

## Headteacher's Update

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

It's strange to be talking about a football world cup in the middle of November but that is the reality of this year's event in Qatar. Whilst I am aware that several students and staff were keen to watch England's first fixture versus Iran, which takes place on Monday at 1pm, we simply couldn't justify disrupting session 4 and session 5 as well the lunch break for this game. Furthermore, the announcement of the additional bank holiday in May, for the King's Coronation, has meant that schools are under more pressure to protect the curriculum time that is available. From my recollection, this is the only England fixture that is scheduled during the school day; we will obviously be cheering on England (and Wales) throughout the tournament.

I would like to thank Dr Martijn van der Spoel who was in school on Wednesday and Thursday this week working with our students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form, supporting them to prepare for their trial examinations as well as dealing with the pressures of being in an examination year. Speaking to a number of students about the sessions it was clear that Martijn continues to have a significantly positive impact on the students that he works with and I am also aware that he received positive feedback from parents and carers who attended the information evening for students in Year 11. Martijn will be returning to Vyners in February after the students have received their trial examination results to help the two cohorts in the lead up to the external exams that will take place in the summer term.



I would also like to give a special mention to our chef, Luis Herrera, who made his final meals at the school today after twelve years at Vyners. Luis has been a fantastic colleague who has worked incredibly hard to deliver

thousands of meals across this period. He is a warm and well natured individual who will be missed by staff and students alike. We wish Luis the very best in his future pursuits, wherever they may take him. Luis provided sufficient notice to ensure that our contractors Cucina, were able to recruit a replacement in good time; we are hopeful that our new chef will be able to start on Monday. Whether or not this is the case, an executive chef from the Cucina team will be with us over the next few weeks to ensure that there is a smooth transition between Luis and our new chef.



### Main meal pricing in the school canteen

We have just reviewed pricing in the school canteen, particularly of the main meals on offer at break 2 every day. A hot plated main meal costs £2.40. £2.60 buys students a 'meal deal' - the hot meal of the day, plus either a dessert or a drink. Like well known high street retailers, this 'meal deal' is discounted; single items will cost much more if bought separately. The main meal and meal deal both represent excellent value for money and we would encourage parents to speak to their children about their food choices in the canteen. Should students prefer grab and go items, the daily 'blue dot' deal enables them to purchase 4 items for £2.60 - also excellent value.

Tickets for the annual Christmas lunch (7th December 2022) go on sale next week. This is a very jolly event for all, with a full Christmas lunch on offer to students. Both meat and vegetarian dishes are provided on the day, but places must be pre-booked so that Santa knows how many potatoes to peel!

**Miss Williams**  
**Business Manager**

## Year 7 - 'Day of the Dead' Mexican Festival

Year 7 Spanish students enjoyed learning about the Mexican festival, ***Día de los Muertos*** (Day of the Dead) that is celebrated every 1st and 2nd of November. They learnt about the special traditions Mexicans follow to celebrate and remember the lives of their loved ones who have passed away and also decorated their own masks. They will be studying the tradition further next year when they begin their 'Coco' film project in the summer term.

**Miss Vigo**  
Teacher of MFL



## Sports Update

We have recently received news of a number of Vyners students who have been selected to represent Middlesex in football and other pursuits. Congratulations to two of our Year 9 students, Paige Warner (9W) and Ruby Farrington (9W), who have successfully been selected to represent the Middlesex Schools FA U14 Girls Squad for the upcoming season. The girls will compete in their first match versus Surrey this month. Henry Atkinson (10W), Caleb Wright (9W), Luke Atkinson (9H) and Oliver Edwards (9W) have all been selected for the Middlesex Schools U14 squad to play against Inner London. The match will take place at Crystal Palace's training ground. After a season of excellent performances, Dylan Lewis (8H) has been selected to run for Middlesex in the South of England Inter Counties Cross Country Championships at the beginning of December in Oxford. Congratulations to all involved. We wish them the very best of luck for their upcoming events.

I would also like to congratulate the Sixth Form Netball Team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Borough Tournament, losing to St Helens in the final. Some lovely netball and it was great to see so many girls still playing netball.

## FOV Quiz Night

On behalf of the Friends of Vyners, I would like to all families who attended the FOV quiz night last Friday. The event raised in excess of £830 that will, at some point in

the future, be used to help support some of the additional teaching and learning resources that are over and above what we are able to access through our main revenue streams. Thank you to our fantastic parent volunteers for their continued commitment to the students at the school.

## Attendance

### Weekly attendance figures by year group Week ending 11th November 2022

Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Year 7	95.6%
Year 8	93.7%
Year 9	92.8%
Year 10	94.6%
Year 11	94.1%

### Top 3 Tutorial weekly attendance Week ending 11th November 2022

Tutorial	Weekly Attendance
10W	98.1%
7J, 9F & 11H	97.7%
7C & 8H	97.3%

## Headteacher's Commendations

### Maths

Chiddi Domike (10W)	Stanley Parker (10P)
Aaron Sohal (11M)	Denis Kobizevs (11G)
Harry Todd (11F)	Kyal Dhir (11C)
Anthony Afsharpour (11H)	

### Work Related Learning

Aidan McCay (8F)	Max Gibbons (8F)
Jason Siau (8F)	Matilda Sorrell (8F)
Nyla Singh (8F)	Filip Skinder (8F)
Michael Venizelou (8F)	

### English

Viya Shah (9C)	Keira Smith (9H)
Chloe Sims (9M)	Amar Sidhu (9M)
Neve O'Connor (9W)	Rosie Trood (9W)
Ruby Farrington (9W)	Katie Wilson (9W)

## Dates for the diary

### Vyners Staff Conference (school closed to all students)

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

### Year 12 Parents Evening (virtual)

- Thursday 8th December