

Headteacher's Update

30th September 2022

On Wednesday evening we were delighted to be able to welcome hundreds of prospective students and their families to the school for our annual open evening. As always, it was fantastic to have so many visitors on site, being able to welcome them into our classrooms and see our staff and students engaging with them. Prospective families were also able to listen to excellent speeches by our Head Girl, **Wemi Adebajo (13C)** and Head Boy, **Oliver Edwards (13M)** who were each able to share their impressive Vyners learning journeys with the audience. These speeches were supplemented by two speeches by **Jaida Cassells (7H)** and **Ibrahim Khalid (7H)**, who spoke confidently and with great enthusiasm about their experiences of their first three weeks at Vyners. I would like to thank all of our wonderful students for supporting the event as guides or assistants within the departments as well as their parents for giving them permission to participate and, in many cases, collecting them from the school at the end of the evening. Furthermore, we understand that the early finish and late start does inconvenience some families; support in these instances is also appreciated. I would also like to thank all of the local residents for their patience with the influx of visitors into the area throughout the evening and also to the staff and Governors at the school for their hard work to put the evening together. Having spoken to many of the families during the evening, it is clear that demand for a school place at Vyners remains high, which is a testament to the hard work and positive attitude of the entire school community.

Trust Awards

I was delighted over the past week, to be able to meet two of the three students who received the VLT trust awards for the summer term. As a reminder, only one award per key stage is presented each term and these awards are won by outstanding students who have consistently demonstrated the trust's values. In the summer term, the awards were given to students who promoted the value of equity. **Hana Ahmed (9F)** received the award for key stage 3 after being nominated for her kind and caring attitude and support for her peers, ensuring that they feel confident and well supported. **Ella Brown (11C)** has a tremendous attitude towards her peers, the staff and the school as a whole. Having worked on student leadership projects with Ella first hand I can testify that she is a remarkable student and a genuine asset to the school. Although **Tommy Coleman** has now left the school, his support for the KS3 science week in June despite being in the middle

of his external exam period, made the week a wonderful experience for students at the school. Tommy brought in his bearded dragon and royal python. He was articulate when discussing the potential careers associated with animal husbandry and engaged all students that he worked with. Three fantastic students who each have made a wonderful contribution to the school community.



I also had the pleasure this morning of catching up with several of our brilliant student leaders who have each achieved the bronze accreditation from the SSAT for their work as leaders within the school. **Katie Gardner (8G)**, **Ayaan Hussain (8W)**, **Phoebe Crawford (12F)**, **Chloe Rooney (12F)**, **Rachael Hunter (12W)**, **Phoebe Gardner (12W)** and **Katie Ginger (13W)** all participated in the School Travel and Road Safety (STaRS) working group last year, which is an initiative that is coordinated by the London Borough of Hillingdon and Transport for London and is designed to improve travel and road safety in and around local schools. Supported by Mr Heath and former students, **Jaden Gray** and **Sam Hurst**, the group have enabled the school to achieve bronze accreditation in the programme and is now working on actions to move directly to gold. My warmest congratulations to all students involved and sincere thanks to all our committed student leaders at the school.



MFL European day of languages bake off competition

The MFL department held a KS3 European Day of Languages bake off competition this Monday. This year the cakes were judged by our Year 10 Language Ambassadors after school. Slices of cake were sold to students and staff and the money raised will be going to the winners chosen charity. We had some amazing entries again this year and we would like to congratulate the following students:

First place: **Kornelia Timar (8G) & Charlotte Dwyer (8G)**



Second place: **Jayna Chavda (8M)**



Third place: **Avi Ghandial (7P), Kara Patel (7M) and Aleena Patel (7C).**



Our warmest congratulations to all students involved. A full slide presentation for this year's competition can be found here [\[link\]](#).

Miss Vigo, Assistant Subject Leader, MFL

Sports Fixtures

Sports fixtures are back up and running for the Autumn term and students have been flooding to co-curricular sports clubs with record numbers. The Year 8 Boys kicked off their rugby season with 2 wins and a draw versus Oakwood, Douay and Haydon. The girls football team had a tough outing in the FA schools cup against last year's National champions but played extremely well losing 4-1 with Ruby Baker scoring Vyners goal. It has to be noted that this is the closest game Surbiton have played in years so credit goes to our girls.

Mr Hall, Subject Leader, PE

Forgotten Items

Invariably, there will always be occasions where students at the school will leave items at home which they require on a specific day. Whilst this is understandable, since the start of term we have been inundated by the number of well meaning parents who have been required to bring items into the school reception during the school day; the main issue being PE kits. Given that this is the case, could I ask parents and carers to support their children to ensure that they have packed the correct items in good time before leaving for school in the morning. This is specifically an issue for younger students who may be taking time to adjust to the requirements of secondary school. Thank you to all parents in advance for their support.

Communication Reminder

I would like to politely remind parents and carers about our expectations regarding communication with staff. Increasingly, we are finding that some parents are communicating verbally or via email in a manner that simply does not align with the school's values. We very much welcome feedback from parents and carers. Furthermore, we do not believe that we get everything right. However, we do believe that most issues are resolvable and should be dealt with in a respectful manner. We are a school that makes all staff email addresses available to parents so that they can deal directly with specific issues. However, if we do not see an improvement in the nature of some of the emails and telephone calls that staff are receiving then this policy will be reviewed, which may result in limiting the number of points of contact at the school. I have shared a link to our Communication Policy [\[click here\]](#). Thank you.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations

Maths

Robyn Kell - 11W

Pastoral

Clodagh Connolly - 10J

Work Related Learning

Nuala Borley - 8C

May Bouguerra - 8C

Michael Durkan - 8C

Ryan Franklin - 8C

Luke Gibbs - 8C

Sophie Greenfield - 8C

Information Received



The poster is for Ickenhams Krav Maga. At the top left, there is a close-up of a black and blue Krav Maga glove. To the right of the glove is the logo for 'IKMG KRAV MAGA GLOBAL' with 'by Eyal Yanilov' written below it. The main title 'ICKENHAM KRAV MAGA' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below this, 'KRAV MAGA' is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'SELF DEFENCE CLASSES' in smaller, bold, black letters. Underneath that, 'AGES 11 - 16' is written in bold, black letters. The schedule '6:30 Till 7:20pm Mondays & Wednesdays @Vyners School' and 'BOOKING REQUIRED' are listed in smaller black text. On the bottom left, there is a QR code, the website 'ickenhamkravmaga.co.uk', the contact number 'Call or Msg: 07902 546 470', and an Instagram icon with the handle 'ickenhamkravmaga'. On the bottom right, there is a photo of two people practicing Krav Maga, with the word 'JUNIORS' written vertically in large, bold, white letters on a black background.

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