



Year 10 Update

27/03/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the weekend. A few updates to inform you of:

Uniform Standards

- No Tech Fleeeces/Hoodies used as coats. These will be confiscated if caught twice wearing around school.
- Hoop/Dangle earrings are **not** permitted - these will be confiscated and if continuous C4 for deliberate defiance as per our behaviour policy.
- Students with hair/nails will attend a lunch time detention and if continues will escalate to a C4.
- **Flared trousers are also not permitted** and must be straight leg.

Reminder: Workshop for students (in day) and parents (in evening) - Tuesday 21st April

There will be more information that will come out but save the Tuesday 21st April 6-7pm for a parent workshop on how to help your child revise. Students will have an hour-long workshop on this day too. Please could you fill out this [google form](#) if you are planning to come so we can work out logistics.

Year 10 End of Year Assessment Week

Year 10 students will complete a series of assessments in class between the 5th May and the 15th May. These will be organised by the classroom teacher. The document below has a list of the assessment topics and areas to focus revision on. This is going out to students today too.

[Assessment Topics Year 10 Summer 2026](#)

Prefect System

I will be doing an assembly on the Prefect System after Easter and then launching this after the assembly. It will be launched straight after the assembly and I will let you know the details once launched. This will consist of an **application** to complete with questions related to why they would like to be a prefect and what they can bring to the role, followed by a second round consisting of a **group interview** with shared questions prior around how they would deal with situations that may arise. As you can appreciate we have a fantastic year group and will only be selecting the best candidates for only a small amount of prefect spaces. This is a privilege and therefore myself and Mr Newbey have been stressing to the students that behaviour, attendance, punctuality and uniform (jewellery included) as well as their ability to be a good role model and effectively contribute to Vyners as a prefect is so important.

Mobile Phone Policy Update

Earlier this year we wrote to parents and carers outlining our updated behaviour policy with specific references to student mobile phone use at Vyners. As part of that communication we stated that it is our intention to continue to strengthen the policy over the coming academic year in line with the updated guidance from the Department for Education ([click here](#)). We support the DfE's guidance given the overwhelming evidence regarding smart phone use and children's mental health and wellbeing, their ability to develop social skills away from technologies as well the disruption to learning that we experience from time to time.

At our spring term local governing body meeting, the decision was taken to adopt the strategy for the new Year 7 cohort for September 2027 to be smart phone free and that the only phones that they will be able to bring to school will be **non-smart phones** with the ability for calls, texts and tracking. This will then be rolled out year-by-year until the school becomes smart phone free. This strategy has been successfully trialled within the Trust at Ruislip High School and we will be communicating this week to parents of Year 6 children who are due to start at Vyners in September.

With regard to students in the current cohorts at the school, we will be consulting on potential changes to the policy during the summer term with the view of finalising the policy for 2026-27 at the local governing body meeting in June. We will be in contact with parents and carers (and students) ahead of that time to gain their views. In the meantime, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with regard to this matter.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

Guidance on Meningococcal Disease

We would like to share the latest information following recent communications regarding meningococcal disease. On Saturday, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published guidance for education settings in England, which is available on the GOV.UK website.

This guidance sits within the "Health protection in children and young people settings, including education" collection and may be helpful in answering queries from schools, higher education, and universities.

The information includes:

- Advice on continuing to attend education settings
- The definition of contacts and what contacts are advised to do
- Information on vaccination
- Guidance for specific settings, advising that no additional precautions are required unless directed by a Health Protection Team
- Links to further information

As always, the latest updates can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cases-of-invasive-meningococcal-disease-confirmed-in-kent>

Latest case data can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/invasive-meningococcal-disease-statistical-releases>

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please [click here](#) for this week's safeguarding snapshot.

VLT News

Please [click here](#) for a Trust Update letter from Dr Lecky, VLT CEO.

Please [click here](#) for information on staff vacancies across the Trust.

Information Received

Please [click here](#) for a leaflet from Premier Kickboxing with information about the classes they offer.

Spring Term Key Dates

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Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 20 th April	Year 10 Anti-Discrimination Workshop P3&4
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 10 Revision Workshop (1 period during day for tutorials)
Tuesday 21st April	Year 10 Revision Workshop for Parents 6-7pm.
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 10 parent consultation evening (online)
Week beginning 5 th May - Friday 15 th May 2023	Year 10 trial written exams start - in class Assessment Topics Year 10 Summer 2026
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Wednesday, 20 May 2026	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Religious Studies Short Course Exam
Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 th June	Year 10 reports issued
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
w/c Monday 13 th July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7 ,8, 9 and 10
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself (khawes@vynersschool.org.uk) or Mrs Tighe who is our family liaison officer for KS4 (ktighe@vynersschool.org.uk).

Thanks so much for your support.

Miss Hawes
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