



Headteacher's Update

13th May 2022

This week we have taken time to focus on staff and student wellbeing as part of the work that has taken place for Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme of the week (from the Mental Health Foundation) has been loneliness for which there is 'no single cause and no single solution'. Mrs Bashford-Hynes took the opportunity to lead assemblies throughout the week and these were supported by tutorial activities. Whilst the theme was primarily on loneliness we did take the opportunity to discuss other mental health related issues and provide students with practical steps that they can take when dealing with relatively milder issues such as stress that is specific to examinations.

The week has been an exceedingly busy one and, whilst I have been able to be involved in a large number of activities, I was unable to attend the Summer Concert on Thursday evening. This was due to the fact that my eldest daughter was performing at a concert at her secondary school at the same time. However, I would like to thank all of the students who performed during the evening and family members for their support. Thank you also to Mr Cullum and Mrs Coyle for their incredible work with the students and thank you also to Mrs Harvey for deputising for me on the evening. She has also been kind enough to write a piece about the concert within this newsletter.

Trevor Jaggar Memorial

Last Friday, I had the honour of attending the memorial service for Trevor Jaggar along with family members, friends, former colleagues, Vyners alumni as well as my predecessor, Mr Heale and former colleague Ms Hutchinson. The memorial took place at Jordans Quaker Centre and Meeting House in Buckinghamshire and was conducted in the Quaker tradition of allowing individuals to speak and share their memories of Trevor. This would be followed by a period of silent reflection before others shared their memories of Trevor. Whilst I knew Trevor to be the very first Headteacher at Vyners and as someone who continued to support the school until he passed away, it was quite incredible to learn about other aspects of his life from those who knew him. This included reflections from some of the members of the original 1959 cohort of students as well as friends who remembered the work that Trevor undertook with the British Tanzania Society (BTS) to set up schools in Tanzania. Reflections were also offered from past colleagues who talked about his leadership within the

Inner London Education Authority (ILEA), overseeing the work of over 200 schools after his successful time as the Headteacher at Vyners. Trevor's life was clearly well lived and the event was a fitting way to remember the person that he was. Thank you to Trevor's wife, Eiry and his children, Sian and Rhys for their invite and for making me feel so welcome.

Senior Borough Athletics Championships

I would like to congratulate all Year 9 and 10 students who participated in the senior borough athletics championships on Wednesday. Our students did astonishingly well winning the Year 9 boys, Year 9 girls and Year 10 girls team competitions and being placed third in the Year 10 Boys category. It is worth noting that there were 16 schools present on the day. There were an incredible number of medalists including 9 individual gold medalists and one first placed relay squad. The performances, both individually and as a team, were made more remarkable by the fact that, for some students, this has been their first opportunity to compete at this level in over two years. Huge congratulations to all students involved and my thanks to Miss Hawes and the PE department for their excellent support for our students.

Overall Places:

Year 9 Boys - 1st
Year 9 Girls - 1st
Year 10 Girls - 1st
Year 10 Boys - 3rd

100m

1st Y10 Boys Sam Jagroop (10W)
2nd Y10 Girls Aliyah Hamaida (10F);
Y9 Boys Luca Parascandalo (9J)
3rd Y9 Girls Annika Nordin (9H)

200m

2nd Y10 Girls Grace Bunce (10F)
3rd Y9 Girls Jemima Potter (9H)

400m

1st Y10 Boys Charlie Henry (10W)

800m

2nd Y9 Girls Valentina Cossio-Yates (9M)
2nd Y9 Boys Henry Atkinson (9W)
3rd Y10 Boys Craig Sewell (10M)

1500m

1st Y9 Girls Issy Stone (9J)
2nd Y9 Boys Sudeys Sharif (9P)

Hurdles

1st Y9 Boys Morgan Goode (9H)
2nd Y10 Girls Chloe Tutin (10M)

Shot Putt

1st Y9 Girls Melia Gaynor-Palmer (9G)
3rd Y9 Boys Chiddi Domike (9W)

Javelin

1st Y10 Girls Aliyah Hamaida (10F)
2nd Y10 Boys Craig Sewell (10M)

Discus

1st Y10 Girls Grace Bunce (10F)

Long Jump

1st Y9 Girls Connie Wilkins (9P)

Triple Jump

1st Y9 Boys Luca Parascandalo (9J)
3rd Y10 Girls Chloe Tutin (10M)

Relay

1st Y10 Girls

Aliyah Hamaida, Grace Bunce, Chloe Tutin and Sara Al- Hourani

2nd Y9 Boys

Luca Parascandalo, Chiddi Domike, Morgan Goode and Kyan Dampha

2nd Y9 Girls

Melia Gaynor-Palmer, Mya Cumberbatch, Jemima Potter and Annika Nordin



Summer Concert

Jubilee celebrations came early to Vyners School, as the Music Department put on a spectacular 'afternoon tea' celebration - filled with patriotic tunes, bunting, scones and a royal quiz! There were many groups performing including the Concert Band, Swing Band, Chamber Orchestra and the newly formed Rock Band. It was great to be together celebrating the students' musical talents as well as the Queen's milestone and it

gave the school the opportunity to say thank you and farewell to some of our Y13 students: Jemma Walker, Amy Jessop, Giorgia Del Malvo, David Bowker, Seavahan Suthaharan, Benjamin Surguy, Dhruv Gajjar, Adea Llapashtica, Lexie Hendrie, Amy Parker, Naysa Carceller Castillo and Joseph Saunders who have all supported such events for several years. Many thanks to Mr Cullum who organised the event and to Mrs Coyle, Mrs Moore, Mrs Slade and Mrs Cumming who performed and conducted during the evening.

Mrs Harvey



This morning, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to lead the final Year 11 assembly prior to the cohort embarking on their GCSE written papers, which start on Monday. One of my key points was to express just how proud we are of them. Being the first cohort to sit externally assessed exams since the summer of 2019 has its challenges but it is important to stress that they will be assessed against students nationally within this current academic year and not against those in previous years. We are confident that they will have a successful exam season. I also reiterated the point that I made to them earlier in the year about marginal gains. When we look at exam marks awarded every year, there are always students who either achieve a grade or miss a grade by the odd mark. These marks can come down to very small factors, one of which is a student's willingness to attend planned interventions and other sessions after the May half term when study leave has started. Given that this can be the case, we would appreciate the support of parents in supporting student motivation throughout the exam period and encouraging them to engage in all planned activities.

Our Year 13 cohort participated in a long held Vyners tradition today of wearing the old school uniform to school. It is a lovely light hearted way to start the countdown to their final days in school prior to their examinations. They all looked fantastic even if one or two of them have somewhat grown out of some of their items.



GCSE and A Level Exams

Finally, on the issue of examinations, I would like to inform all parents and carers of students in Years 11 and 13 that the exams team have produced further guidance for students, parents and carers that we hope will support student progress through the season. The document can be accessed via the Exam Information area on the school website. A link is provided [\[here\]](#). I would ask that parents pay particular attention to the section that focuses on student illness during the season and ensure that all steps are taken to ensure that this process is followed carefully. Please do contact your child's Year Leader if you have concerns in this regard.

Wishing all of our families a restful weekend.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations

Work Related Learning

Paulina Kurczewska	8M
Emily Musz	8M
Patrik Nagyistan	8M
Matilda Duncan	8M
Euan Hodgkinson	8M
Ahmed Nawaz	8M

Drama

Florence Saunders	8M
Kaavye Sikka	8J
Lillie Lundie	8J
Katie Wilson	8W
Hannah Steele	7W
Blessing Okito-Nkoy	7W
Siofra Smith	7P
Rosie Sumpter	7M
Thaliyah Singh	7M
Otto Keyte	7J
Leo Stockwell	7H

Pastoral

Sam Waller	8H
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