upon.

We would be most grateful if anyone interested in attending would email Mr Rhys Jaggar [rtj1211@googlemail.com](mailto:rtj1211@googlemail.com), so that we can develop reasonable estimates of numbers for the catering aspect of the event. We look forward to hearing from anyone formerly associated with Vyners School should they be interested in attending in May.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend

**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**

### Headteacher Commendations

#### German

Leila Killeen 9H

#### Work Related Learning

Alan Lawson 8H

Alex Popa 8H

Zaryab Rizvi 8H

Serena Riyait 8H

Abdurrahman Sherzad 8H

Avomo Mbasogo Mba Nguema 8H