



Year 10 Update

22/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Firstly I would like to say how fantastic Year 10 have been this week, in sitting their first GCSE exam. The feedback I have received, as well as my experience in getting them into their exam venues was really lovely and I am very proud of the hard work they have put into this GCSE. It really sets them up well for next year.

This brings me onto my next point that Year 10 are now effectively Year 11. Our Year 11 cohort are all but finished, coming in just for their exams so Year 10 will now be seen as the new Year 11.

Prefects

This was a heartwarming process and I am blessed to have so many amazing students within the year group. However, that has then made it incredibly difficult in the selection process. Mr Newbey and I have the emails scheduled to go out this afternoon. I am sure there will be some disappointed students but I must stress the standard was very high. Being a prefect is a privilege and therefore students who are selected will be closely monitored. Failure to meet the schools high standards, will result in their prefect status being removed and someone else offered the role. The first prefect meeting is 3.15 on Tuesday 2nd June in 257, where they will receive their ties and contracts.

STEM Workshop - Motivez

Motivez, an inspiring company with the aim to boost STEM involvement for students' career paths came into school to deliver an assembly to Year 10 on Monday. This was to launch their workshop which we are lucky to be a part of which is a STEM competition to explore STEM pathways and build innovative STEM-based solutions to local climate issues through the lens of thematic areas such as fashion, transport, health & life sciences, space & defence, AI & built environment and consumer health.

Participants receive problem-solving training from qualified mentors and guest speakers and present their solutions to a panel of judges who will evaluate their understanding of the problem, research, innovation, creativity, confidence, and presentation style. Students who are interested in being involved in this workshop have been told to **apply via a link on google classroom which expires today at 5pm**. 30 Students will be selected which will run on Monday 1st June 8.30-2pm and Friday 5th June 8.30-2pm. The winners and runners up of this workshop will represent Vyners in a Borough Semi Final which will be at Brunel University on Monday 22nd June 3pm-8pm.

Research Project

One of our ex-students, Freya Barrow, is a Master's student at University College London. She is involved in a research project, 'Examining adolescents' social connection, social media use, and in-person interactions with peers'. Freya would like to invite students in Years 8 to 11 to take part in a survey. Please see the attached document for further information. If parents/carers are happy for their child to take part in the survey, they should complete the consent form (on page 3) and email a copy to Freya at the address provided. The link for the survey is on the information document. If you have any further questions, please email Freya at freya.barrow.25@ucl.ac.uk

Catch-up Vaccination Clinics

We have received information of catch-up vaccination clinics for students in Years 8-13. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information regarding the HPV and DTP/MenACWY clinic dates. These clinics are available for anyone who missed their vaccinations at school and would like to catch up. Parents / Carers can book appointments for DTP/MenACWY vaccinations using the link in the information sheet linked above. Those wanting HPV vaccinations do not need to book and are welcome to attend any of our catch up clinics on a walk in basis.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot is regarding the Mental Health Awareness Week which was 11th to 17th May. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information.

VLT Notices

Please [\[click here\]](#) for the current job vacancies across the VLT schools.

Equipment Check

After half term we will be commencing weekly equipment checks in all year groups. With the half term approaching next week, students will have an excellent opportunity to review and replenish any missing equipment items. We kindly ask that you use this time to check that your child has all the necessary tools required for their daily lessons.

For your convenience, a checklist of the standard compulsory equipment is detailed below:

Required Equipment Checklist

- **Pencil Case:** Ideally clear, in compliance with future examination regulations.
- **Pens:** Multiple black and blue pens.
- **Feedback Pens:** One green pen
- **Pencils:** Multiple standard pencils.
- **Mathematics Tools:**
 - Ruler
 - Scientific calculator
- **Stationery Essentials:**
 - Glue stick
 - Rubber / Eraser
- **Reading Material:** A current reading book.
- **Hydration:** A reusable water bottle.

Please note: Highlighters are optional

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain high standards of preparation and organisation.

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day Year 8 & 10
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.

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