

Headteacher's Update

7th October 2022

We have decided to share a brief update this week as we are hoping to gain some parental support and input in two of the many areas that we are currently focusing on.

Firstly, thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the annual parental survey in the summer term. One of the issues that always seems to arise from such surveys is the thorny issue of home learning or homework. In my experience over many years, home learning has always been a polarising issue and whilst our home learning strategy is underpinned by the most recently available research, we do also appreciate that it is an area that should be influenced by our parents. Mr Cullum is part of a team that has been tasked with reviewing home learning provision at the school and I would ask all parents, regardless of how long their child has been at the school to kindly complete the survey highlighted in the paragraph later in this update to enable us to ensure that our policies and practices are fully informed by the views of our parent body.

I would also draw your attention to the survey that has been shared below by Miss Williams, Business Manager regarding the spend limit in the canteen. One interesting aspect that parents might wish to consider is their child's eating habits. I eat in the canteen on most days during the lunch period and have been pleased by the improvements that we have seen in the food offer; although we are always looking to improve further. What is noticeable is the number of students who are purchasing food, and often hot food during both break 1 and break 2. Whilst this is absolutely fine, it is an expensive option compared to, for example, a snack during break 1 (potentially brought from home) and balanced meal during break 2, which would not exceed the current £5 limit and would maintain a healthy balance if a child also eats breakfast. However, we are keen to seek the views about the £5 limit so would very much appreciate parents taking the time to complete the survey.

Published Poets

The following students should feel very proud that their poems have been selected for publication in the Power of Poetry Anthology series, which has been published nationally. Our warmest congratulations to Safirah Van Duin (8J), Lily-May Kennedy (8J), Dion Vakani (8J), Jessie Dempsey (8J), Joshua Coulby (8P), Lewis Watson (8M), Siya Khosa (8W), Lexie Lewis-Zannini (8J), Michael Venizelou (8F) and Fred Mellor (8J) for their excellent work.

Mr Kunig, Teacher of English

Spend limit in school canteen

Many parents will be aware that students are limited to a daily spend amount of £5 in the school canteen. This restriction is there to limit the amount of parental money that can be spent by children each day. The daily spend limit has been in place since the cashless system first went live in 2012. A number of students have told us that they feel this amount is no longer enough, given the effect of food inflation. We would therefore like to ask parents for their views. Do you think the current limit is too little, too much, or about right? If your child is a regular user of the school canteen, please let us know your views via this [Google Form](#). The consultation will be open for 2 weeks.

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Home Learning Policy

Vyners is currently reviewing its home learning policy and we would like our parent's input on how we set home learning and how much it is valued at home. Please click on the appropriate link below to complete a quick questionnaire so that we can take in some of your input. Thank you.

[KS3 - Years 7 and 8](#)

[KS4 - Years 9, 10 and 11](#)

[KS5 - Years 12 and 13](#)

Mr Cullum, Subject Leader, Music

Medical Reminder - Asthma

Please see below the Asthma reminder from the Hillingdon Champions of Asthma team. We are delighted to be able to inform parents that all staff received their annual training update for the management of asthma and anaphylaxis related issues and that we have signposted how to support students with related issues in every classroom.

Autumn / Winter is coming.....

If your child has asthma and uses a preventative inhaler (**Beige / Brown / Orange / Red / Purple / Pink**) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** even if your child is well, as we are heading towards the most troublesome time of year for children with asthma.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team



Wishing all families a restful weekend.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations

English

Michael Venizelou (8F)
Jessie Dempsey (8J)
Lily-May Kennedy (8J)
Lexie Lewis-Zannini (8J)
Fred Mellor (8J)
Dion Vakani (8J)
Safirah Van Duin (8J)
Lewis Watson (8M)
Joshua Coulby (8P)
Siya Khosa (8W)

Pastoral

Jaida Cassells (7H)
Ibrahim Khalid (7H)
Neha Baral (12C)

Science

Otto Keyte (8J)

Maths

Kian Bohmer Nawrozzade (9C)

PSHE

Manya Bajaj (8W)

Work Related Learning

Freddie Austin (8C)
Sury Hagan (8C)
Isaiah Janus-Mitchell (8C)
Jenna Natarajan (8C)
Tania Kanagarajah (8C)
Mabelle Mozalbat (8C)
Jiya Nandha (8C)
Lewis Patmore (8C)