



Parent Bulletin

20th June 2025

Whilst I do very much enjoy the summer months, the increasingly warm temperatures that we are currently experiencing do pose some issues for the normal running of a school. Parents and carers who are members of our alumni will probably remember just how unbearably warm the classrooms are on the second floor in our older building that was originally constructed in 1959. Whilst it is a challenge for the students in these rooms it's even more problematic for staff who are spending most of their days operating in these rooms. It is something that we will seek to improve as a larger scale project in the future.

Staff and students have now moved to summer uniforms. This means that ties can now be left at home and that top buttons on shorts can be loosened. In addition, students are allowed to remove their blazers after the lunch break for the remainder of the day. I'm sure that there will be parents that question why blazers need to be worn. This is primarily to ensure that Vyners students are easily identifiable, particularly when arriving at school in the morning as we have had incidents where non-Vyners students have falsely attempted to gain access to the site. Whilst the uniform has been adjusted, we have stressed that standards must remain high with all other school uniform items being worn correctly.

The removal of ties and blazers (in the afternoon) has highlighted just how much some students have grown out of their clothing. We fully understand that some parents wish to wait until the summer holiday to purchase new items and I would ask that each family does ensure that their child's uniform is correctly fitting when we start back in September. This includes some of the skirts that the older students are wearing that were clearly purchased in either Year 7 or Year 8.

Some parents and carers may remember that I have written previously about our oak trees being infested with oak processionary moth caterpillars, which usually appear in May and June. As a reminder, the hairs on the caterpillars can cause rashes and irritation when in contact with skin, eyes, etc. For further information ([click here](#)). We have worked hard over recent years to educate all staff and students about the caterpillars and also participate in a spraying programme to manage the number of nests on site. Fortunately, this year our spraying programme has been largely successful with only a handful of nests being visible on site. These areas have been clearly marked for students and staff. Unfortunately, the local authority can no longer fund such a large-scale spraying programme for a species that is firmly embedded in London. Therefore, there oak trees outside of our boundary have not been managed in this way. I would ask all parents and carers to reinforce the information that has been shared and also to take care when travelling in and around woodland areas that have significant numbers of oak trees.

There are a number of planned activities over the week that we are all very much looking forward to. These include careers activities and UCAS events, sports days at the Hillingdon athletics track on Tuesday and Wednesday as well the culture and diversity, and parliament days that have been planned for Thursday. As a diverse community, the culture and diversity day provides staff and students to dress in a manner that they feel best expresses their personality. Whilst some students have worn cultural dress in the past, others have chosen to wear items such as scouts uniforms, sports clothing, clothing linked to musical genres or even items linked to books or films e.g. Harry

Potter. This has been a wonderful day in the past with diverse food served in the canteens and the students will also be participating in activities throughout the day to learn more about our parliamentary system and democracy as part of the citizenship curriculum.

Parental Survey

At this time of year all schools in the Vanguard Learning Trust seek the views of parents and carers regarding their child's experience at the school throughout the academic year as well as the quality of any parental interactions. The survey can be found here ([click here](#)). We would very much appreciate all parents and carers completing this survey by Friday 11th July 2025.

Finally this week, with the very last external examination taking place earlier today I would again like to congratulate all of our students in Years 11 and 13 for successfully navigating the exams season. Both proms are taking place next week and should be opportunities for all students to celebrate their achievements and time together at the school. I, for one, will be attending both events and am very much looking forward to seeing them all together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Gary Mullings

Headteacher

Framestore Trip – Year 9 Art & Photography

On Wednesday, Ms Lane organised for fifty Year 9 Art and Photography students to visit Framestore in central London for an exciting and inspiring day. Framestore is an Academy Award-winning visual effects company renowned for its work in advertising, film, television, and video games. As the largest VFX production house in Europe—with studios in cities including Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Montreal, Melbourne, and Mumbai—Framestore has contributed to major productions such as *The Avengers*, *Paddington*, and *Star Wars*. Their latest release, *How to Train Your Dragon*, hit cinemas this week.

During the visit, students were given a behind-the-scenes look at the industry, gaining insight into the creative process and the wide range of career opportunities available. They were then set a professional-style brief that mirrored how real projects are developed at Framestore. Working in teams, students designed a product that was inclusive, aimed at a specific target market, and incorporated cutting-edge visual technology such as virtual reality (VR). The day culminated in each group presenting their ideas to Framestore's Global Director for Outreach and Recruitment.

I found the trip so much fun. It was great to learn about Visual effects (VFX). I found it so cool -
Bella

The trip was extremely fun. I learned new things and it gave me so many ideas. The activity was fun and the things we learned were so interesting. -
Mia

Going on the Art trip really helped me understand how Art can be an amazing and fun experience as a job. -
Nya

I learned about different careers open to me in VFX and we did an activity that helped us understand how jobs within the different departments run and link together to create a finished product such as a VR headset game, or a film. -
Kara

*It was really interesting learning about VFX and the jobs involved. I would definitely like to have a job in the industry when I'm older. - **Zaina***

*Because of the trip, I know that it's ok to not know what you'll do later in life. Just continue in subjects that you enjoy and work hard at getting better. - **Sleiman***

*I really enjoyed the trip as I got to see parts of London on the journey there and from the amazing skyline view from the top of the Framestore building during our break times. We learnt about different jobs in the visual effects industry and we used our Art skills to work as a team and plan and escape room experience and present our design to the rest of the groups. - **Saiyan***

*I loved the Art trip as we got to experience London via coach and then we learned how many different jobs there are in the creative industries. Overall I learnt a lot about what the Framestore company does to create visual effects for blockbuster films, such as 'Paddington in Peru' and 'How to train your dragon' and I have found a career I'd like to go into. - **Daniyal***



Vyners Cultural and Diversity Day

Next week Vyners will host its annual Cultural and Diversity day event, where all members of the school community are invited to attend school dressed in attire that best represents them. It is a day that gives everybody the opportunity to express themselves in every way that they identify to enforce and celebrate that everybody at Vyners is accepted, respected and acknowledged. This year's celebration will be held on **Thursday 26th June 2025**.

Students can attend school wearing something that reflects their individuality (i.e. sports team, musical band, heritage, religion, identification). They should ensure that everything they wear and any changes they make are easily redactable for school the following Monday (i.e. use of press on nails, spray on hair dye, temporary modifications like magnetic piercings and easily washable paint). All outfits worn to school should be appropriate and conform to the boundaries of Vyners non-uniform standards (i.e. no crop tops, no short skirts or hot pants, no skin fades).

Ms Ashe, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Sun Safety

We are aware that some harmful sun-related misinformation is circulating on TikTok and other social media platforms. Trends encouraging “sun tanning without suncream” which can lead to serious burns and long-term skin damage. It is important that our young people are able to make informed choices and follow science-backed sun safety practices.

We kindly ask parents to ensure their child applies sunscreen before school and brings a bottle with them to reapply throughout the day. This is especially important when participating in PE lessons and for Sports Day next week.

In addition please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle to keep hydrated.

Ms Ashe, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

PSHE Workshop

We are delighted to welcome the Solomon Theatre company to school on Monday 23rd June. They will be delivering a performance to Year 8 during period 4, which will be followed by an interactive workshop during P5 on the theme of drug awareness. For additional details please contact Ms Ashe via office@vynersschool.org.uk

Ms Ashe, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Personal Safety - Information from Metropolitan Police

Please click [\[here\]](#) for a letter from the Metropolitan Police regarding personal safety.

They would also like to share leaflets with further information regarding street robbery [\[click here\]](#) and mobile phone safety [\[click here\]](#).

Mrs Bashford-Hynes, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Consultation on cashless limit in our canteens

Thank you to all the parents who have expressed an opinion regarding the school-imposed spend limit in the school canteens. If you have not yet shared your views, it is not too late to do so. Please complete the survey below by Monday 23rd June [[click here](#)].

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Friends of Vyners

Race Night - Friday 27th June:

To book tickets please use this link: <https://friends-of-vyners.sumupstore.com/products>

Raffle and '100' Club Winners



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SUMMER RAFFLE 2025

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

Tickets via your child's Parent Pay account

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- 4 quarterly prizes of £50
- 1 Annual prize of £100

Complete the registration form via the QR code and one of the team will get back to you



100 Club rates can be found on the Friends of Vyners page on the Vyners website

FOV '100 Club' membership supports the school by raising additional funds. These contribute towards the running costs of the school minibuses, as well as purchasing Chrome Books, soft seating for LRC and Reading Zone, display units for Science, new ovens for Food Technology, a 3-D printer for DT and much more...

fov100club@gmail.com

LATEST WINNERS

£25 May 2025 monthly draw - Cate Killeen (205)

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
Thursday 26th June	Parliament Day and Culture & Diversity Day
Friday 27th June	Staff Development Day (students not in school)
Friday 27th June	Race Night at Uxbridge Golf Club
Friday 18th July	Terms ends (12.20pm finish)