

## Headteacher's Update

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

I had the absolute pleasure on Wednesday of this week of watching the fantastic school production of the play *Tuesday*, which was written by Alison Carr but, on this occasion, was directed by Rhys Heal (11W). The hour-long performance was wonderfully executed by the students involved. It forms part of the National Theatre's Connections Festival 2023, which is a project that is intended to bring together some of the most exciting writers with the theatre makers of tomorrow. Rhys and his team will be given feedback on the performance before they take to the stage at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to Rhys and all students involved in this production and my sincere thanks to Mrs Moore and Ms Pope for their support for this project.



The Easter holiday is also traditionally a time when students in Years 11 and 13 spend a significant amount of time preparing for the final run into the exam season. I have spoken to students in the past few weeks about how best to use their time in the weeks ahead. Research suggests that this is a good time to ensure that all revision materials (e.g. notes, flash cards, mind maps) have been completed so that the final month or so leading into each exam can be spent on 'high end gains', which is where students apply their knowledge using practice papers. It is worth noting that this is often a testing time for students, which may mean that they are not always open to parental support. However, checking on their wellbeing, offering rewards such as snacks and drinks during revision is usually appreciated. Furthermore, after a revision session it is highly beneficial if a student is able to tell someone what they have learnt as this aids the retention of information. There is a wide range of information and support related to exam preparation on the school website. A link to the webpage can be found via this link [\[click here\]](#).

I would also like to thank all of the staff who have volunteered to lead intervention sessions for selected students in Years 11 and 13 during the Easter break. I do wish to remind parents and carers that students have been carefully selected for these sessions as they are interventions rather than general revisions sessions and whilst we do like to cater for large numbers of students, we simply do not have the capacity to do so. If your child has been selected to attend an intervention, you would have received an email from Miss Brown.

There are two newsletters from the Trust to share with parents and carers this week. The first is an update that provides information about four key trust wide activities that have taken place in recent weeks [\[click here\]](#); whilst the second is a special newsletter that summarises the range of fantastic events and activities that took place across the trust for the environmental sustainability week [\[click here\]](#).

I would like to extend supportive wishes to all students and their families who are in the midst of observing the holy month of Ramadan. According to the Muslim Aid website, Ramadan started on, or around 22<sup>nd</sup> March and will last for 30 days. As a reminder, Ramadan is a month of reflection, contemplation and celebration. We are very much aware that we have students across all year groups observing Ramadan and we have ensured that we have made provision for all students who require it with quiet spaces available during break times and support in place for students who are fasting where required.

I would also like to wish all families a very happy Easter and peaceful Easter holiday break. Easter is a time in the Christian calendar that is also a time for reflection, contemplation and celebration with Good Friday taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Whether religious or otherwise, this is a time that we tend to focus on new beginnings. I will very much look forward to welcoming students back to the start of the summer term when it begins in April.

**Gary Mullings**  
Headteacher

One of the many activities that occurred at Vyners as part of the sustainability week was for students to pledge a sustainable act they would try to adhere to over the term. The pledges were entered into a raffle to win some fantastic sustainable prizes, including seeds, a butterfly house, and environmentally friendly stationery.

On Thursday morning the winner was drawn by our Eco Council and the lucky winner was Khivi Rai (8M). Congratulations!

Thank you to all students who participated in this event. Please continue to work towards your own pledges to make a difference for our natural world.



**Miss Brown, Subject Leader, Geography**

### **Published Poets**

The following Year 10 students have had their poems accepted for publication in The Power of Poetry - Teen Verse anthology.

Daniel Hassanian (10J)  
 Raphael Belai (10J)  
 Ali Mansoor (10G)  
 Rohan Ladwa (10M)  
 Valentina Cassio-Yates (10M)  
 Yara Imad (10W)  
 Tejpal Chanonia (10P)  
 Amber Wong (10P)  
 Summer Logan (10P)  
 Juliet Marshall (10G)

This is a fantastic achievement for all of these writers and poets. All students will be given a copy of the anthology and there will be a copy for the school to display in our trophy cabinet.

**Mr Kunig, English Department**

### **Spelling Bee**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, ten of our year 7 students attended the Vanguard Trust's 'Spelling Bee' competition. A warm thank you to the following students who supported team Vyners: Isolde Ryan (7H), Sam Farrington (7C), Zoe Clements (7H), Amber Suggi (7W), Leela Wassan (7H) and Bradley Stilwell (7G).

Congratulations to Zach Easton (7F), Simran Jammu (7H), Eliza Bhatti (7H) and Karim Mushtaq (7W) who participated in the event, with a special mention to Zach Easton who came runner up overall!

**Ms Goode, English Department**

### **A Level Super Curricular Exhibition**

A Level English Literature students had the opportunity on Thursday to showcase the impressive super curricular projects they've been working on this year. These projects enable students to broaden their subject knowledge beyond the exam syllabus while also developing vital transferable skills: public speaking; carrying out independent research; working collaboratively; developing their digital and creative skills.

Year 12 students have been exploring classical Greek and Latin texts and the Nineteenth Century novel this year; Year 13 began the year with a project on mediaeval and renaissance texts.

Film highlights of the super curriculum exhibition included a 1980s adaptation of 'Dr Fautus', recorded by Year 13 students in Ruislip Woods and a documentary comparing the novels 'Pride and Prejudice' and 'Our Mutual Friend' where Year 12 students posed as literary experts. Podcasts created were also of an incredible standard with discussion of topics ranging from the representation of Frankenstein's monster, to repression in the novels of the Brontes. Students also impressed us with their artist's interpretations of literature and their creative writing.

During the exhibition, it was an absolute pleasure to be able to welcome back some of our previous A Level English Literature students, currently at university. We were joined by Kathryn Dungey, Helen Caines, Benjamin Surguy and Tara Goolamali who spoke about effectively preparing for A Level exams, applying for top universities and university life.

It's a real privilege to work with students - past and present - who demonstrate such dedication, talent and creativity.



**Ms Connolly, English Department**



## Y11 Food Practicals

Our talented Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students completed the final practical element of their GCSE NEA last week. The challenging format requires our young chefs to cook three dishes at once. This year, the overriding theme for the dishes was 'Calcium'. Salmon en croute, creme patissiere fruit tarts, ravioli with home-made pasta are just a few of the sumptuous delights served up by our delightful year 11s. Both classes were a credit to themselves and performed beautifully. Well done all, and thank you for your hard work.

### **Mr Welch, D & T Department**



## Sports Update

### Cross Country

Dylan Lewis (8H) and Issy Stone (10J) competed in the English Schools National Cross Country Competition on Saturday. This is a national competition which took place in Nottingham and both students were representing Middlesex. Dylan came 111 out of 328 and completed 4.2km in 15.42 with a pace of 3.44min/km. Issy came 221 out of 338 and completed 3.9km in 14.25 with a pace of 3.42min/km. Competing at this level is a fine achievement as both students were competing against the very best young athletes in the country. Congratulations to both students on their incredible season to date.

### Indoor Athletics

Well done to the Year 7 Boys Indoor Athletics Team who came 6th out of all the schools in London at the London Youth Games.

An amazing achievement and history for Vyners.

Well done to all involved.



## Netball

Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball Team who had a fantastic season this year! Borough Tournament Champions and 2nd in the League. A wonderful group of girls who work incredibly hard!

### **Miss Hawes, PE Department**



## Year 13 Maximise Potential Workshop

All Year 13 students took part in a workshop looking at resilience, building a "can do" attitude and thinking about study skills. Jeremy Dry talked to the students about active recall, maximising their time with their teachers in lessons in the final few weeks and most importantly how making those marginal gains in terms of revision over the Easter holiday will make a big impact on their final exams. Jeremy also complimented the students on their professionalism, in terms of conduct and dress code, commenting on how this perception needs to remain positive, especially when the students enter the professional working world.

With only 6 weeks remaining until students sit their final exams, I really hope that the Easter holiday is a time of creating and maintaining good study habits (with some rest, relaxation and plenty of sleep) in preparation for next term.

### **Mrs Coyle, Year 13 Leader**



## School students showcase physics research at 'Cosmic Con'

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, pupils from schools across London presented their work on Queen Mary University of London research projects at the annual 'Cosmic Con' conference. The 'Cosmic Con' conference is the culmination of six months of work on research projects across four areas of active research at Queen Mary, cosmic rays, space sounds, exoplanets and particle physics. The event forms part of the school of Physics and Astronomy's physics research in school environments (PriSE) programme, which offers students the opportunity to experience cutting-edge physics research at Queen Mary. This year, Vyners' physicists (Year 12) have been involved in a particle physics project and presented their work as a conference poster.

**Dr Abbas, Science Department**



## Friend of Vyners – Quiz Night

Thank you to the members of Friends of Vyners for the most recent Quiz Night that took place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The event was well attended and raised £350 for school related activities and projects.

## Attendance

Weekly attendance figures by year group  
Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Year Group	Attendance
Year 7	96.4%
Year 8	93.3%
Year 9	94.0%
Year 10	92.6%
Year 11	94.6%
Year 12	95.3%
Year 13	94.9%

Top 3 Tutorial weekly attendance  
Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Tutorial	Attendance
7C	98.4%
7W	97.7%
7H, 11H, 11W, 12C	97.4%

## Headteacher Commendations

### Maths

Stevia Sam (10P)  
Ali Mansoor (10G)  
Rudi Borley (10P)  
Olly Ashby (10C)  
Issy Stone (10J)  
Tejpal Chanonia (10P)  
Chiddi Domike (10W)  
Julia Heuchert (10F)  
Anmol Jhita (10H)  
Romeo Husbands-Kahn (10C)

### English

Zach Easton (7F)  
Simran Jammu (7H)  
Eliza Bhatti (7H)  
Karim Mushtaq (7W)  
Amber Suggi (7W)  
Sam Farrington (7C)  
Leela Wassan (7H)  
Isolde Ryan (7H)  
Zoe Clements (7H)  
Bradley Stilwell (7G)

### Youth Parliament

Zoe Clements (7H)  
Eliza Bhatti (7H)

### Work Related Learning

Zara Alangh (8P)  
Amara Buzi (8P)  
Samuel Ciftci (8P)  
Oliver Clark (8P)  
Joshua Colby (8P)  
Deen Exaltacion (8P)  
Sienna Gosden (8P)  
Ravi Hunt (8P)  
Imogen Williams (8M)