



Headteacher's Update

24th June 2022

I would like to send a brief update this week ahead of what should be another fantastic sports day later today. Monday's event for students in Years 9 and 10 was an excellent day for all who attended and we are very much looking forward to the lower school performances and especially those of the Year 7 students who will be experiencing a Vyners event for the very first time. We are still awaiting results from Monday, but I will ensure that the headlines are shared as soon as I receive them.

Miss Hawes has again shared some remarkable successes that were achieved by Vyners students over recent weeks. Both Sam Jagroop (10W) and Lucy Wilcock (12C) have been selected to represent Middlesex in the English Schools Athletics Championships this year as a result of continued outstanding performances at County level. Sam will be participating in the Inter Boys 200M and may well also be involved in the relay team, whilst Lucy will be returning to the national championship to compete in the senior girls javelin event. We are also hopeful Melia Gaynor-Palmer (9G) will be selected for the inter girls shot put. Melia came first at the Middlesex Athletics Championships in her event and we know that her performance is very close to the standard that is required for these championships. We wish her the very best.

Having recently received the overall results for the Junior Borough Athletics competition, we were delighted to learn that the Year 8 Boys won their overall competition last Thursday. In addition, a number of students have been selected to represent Hillingdon at the Middlesex Athletics Championships on Monday 27th June. These include Reuben Nornoo (8P), Alfie Clark (8H), George Langley (8F) and Kena Domike (8J). There were a number of Year 7 Boys who also qualified in their age category: Oliver Young (7C), Dylan Lewis (7H), Archie Wilkinson (7C) and Nathan Griffiths (7F). We wish them the very best of luck in the championships on Monday.

Ava Rowlands (8M) has qualified to represent Great Britain at the **2024 Olympic Games** in Paris for Individual Breakdancing. This is an incredible achievement, particularly for a young person of her age. My warmest congratulations to Ava. I think that we are all already looking ahead to the games in Paris to see an outstanding Vyners student perform on the world stage. Congratulations to all of our students on their athletic achievements!

I would also like to congratulate all of our students in the Year 11 and 13 cohorts as they have demonstrated incredible resilience throughout the examination

season, particularly given the fact that the examination window has been extended as part of the Covid measures. This extended period was designed to make it easier for the students to revise for the subjects in a balanced way; however, we do know that the extended period was challenging for some. The final GCSE and A-level exams took place this week and it was the Year 11 students who took the first opportunity to celebrate with their prom taking place at the Pinewood Hotel on Thursday evening. It was a lovely evening with all of the students and staff present taking the opportunity to unwind and celebrate five successful years at the school. I would like to thank their Year Leader, Mr Abbasi and Deputy Year Leader, Miss Hawes for organising such a fantastic event. I am very much looking forward to celebrating with the Year 13 cohort at their prom on Monday evening.

On a less than positive note, I have been asked by the lead officer of our safer schools team, Sergeant Allyson Keith, to ask all parents to be aware of anti-social behaviour that is taking place in different parts of Hillingdon after school and at the weekends. Invariably, students are gathering in large groups in areas such as Uxbridge Road (near County Court) or Barra Hall Park and whilst these issues are predominantly in the Hayes and Uxbridge regions it is clear that the groups contain students from a variety of schools including Vyners.

I must stress that the position of the school is quite clear. Whilst we do understand young people will get together at different times during the weekend, we believe that young people should not be spending significant amounts of time on the streets at any time and definitely not on a weekend. We are receiving too many reports of children, sometimes as young as eleven or twelve, loitering around in the evenings at times when they should be in the family home. Ultimately, students who are successful in secondary school do not tend to behave in this way and are more likely to use their time constructively in the evening. We would greatly appreciate the support of all parents to ensure that our young people are conducting themselves in appropriate ways from the time that they leave the school site at 3.00pm and that they are not gathering in large groups at any time. If there are any parents or carers who would appreciate support with any issues that I have highlighted then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader.

Thank you in advance for your support. Wishing all of our families a peaceful weekend.

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