



Year 11 Update 27th March 2026

Students have now received a copy of their exam entries, which outlines the exams they have been entered for and the times and dates of these exams. Please can you assist in checking these entries are correct and inform the year team if you believe there to be a mistake.

For morning exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration by 8:30am, to begin the exams at 9am. For afternoon exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration at 12:30pm, to begin the exams by 13:00pm.

Finally, as a reminder, for the formal exams the only equipment that the Exam Team will be able to provide the students in an exam is a spare pen if theirs breaks. Everything else is the responsibility of the students to bring. Please can you therefore ensure that your child has all of the equipment that they will need before the exam series starts. If a student forgets a piece of equipment on the day, they must go and find the relevant member of staff before the exam begins to obtain a spare set of equipment.

Year 11 Summer Exams

The Summer Exam timetable is available on the school website [[click here](#)].

GCSE Revision information

Please find attached this update some important revision information.

Update on Smart Phones

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

Prom

We are incredibly excited to invite you all to the Vyners Year 11 Prom. After the sheer amount of hard work, dedication and effort you have put into your education, and after what will be a demanding examination period, Prom is a great opportunity to celebrate this success. It is a valued tradition at Vyners, which has formed an important part of our end of year celebrations with both students and staff.

Date: Tuesday 30th June, 2026

Time: 7.00pm - 11.00pm (arrival from 6.30pm)

Venue: The Pinewood Hotel, Wexham Park Lane, George Green, Slough, SL3 6AP

Dress Code: Smart - Ballroom

Cost: The ticket price of £50.00 consists of: The venue hire, a buffet meal, one non-alcoholic cocktail upon entry, security and supervision, a DJ, firework display, decorations and various entertainment. The price of the ticket does not include transportation to and from the venue.

Students will have to strictly adhere to the conditions listed below:

1. No smoking, vaping or drinking **(including before arrival - anyone suspected of drinking alcohol will not be permitted)**.
2. If the venue is left at any time during the evening, there will be no re-admittance.
3. If there is any cause for concern regarding behaviour, the students involved will be immediately sent home. Parents will be expected to meet the cost of any transportation.
4. Security will be hired for the evening alongside approximately 30 members of staff.

This is an occasion to celebrate together as a year group, and as this is an event run by the school, there will be security on the door to search bags and pockets as guests enter. If any student is deemed to be under the influence of any substance or is carrying any contraband, we reserve the right to refuse entry and parents / carers will be called.

If your son / daughter would like to attend the Prom, **tickets are now live on ParentPay for £50.000 and will close on Friday 1st May. Cash and cheques are no longer accepted.** Please log onto the system (www.parentpay.com) and select the Offer. Please follow the instructions on the screen. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made. Payment must be made before the stated deadline to ensure your ticket is ordered. **If your child has not paid by this date, they will not be admitted on the night.**

Please note, even if a ticket has been purchased, actual attendance depends on satisfactory behaviour being maintained in school. We will rescind the ticket and refund the money for any student who causes significant behaviour problems between now and then.

Collection of Exam Certificates

Exam Certificates usually arrive at the end of the Autumn term 2026 and are available for collection from the school reception in the last two weeks of term before Christmas 2026. We recommend that certificates are posted home, therefore please log into Parentpay where there is the option to pay the £5.00 to cover the cost of secure postage and packaging.

Students can nominate someone to collect the certificates on their behalf but they will need a signed authorisation form. Certificates will be kept until July 2027 after which time they will be disposed of and will only be available by contacting exam boards directly.

Order form for both the Yearbook and Hoodies - Deadline 24th April

We are excited to announce the order form [[click here](#)] for both hoodies and yearbooks is now open. There is no expectation for students to purchase either however if you do want these we encourage you to place your orders early to avoid missing out on these special mementos. This is a strict closing date as this will allow items

to be delivered in time for the students' last day.

Meningococcal disease

The Hillingdon Immunisation Team have forwarded some new guidance from Vaccinations UK about the recent Meningococcal outbreak. It has been attached to this update, please do take the time to read.

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

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

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom - Pinewood Hotel
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)
Thursday 20 th August	GCSE results day