



Parent Bulletin

18th October 2024

On Tuesday of this week, I had the pleasure of being one of the members of staff who escorted nearly 200 students to the STEAM event at Thorpe Park. The event was organised by the ACS group of schools, which includes ACS Hillingdon, and was planned to give students a greater insight into science, technology, engineering, the arts and maths (STEAM), whilst also providing a fun day out for the students. There was an extensive range of STEAM related activities for the students to engage in and the students were required to get a postcard stamped as they engaged in the different activities with a certain number of stamps being required to access the rides.

This year, we took the decision to use this wonderful opportunity as our rewards trip with all students in attendance being those with the lowest number of consequences in the previous academic year. Every student that I spoke to shared just what a fantastic experience they had and just how engaging the different learning opportunities were on the day. I must extend a sincere thank you to the ACS group of schools for their excellent outreach programme. There were approximately 9000 students at Thorpe Park for the event on Tuesday from dozens of schools across the region. It was a huge logistical challenge and it is clearly quite admirable that they continue to engage with so many schools and students across the south eastern region.



Year 7 Medical Workshop

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Khaled Chouman, one of our incredibly talented Year 12 students, who has shown remarkable initiative and leadership in organising an introduction to medicine workshop for Year 7 students ([click here](#)). Khaled, who is passionate about pursuing a career in medicine, led a session where students explored various roles within the healthcare sector.

The workshop included hands-on activities such as diagnosing patients through case studies and using a stethoscope to learn how to detect key lung and heart sounds. This was a wonderful opportunity that highlighted the community spirit at Vyners, as our sixth formers continue to inspire the younger students. Well done, Khaled! Your contributions are appreciated by both Vyners and the wider community.

Mr Kohli, Subject Leader - Careers and Digital Learning

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge - Regional Finals

In the first two weeks of October, a group of 120 Year 10 students took part in the annual Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge workshops, where students participated in various activities to enhance their confidence to verbally express themselves and build up their public speaking ability. After some warm-ups to get their creative juices flowing, the students then had to think of a topic on which they could speak, without a script, in front of their peers and the facilitator from the Jack Petchey Foundation. All students made amazing progress in just one day, with everyone delivering moving or humorous speeches (even those determined they could never speak in front of a group!).

The Workshop Facilitators were filled with praise for our students, who were respectful, dedicated, and hard-working. Well done to all students who participated!

The following students were selected as the Workshop Finalists and tasked with improving their speeches to deliver to a panel of teachers: Zeus (10W); Sienna (10W); Ben (10P); Nathan B 10F; Nyla S 10F; Mahdi I 10F; Otto K 10J; Haroon A 10C. Congratulations to our finalists!

The School Final will take place on Wednesday 13th November. We will choose two School Finalists and two reserve students for the Regional Final.

The Regional Final will take place at Vyners School the evening of 4th December. More details to come, all are welcome.

Ms Duran, Assistant Subject Leader - English

Sports Update

U14 Girls Stanley Lyle Bowl

On Tuesday 8th October Year 7 & 8 girls took part in the round 1 of the tournament against Elthorne Park High School. Despite the boggy conditions Vyners secured the win and their place in round 2 with 3 goals and a clean sheet. Goal Scorers were Sofia Hamaida, Bow Mower and Nya Patel.

U12 Girls Chris Ampofo Cup

Year 7 Girls took part in the first round of their Middlesex cup on Thursday 10th October, against JFS in Harrow. The game saw a goal attempt that would've called for VAR, after Elia Caleb-Matilla hit the underneath of the crossbar and the ball bounce around the line. Maya Rabheru also saved a penalty in the second half. However, a goalless full time, led to extra time where JFS scored two in the final 2 minutes of the game knocking us out of the U12 Chris Ampofo Cup.

U13 Girls Bob Chandler Trophy

On Monday 14th October Vyners U13's played against St Gregory's Science College in the first round of the middlesex cup. With goals from Molly Smith, Ayla Clarke, Libby Scarisbrick, Elsie Fitzgerald, Tanaya Patel and an own goal we move on to round two with a 6-0 win.

Ms John, PE Department

Environmental Sustainability Week

Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information about some of the activities being organised during the Environmental Sustainability Week, 11th to 15th November 2024. The full calendar of events will be shared next week.

Select Committee Review of Persistent Absenteeism

Dear Parents and Carers

Hillingdon Council's Children, Families and Education Select Committee is undertaking a major review of persistent absenteeism across the borough. As a key partner, the Committee would like to hear from you. With this in mind, the Committee would like to invite you to attend a virtual witness session with Committee Members to discuss your experiences. The session will take place at 18:00 on **Wednesday 06 November 2024** via Microsoft Teams.

What is the event for? This session will enable the Committee to hear directly from you on your experiences of persistent absenteeism among your young people. It is intended that this review will help the Committee to formulate recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet in order to improve attendance.

Who will be present?

In attendance will be eight Members of the Children, Families and Education Select Committee, plus the clerk to the Committee. (The Committee is comprised of seven Councillors and one Co-Opted Member (find more information [here](#)))

How to join? Please be invited to join the meeting via this [link](#)

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Ryan Dell, Clerk to the Committee, at democratic@hillingsdon.gov.uk

Thank you,

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VLT Staff Vacancies

Please click [\[here\]](#) to view the current staff vacancies across all VLT schools.

Autumn Term Key Dates

Tuesday 22nd October	Sixth Form Open Evening (6pm-8pm)
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - Half Term	
Thursday 28th November	Staff Conference - school closed to students
Friday 29th November	Staff Conference - school closed to students
Monday 2nd December	Year 11 and Year 13 Trial Exams (until the end of term)
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Carol Concert
Thursday 12th December	Awards Evening
Friday 20th December	Term ends (12.20pm)