

Parent Bulletin

5th September 2025

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year. We are always pleased to welcome our students back this week and particularly our new Year 7 cohort, who I must say, have started in an exemplary fashion. They have been well presented, polite and appear to be enjoying being a part of the Vyners family. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in ensuring that the students have returned to school looking extremely smart, fully equipped and ready to learn. I do appreciate that correct skirts, school shoes and appropriate haircuts are not always the most popular issues amongst some of our students but we do appreciate the support for our culture and values at the school.

Nearly 400 students received either GCSE or A-level results during August and the overwhelming majority have now successfully progressed to the next stage of their education. It was another successful year at GCSE level with 80% of Year 11 students achieving 'good' grades in both Mathematics and English and the overwhelming majority receiving positive outcomes across a wide range of subjects. Our success at GCSE level has also contributed to another record number of students enrolling into courses in the Sixth Form this year; 170 students in total. This is something that we are delighted about.

Our outgoing Year 13 students performed remarkably well with 56% of all grades being achieved at A*-B, which represents our best results since 2016. (which was another fantastic year). Most pleasing is the fact that the overwhelming majority of students have been able to progress to a University of their choosing or Higher Level Apprenticeship, whilst others have chosen to progress directly into the world of work. Huge congratulations to all students and their families for a fantastic set of results this year. We are extremely proud of the young people and their individual and collective achievements.

As mentioned, our continued success at GCSE level does mean that we have a very large sixth form. This, alongside the successful school expansion that has taken place since 2019 means that we now have nearly 1550 students and 170 staff travelling to and from the site every day. At this time of year, it is not uncommon to have a surge in the number of cars that come into the area, particularly as parents and carers of students in Year 7 get used to the transition to secondary school. As a reminder, it is our preference that students either walk, cycle or take public transport to and from school as the overwhelming majority of families live within 1.5 miles from Vyners. This includes students in Year 7 whose friendship groups will settle in the coming days, which should allow for them to travel to and from school independently with greater confidence.

If, on occasion, parents have no alternative than drop off and pick up your child using their car that they do so at a reasonable distance from the school entrance, preferably avoiding Warren Road altogether. Please also do not feel inclined to drive into the area because it is raining. This causes major problems; yesterday morning was particularly bad. Please do not park across resident's driveways and avoid reversing into driveways and engaging in three point turns on Warren Road. I would also ask all parents and carers to be considerate to the residents of Warren Road. They are very much a part of our community as we are a part of theirs and I do become increasingly concerned when I hear of abusive behaviour towards the residents (and staff) when they make reasonable requests for parents to be more considerate with regards to their parking. I will add that my PA was sworn at by a parent yesterday morning, after a reasonable request, which is

clearly totally unacceptable and something that I personally do not appreciate. We are a strong and inclusive community that seeks to live by our CARE values and I would ask that we are all respectful, tolerant and considerate when dealing with others within our community.

Putting those issues to one side, I can genuinely say that I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. We continue to work to improve the school including the physical environment as well as the quality of teaching and learning. The summer break is always a time when a significant amount of work is done to upgrade the school. This year, we have had works undertaken to install approximately £250,000 worth of windows in our older buildings as well as upgraded our IT network, computer rooms and stage lighting in the main hall. Our premises team have also worked incredibly hard to ensure that walls and ceilings are refreshed, the school is deep cleaned and damaged items e.g. toilet seats are replaced.

One of the main areas that we are seeking to continue to improve upon this year is whole school attendance. I am sure that many parents and carers will have noted the comments from the Education Secretary ([click here](#)) regarding behaviour and attendance in schools. Whilst attendance at Vyners was comfortable above the national average in England last year the rate remains stubbornly below the pre-covid levels and whilst we do not have to agree with the Education Secretary's statement in its entirety, it is clear that some children within our community are being left behind as a result of poor attendance and engagement with education. This will be a significant area of focus for us this year, to ensure that we can work in partnership with all families so all students can reasonably engage with what we have to offer as a school community, which for many, provides them with excellent foundations for adult life. The key for us is that partnership, so that children and families feel supported regardless of their individual circumstances. We are very much looking forward to working together this year.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Information for Parents

Mobile Phone reminder

A gentle reminder that mobile phones are not allowed to be seen in school time, if students are found to be using their phones at any point during the school day they will be issued with a C3 detention and the phone will be confiscated for the rest of the day. Please support the school and your child with this by reminding them to turn their phones off whilst in school and also refraining from making contact with them via their phones. Please also note that C3 detention will not be removed in the event that a child has used their phone to respond to a text or call from a parent.

Important reminder when contacting the school

As of this September, Vyners School has over 1500 students on roll. Can I please ask all parents, when contacting the school, to make sure you tell us the FULL NAME and TUTORIAL GROUP of your child. This will speed up our ability to respond to you.

Nuts in school

Like many other schools, we have a number of students who are severely allergic to nuts. Nuts will never be included in any of our canteen dishes. It is important though that they are not brought into school via snacks and packed lunches from home. Please can you ensure that, if you send your child in with food, it is nut free. Thank you for your cooperation

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Year 12 Geography Trip to Cornwall

Year 12 Geography students were away in Cornwall for 4 days in July to practice key skills for their NEA Coursework. Students had the opportunity to meet with Bob Digby; Geography examiner, trainer and Pearson Edexcel subject specialist. Bob is an expert within the field of Geography, especially in the area of the A-level coursework. All students were able to meet with Bob, who gave all students guidance on how to proceed with their coursework.

Our trip saw students visit many areas of Cornwall from Newquay to Padstow, St Austell to the Eden Project. Students also visited Port Isaac, which any Doc Martin fans will know as Port Wenn from the show. During the trip students experienced many Cornish treats such as fudge and Cornish pasties - of which only 1 was lost to a seagull. But the highlight of the trip was our 'Vyners Olympics' on the beach outside YHA Treyarnon Bay. Students competed in various competitions.



The Olympic champions were:

- 50 Meter Dash on hard sand - Kyan
- Seaweed Relay - Liam, Yasmin and Annika
- Seaweed (Hammer) Throw - Stanley
- Three-legged Race - Annika and Yasmin
- Rhythmic Gymnastics - Mollie, Maya and Izzy
- WheelBarrow Race - Liam and Stanley
- Bowls - Padraig
- Scavenger Hunt - Yasmin and Liam



Miss Brown and I were incredibly impressed with the students' conduct and overall behaviour. They were a real credit to the school.

Well Done Year 12 Geographers!

Mr Heath, Subject Leader, Geography

End of Year Cake Decorating Competition

In July, Year 10 Food students participated in an end of year cake decorating competition. They demonstrated their skill at piping buttercream icing onto cupcakes and feather icing on bakewell tarts. A high level of creativity and competence was evident with some outstanding results. Congratulations to all students with special mention to our overall winners: Poppy, Sophia, Archie, Oscar, Josie and Imogen.

The Food department said a farewell to Ms Kendall after 21 years of service as our Food Technician. She has been invaluable to students and teachers alike; helping to ensure students experience success with their practical work and supporting numerous cohorts of students through their exams. Ms Kendall will be very missed, but we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mrs Davies, DT Food Teacher



French Trip by Yelena, Nina and Charlotte

On the first day we left school at 6:00am and arrived in France at midday. We then went to a sea lion show and were shocked how smart and talented these sea creatures are, then walked around a beautiful aquarium. We saw marine marvels such as tiger sharks, stingrays and many more interesting sea creatures. Afterwards we departed for the Château. We then had free time after dinner to play sports (e.g. volleyball, football and table tennis).

On the second day, we travelled to the amazing Somme Bay Railway where we caught a steam train and did some translating activities onboard. Afterwards, we went to the Tréport fishing village which had a breathtaking view of the sea. We came back to the Chateau for a delicious dinner followed by some chewy, garlic-covered escargots (snails). Then we worked as a team to make our own scrumptious pancakes with chocolate sauce.

Our favourite day was Parc Asterix, an exciting theme park near Paris. We bravely experienced thrilling roller coasters and enjoyable water rides. After a long but scenic journey back to the Château we had dinner and activities. We thoroughly enjoyed playing football and other sports with the teachers and students from the trip.

On our final day, we had a fascinating and interesting visit to a chocolate factory and had the opportunity to sample some delicious confectionery. We then had some time for shopping before we got the ferry home.

Overall it was an amazing trip where we got to experience French culture, practice our language skills and create bonds, relationships and memories which are unforgettable. We would recommend it to anyone who would like to go on this trip in the future.

By Yelena Vukotic, Nina Giannouloupoulou and Charlotte Pipenstock-Ralph

Information Received



FREE PARENT WEBINAR: THE FLU VACCINE IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Join us for a presentation discussing the flu vaccine in children and young people.

Topics covered:

- ✓ Why does my child need the vaccine
- 💡 Side-effects and safety
- 👤 Nasal vs injection (pork gelatine content)
- 📊 Flu data from previous years
- 🗣️ Q&A session

 Wednesday 17th Sept	 Thursday 18th Sept
 8:00 - 9:00pm	 6:00 - 7:00pm
 Microsoft Teams	 Microsoft Teams
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DTP/MENACWY and HPV CATCH UP CLINICS

Vaccination UK is a school vaccination team commissioned by NHS England since 2015.

- We have catch up clinics for children who have missed vaccinations.
- Vaccines Covered: DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio), MenACWY (Meningitis), HPV, and MMR.
- Eligibility: Children in Year 8 and above for HPV, and Year 9 and above for DTP/MenACWY.

If your child has not been vaccinated or you are unsure, please check with your GP or your child's red book.

Further Information on the Vaccines and programmes can be found on the NHS Website.

Booking Links:

- DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations for children in year 9 upwards (children that have missed this at school previously)

Please click onto the following link to book your child into a local clinic.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2024/book>

- HPV is offered to children in Year 8 upwards. (children who may have missed this at school previously)

Please click onto the following link to book your child into a local clinic.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2024/book>

Our Catch-up clinics Available:

Wednesday 10th September 2025

14.30-17.00pm

Stockley Park Community Clinic

6-9 The Square, Stockley Park

Uxbridge, UB11 1FW

(Free Parking available, pls give your car Reg at reception)

How to book:

1. Follow the Appropriate Link:
 - For DTP/MenACWY
 - For HPV
1. Select a Clinic Location and Date.
2. Complete the Booking Form:
 - Fill in the required details about your child and select a suitable time slot available.
3. Confirm Your Appointment:
 - You should receive a confirmation email or message with the appointment details.

If you have any issues or need further assistance or need to cancel your appointment, please can contact the clinic at 0208 150 1210.

If you think your child has missed the MMR vaccine, please contact us to discuss.

Summer Term Key Dates

Tuesday 9 th September	Individual photos - New Year 7
Wednesday 10 th September	Individual photos - New Year 12
Monday 15 th September	Year 7 co-curricular fayre
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 7 Parent Information / Cheese & Wine Evening
Thursday 18 th September	Awards Evening
Wednesday 24 th September	Junior School Open Evening
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 9 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 1 st October	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Friday 3 rd October	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 8 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 21 st October	Sixth Form Open Evening (applications open)
Friday 24 th October	Year 8 and Year 13 reports issued
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October	Half Term

Please click [[here](#)] for the link to the Calendar page on our school website, which includes key dates for this academic year - this document will be updated regularly