

# Headteacher's Update

## 17th June 2022

With only a matter of five weeks of the academic year left, the school feels like an incredibly busy place at this point of time. This week's update provides an overview of some of the different activities that have been taking place recently, but there are a significant number of trips, visits and events planned in these remaining weeks. My thanks go to all of the staff who have taken the time to plan these enriching activities and I must also thank our Business Manager, Ms Williams for taking the time to ensure that all of the events are present on the school calendar. As a reminder, the calendar can be accessed via the school website and link is available [here]. This week has also seen us enjoy a spell of good weather and it was nice to be able to allow students and staff to leave their ties at home and remove their jackets as the temperature rose in the afternoon. As a reminder, students should arrive at school throughout next week in their full school uniform as we are not expecting temperatures to rise to this week's levels.

#### **Sports Days**

The expansion of the school with relatively large numbers of students in the lower school has meant that we have again decided to follow the same format as last year for our sports days. Whilst pleasant, the forecasted weather for next week is that it will not be as hot as this week with Friday's temperatures hovering around 15 degrees celsius. Despite the more comfortable weather conditions it remains important that students are well prepared for the day and have an adequate amount of fluid to ensure that they remain properly hydrated throughout the day. I am very much looking forward to undertaking the role as the race starter during the Year 7 and 8 event on Friday. As a reminder, students should travel directly to the sports stadium on the morning of their sports day and must arrive for registration no later than 9.00am. Students will be dismissed from the stadium at the end of the day.

### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Month**

This coming Monday marks the start of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) month at the school. Whilst we do work hard to address ED&I matters throughout the year, the four week period provides an opportunity for the community to carefully examine issues related to equality and inclusion whilst taking the opportunity to celebrate the diverse community that exists at Vyners. Amongst the events that we have planned, we will be welcoming three different speakers to the school. Ian Rose is a former

paralympian and motivational speaker. He will be speaking to groups of students next Friday via Zoom. Jordan Jarrett-Bryan will be visiting us on 13th July. Jordan was our (remote) guest of honour for our awards evening in December and will be visiting the school for the first time to talk about his experiences as a radio, TV and written media journalist as well as discuss some of the inclusion work that he has been involved in. On 11th July, we have invited Suzie Lavington from the Art of Brilliance organisation into the school to conduct workshops with female students from Year 10 on self esteem, building self confidence and female empowerment. We have also been talking to the organisation about work that they may be able to do with younger students and groups of boys and young men.

#### **Junior Borough Athletics**

It was another good day on Thursday for our young athletes at the Junior Borough Athletics. Whilst we are still awaiting the team results, we are able to share some of the impressive results that were achieved by individual students. There were four individual borough champion gold medalists as well as an additional nine medalists achieving either second or third place finishes.

Dylan Lewis (7H) 1st - Year 7 Boys 1500m, Alfie Clark (8H) 1st - Year 8 Boys 800m, Reuben Nornoo (8P) 1st - Year 8 Boys 100m; Kena Domike (8J) 1st Year 8 Boys Shot Put; and the Year 8 Boys Relay Team who also came 1st - George Langley (8F), Alfie Clark (8H), Rueben Nornoo (8P) and Mads Kuhnel (8C).

Second places include: Jaimee Philpott (8M) 2nd Year 8 girls Hurdles; Archie Wilkinson (Year 7 Boys Discus) and Nathan Griffiths (year 7 Boys Javelin)

Third places include: Dolly Parker (Year 7 Girls Hurdles), Archie Wilkinson (7C) Year 7 Boys Hurdles; William Kelf (7J) Year 7 Boys 800m; Oliver Young (7C) Year 7 Boys 200m; Mads Kuhnel (8C) Year 8 Boys Triple Jump; and Chloe Sims (8M) Year 8 Girls 200m.

Congratulations to all students involved on the day. We will ensure that the team results are shared in the newsletter once they have been received by the school.

I would also like to wish the very best of luck to those students who have qualified to represent Hillingdon at the StoneX Stadium on Saturday in the Middlesex Athletics Championships - Kena Domike, Luca Parascandalo, Connie Wilkins, Issy Stone, Melia Gaynor-Palmer, Aliyah Hamaida, Sam Jagroop, Craig Sewell and Charlie Henry. Thank you to Miss Hawes and the PE department for their continued support for Athletics at Vyners.



#### **Science Week**

The Science Department was thrilled to run activities for British Science Week 2022 throughout this past week. Students in Year 7 investigated the effects of forces on a parachute landing, and how changes in mass effect density using the sugar rainbow experiment. Year 8 students submitted a lab report on how they grew bacteria in agar petri dishes using aseptic techniques in the lab. It was wonderful to see them participating in science experiments during lessons.

On Tuesday, we hosted several speakers from a range of professions, from medical physicists to animal husbandry, to share information about their workplace, job and education as well as skills that are required for success in their career. Students had the opportunity to talk to our guests and ask them all of their burning questions! A truly inspirational event, students thoroughly enjoyed being able to find out so much about such a wide range of industries.

All KS3 pupils had the opportunity to attend a film night on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, where they enjoyed popcorn and watched a science fiction film. Over 40 students dissected sardines after school on Thursday with Miss Forde and Miss Dias. Students were questioning different structures and asking interesting questions related to their features.

The science week has offered investigation and inspiration and has been a real success. Thank you to all the pupils for approaching the tasks and challenges with such energy and enthusiasm and to

Mr Peran and the Science department for an inspiring week.









#### Art and Photography Exhibition

On Thursday evening, the Art and Photography department hosted another wonderful exhibition, which displayed the excellent work of the Year 11 and 13 GCSE and A level cohorts. Mrs Vine and her team spent much of the day with the exam moderator who has the role of reviewing the marks that have been awarded for each student and providing feedback to the examination board about the standards that have been achieved. This provides the opportunity for parents, family members and friends of the school to visit in the early evening to view the array of art and photography work including final pieces and portfolios, that have been completed by our highly talented students.

I would like to congratulate all of the students whose work was on show and thank Mrs Vine and her team for their exceptional teaching standards. I would also like to thank the organisers of the Ickenham Festival for including the exhibition in their programme. It was wonderful to see so many visitors come into the school to look at the Artwork.









#### **Drama Opportunity**

We are pleased to be able to inform parents and carers that we have a director coming into school to seek new talent in Drama for the Beck Youth Theatre. The director will run a Drama workshop after school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June in room 080 for an hour between 3.15pm and 4.15pm.

If parents would like to sign up their child for this amazing opportunity, please send an email to either Mrs Moore, <a href="mailto:hmoore@vynersschool.org.uk">hmoore@vynersschool.org.uk</a> or Miss Pope, <a href="mailto:zpope@vynersschool.org.uk">zpope@vynersschool.org.uk</a> and they will be delighted to add your child's name for the session.

#### **Perry Parsons MBE Memorial Concert**

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host a music concert in memory of former colleague and community champion, Perry Parsons MBE. The concert will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm through to 6.15pm. Information about the concert can be found via the letter linked [here]. We know that Perry's family and friends would be happy to welcome as many past and present students and friends of the school to this event as possible.

Finally, this week I would like to wish all of our fathers and grandfathers a very happy father's day and hope that it is a special weekend for all of our families and friends.

# Gary Mullings Headteacher

#### **Headteacher Commendations**

English Zoheib Aadan Erica Danescu	7F 7G
History Scarlett Morris	8C
Music Sophie Rothwell Dilhan Derhaley Patrick Emanuel Yazen Almunshi Taylor Kerswill Avomo Mbasogo Mba Ngema	8P 8C 8G 8G 8G 8H
Pastoral Jaskaran Chauhan	12F
Science Tommy Coleman	12M
STARS Katie Gardner Ayaan Hussain	7G 7W
Work Related Learning Amar Sidhu Charlotte Scholes Chloe Sims Danni Sui Caitlin White Katia Arana Nacov Omar Farah Momo Fawole Molly greenfield Olivia Greenlees Isaac Harris George Hugill Arjun Jammu Niya Harvey-Johnson Shreya Kukadia Leighton Wheaton Lucas Mowberry Reuben-Richard Nornoo Dylan Pereira	8M 8M 8M 8M 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P 8P