

## Parent Bulletin

6th June 2025

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The final weeks of any academic year always tends to be a positive time in schools as staff and students engage in a range of activities that are planned to conclude the academic year and plan ahead for the new one. I would like to thank my colleagues for their work in putting together the internal assessment weeks that took place recently for students in years 7 to 10 and 12, and congratulate our students for the way that they navigated their way through the process. This has been a change to how we have assessed students towards the end of the year and, whilst on the face of it, this seemed like a successful approach, we would welcome feedback from staff, students and parents about the assessment weeks so that we can make further improvements in the future.

I would also like to thank the PE department for their excellent work so far this term and congratulate our athletics teams and U13 girls' football team for their recent successes. I believe that the continued success of our teams across the range of sporting activities at both local and regional levels demonstrates our ongoing commitment to physical education and sport as well as other important wider opportunities in the arts. We are very much looking forward to our school Sports Days and Art and Photography Exhibitions that are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. The dates for these events can be found in the 'Key Dates' section below.

Although we are on the lead into the summer break, we very much are not taking our 'feet off the gas'. As many parents and carers will be aware, attendance at school remains a critical national issue and whilst we remain in the top 25% of schools nationally for attendance (at 93.5%), we remain 2.5% below target. Furthermore, there remain too many students who fall below the 90% attendance threshold that the department for education uses to categorise persistent absence. Given that this is the case, I would really appreciate that all families continue to take their child's attendance at school seriously through to the end of the academic year and be open to additional support from the school and other organisations such as Stronger Families where appropriate.

### Year 7 Parents' Evening

I would like to thank all parents and carers who have actively engaged in our parental consultation evenings this year as these activities do provide opportunities for families to engage with their child's teachers. I was particularly pleased that the overwhelming majority of parents were able to remotely attend the Year 7 evening yesterday. I am very much aware that the sheer number of students in the year group, combined with the number of staff who teach more than one year 7 class in a subject does mean that any given parent will not be able to meet with each of their child's teachers. However, I do hope that all parents are able to gain a holistic view of their child's progress, their level of engagement and how happy they are at the school. As a reminder, parents and carers can contact their child's teachers outside of the parents evening window for specific reasons via the link on the school website [\[click here\]](#).

### Farewell to Mrs Alexander

I would like to wish our Welfare Lead, Mrs Alexander a fond farewell as she finished her final day with us at Vyners earlier today. Mrs Alexander joined the school in 2012 and since that time has dealt with hundreds of children (and adults) who have required medical assistance or a bit of TLC.

I'm sure that she will miss her daily interactions with staff and students in the Student Services department. However, I'm sure that there will be many aspects that she won't miss, such as the management of lost property. I know that there are many families that were supported by Mrs Alexander who would like to join us to wish her the very best. She has served the school community exceptionally well over the past thirteen years and she will be missed by many of us within the school community.



Wishing all of our families and colleagues a wonderful weekend and a blessed Eid al-Adha to all members of our community who are celebrating.

**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**

## **Year 12 Spanish School Visit - Terra de Trasancos**

A few weeks ago Year 12 Spanish students from Vyners and Ruislip High had a visit from a Spanish School called Terra de Trasancos. This event was organised by Miss Garcia. Students had previously been getting to know one another by sending videos to each other before the big day. They completed numerous activities on the day and thoroughly enjoyed speaking to each other in Spanish and English.

**Miss Vigo, MFL Teacher**

*A few weeks ago, we were visited by a Spanish school who came to England to converse with us so they could grasp a better understanding of English and we could get a better understanding of Spanish. In the hours we socialised with them, I would say that it was a very insightful and useful experience. I spoke and understood much more of the Spanish language and learnt about their culture and customs in Spain. I would also like to say that the Spanish students were very funny and amazing people who gave our class an experience we will never forget. Overall, I would say that this event was very beneficial as I feel as though I have improved on my confidence in speaking Spanish. Hopefully during my time at Vyners we can go to Spain, where me and my class can visit their school and enhance our knowledge on Spanish culture.*

**Rohan, Year 12 Student**



## **Mental health support at Vyners School**

At Vyners, we are committed to supporting the emotional wellbeing of all our students. In partnership with **Place2Be**, a leading children's mental health charity, we offer a dedicated in-school mental health service to help students manage challenges, build resilience, and thrive. Place2Be has now been set up to support our young people for just over a year. Please see below an overview of what Place2Be offers.

### **Place2Talk – A space to be heard**

Students can access **Place2Talk**, a confidential drop-in service where they can talk about anything that's on their minds — whether it's friendships, school stress, relationships, or personal worries. They're also welcome to bring a friend or two along if they prefer.

### **One-to-one counselling support**

Some students may benefit from regular 1-to-1 sessions with our trained Mental Health Practitioner. These sessions provide a safe and supportive space to explore deeper concerns and emotional difficulties.

### **Group support for Sixth Formers**

We've also recently introduced **group sessions** focused on key issues such as exam stress and anxiety — offering peer support and strategies for managing pressure, particularly during the build-up to exams. More groups will be available in the near future.


### **Working together with parents and carers**


We value the important role families play in supporting young people's wellbeing. **Parent Partnership meetings** are available to give parents and carers the opportunity to connect with the Mental Health Practitioner, understand the work being done in school, and explore how to continue that support at home.


### **Free wellbeing resources for parents**

Thanks to the school's investment in mental health provision, all parents and carers also have access to Place2Be's **Parenting Smart** platform. It's packed with helpful resources to support you in understanding and responding to your child's behaviour and emotions.

 Short, practical videos (2 minutes)

 Expert articles on a range of parenting topics

 Free courses and a monthly newsletter to keep you informed

 Explore the resources here: [parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk)

 Sign up for updates: [parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/newsletter](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/newsletter)

### **Thank you**

Thank you for supporting your child's mental health journey. Together, we can ensure they have the emotional tools and support they need to flourish both in and out of the classroom. For further support with any of the above please contact Samina, the Mental Health Practitioner at Vyners School on Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursdays, or a member of the Safeguarding team.

## Sports Update

### Year 7 and Year 8 Hillingdon Borough Athletics

Recently a number of Year 7 and Year 8 students represented the school at the Hillingdon Borough Athletics championships. All students performed well and picked up some excellent results. Please see below the medalists from the competition.

#### 3rd Placed

Molly Smith - 800m

Lily Gibbons - 200m

Lauren Dampha, Alena Perryman, Chloe Hodgkinson, Tanaya Patel - Year 7 Girls 100m x 4 Relay

Macey McDonnell, Jasmine Dhaliwal, Lily Gibbons, Elsie Fitzgerald - Year 8 Girls 100m x 4 relay

#### 2nd Placed

Harry Proctor - Discus

Anastacia Muiznieks - Discus

Chloe Hodgkinson - 75m Hurdles

Ed Pistorius - High Jump

#### 1st Placed

Lauren Dampha - 200m

Harry Cleverley - 75m Hurdles

Anna Fear - 800m

Elsie Fitzgerald - 1500m

Eduard Pistorius - 1500m

Lily Havard - 300m

Tommy Power - Discus



**Mr Hall, Subject Leader - PE**

## U13 Girls League Cup Final

On Wednesday 21st May the U13 girls took place in the borough league cup final. This was the toughest game that they had played this season, and was extremely close. We ended with a 2-0 win becoming domestic champions for the second time this season.

Goals scored by Orlaith O'Donoghue and Libby Scarisbrick.



**Miss John, PE Teacher**

## Student Planners - 2025/26

I am now taking requests for student planners for the next academic year. These are provided automatically to Year 7 students and on request to Years 8-11. If you would like your son / daughter to have a planner next year, please make sure that they complete this Google Form [\[click here\]](#) or complete it on their behalf. The deadline for requests is Friday 20th June. This form has already been circulated to your son / daughter. **Planners will not be handed out until the first day of the autumn term.**

**Miss Williams, Business Manager**

## Cashless limit in the school canteen

A number of parents and students have fed back to us recently that they are reaching the daily £5 limit in the school canteen frequently. This is impacting the ability of some students to eat at both break and lunch. The £5 daily spend limit for students has been in place since we first introduced the cashless system back in 2012. It is there to stop children spending excessive amounts of their parents' money.

We last consulted parents back in 2022 about whether this allowance should be increased. You clearly told us back then that £5 was sufficient. We would like to invite your views on this issue again. We will adjust, or retain, the existing limit based on what the majority of parents think. Please share your views via this Google Form [\[click here\]](#).

**Miss Williams, Business Manager**

## VLT Notices

Please [\[click here\]](#) for the list of VLT support staff vacancies this week.

## Summer Term Key Dates

Tuesday 24th June	Year 7 and Year 8 Sports Day
Wednesday 25th June	Year 9 and Year 10 Sports Day
Wednesday 25th June	Art & Photography Exhibition, 3.30pm to 6.30pm
<b>Friday 27th June</b>	<b>Staff Development Day (students not in school)</b>
Friday 27th June	Race Night at Uxbridge Golf Club
<b>Friday 18th July</b>	<b>Terms ends (12.20pm finish)</b>

## Friends of Vyners

**Friends of Vyners (FoV)  
presents**



**SUMMER  
RAFFLE 2025**

**TICKETS £2.50  
to buy until 9th  
July  
Draw 11th July**



**Tickets via your child's Parent Pay account**

**TOP PRIZES!**

- £250 donated by Lakin & Co
- 8-week online bespoke fitness training by Harps Fitness
- Fortnum & Mason Gift Hamper
- Dinner for 4 - The Fox, Ickenham
- Personalised pencil portrait - worth £150

**Plus over 20 other prizes such as gift vouchers and hampers**

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