

Year 10 Update

10/07/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping well in this heat. This is my last update of the year. I would like to wish you all a lovely summer. Thank you as always for being so supportive. I cannot believe your son/daughter will be entering Year 11 next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Mr. Newbey, who has been our Year 10 SLT link for the last two and a half years. He has been fantastic for both the students and myself, and I am incredibly grateful for his hard work and commitment. As we move into Year 11, Mr. Millard-Healey, Deputy Head, will be taking over the SLT link with a focus on raising standards in preparation for the GCSE exams

I would also like to thank Mr. Dennis and Mr. L. Flynn (PE) for being fantastic tutors for 10C and 10P, and wonderful teachers to Year 10 over the last four years. Both are moving on to new chapters, and I know they will be deeply missed by the year group and the wider community. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, please stay in touch!

Finally, as you can imagine, losing Mr. Wilcox this year has been incredibly difficult. Mr Wilcox was genuinely the kindest, gentlest, and most hardworking person I have had the pleasure of knowing. I know 10J, alongside any student fortunate enough to have known him, would wholeheartedly agree. Mr. Wilcox, we miss you so much and we will always remember you. Thank you to Mr Nicholls for stepping in to support 10J for the rest of the year and into year 11. We are all very grateful and it has been lovely to get to know you.

Year 10 into 11 Summer Transition Work

Students have been shared this document for transition work over the summer to ensure they are up to date on work/revision and prepared for Year 11. [The document](#) attached has 3 Levels of Bronze, Silver and Gold, where in most subjects Bronze is compulsory and when completed, they can work their way up to Silver and Gold.

 **BRONZE (Compulsory):** This is the baseline (non negotiable). Everyone must have completed this to ensure you don't fall behind.

 **SILVER (Aim Higher):** Do this if you want to close gaps, secure your target grade and build confidence.

 **GOLD (Grade 8/9 Push):** Elite athletes. If you are aiming for Grades 8 and 9, this is where you prove you have the independent drive to get there.

Please can you ensure your son/daughter is engaging with work over the summer, to ensure they put themselves in the best position for Year 11 and their GCSE success.

RE GCSE Results - Emailed Results

Students will be emailed in regards to their RE GCSE Grade from the GCSE Exam on **Thursday 20th August 2026**. Please see the [information](#) below about post results services, fees and deadlines that you may want to read.

Equipment/School Uniform for September

As we prepare for the start of Year 11 next year, we are strictly enforcing our uniform and equipment standards to ensure students are fully focused on their success. Please ensure your child arrives with **all necessary equipment every day**, including a clear pencil case required for exams. School uniform must fit properly: trousers must fit at the waist without sagging, skirts and PE skorts must be an appropriate length, and proper school shoes are required. Please note that tight-fitting, legging-style trousers are not permitted; girls must wear straight-fitted trousers moving forward. Additionally, the only permitted piercings are a single stud in each earlobe. Finally, maintaining excellent attendance is absolutely vital to ensure your child does not fall behind in their GCSE preparation. Thank you for your continued support in upholding these high standards.

Warm Weather Uniform Update

Whilst we were expecting slightly cooler temperatures next week, there has been a change in the forecast over recent days which suggests that temperatures will again be in the region of 30 degrees celsius during most afternoons. Given this forecast, it has been agreed that students will be permitted to wear their PE kit to school through to the end of the summer term. As previously stated, this should be Vyners branded shorts or skorts along with the Vyners branded polo shirts. Items such as non-branded jogging bottoms or shorts should not be worn. It should be remembered that students do not need to wear their PE kit. They have the choice of wearing their school uniform with ties and blazers at home. I would encourage children and families to consider wearing standard school uniform items on some days, particularly to ensure that PE kit is regularly washed and odour free. If parents and carers have any questions regarding uniform during the final week of term they should contact their child's Year Leader in the first instance.

Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Having had a quick review of offers locally, it is clear that many businesses are taking this opportunity to offer excellent discounts to children and families.

As part of this campaign, the Government has launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

I hope that all families are able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

German Flash Fiction Competition

I am delighted to announce that Luca Goolamali was recently awarded highly commended in Oxford University's inaugural German Flash Fiction competition for Years 10-11. This annual competition invites secondary school pupils to write a short story of no more than 100 words in German. They received almost 200 entries to the competition and the judges were extremely impressed with the hard work and creativity that went into writing a piece of fiction in a different language. Huge congratulations to Luca for this piece of writing:



Der Warteraum (94 words)

Im Warteraum ist es ruhig. Die Uhr tickt laut.

Ein Mann sitzt in der Ecke, ohne mich anzusehen. Sein Blick ist auf den Boden gesenkt. Dann starrt er auf seine Hände, seine Füße, und endlich auf die Uhr.

Ich starre auch auf den Boden und ich zähle die Sekunden, als ob sie wichtig wären. Der Mann hustet und ich verharre.

Dann öffnet sich die Tür. Eine Ärztin sagt einen Namen, aber nicht meinen.

Der Mann, der in der Ecke saß, steht auf. Die Tür schließt sich.

Ich sitze allein da, die Uhr tickt laut.

Motivez Sustainability Grand Final

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 Sustainability Borough Champions (Alesia, Hawwa, Sehar, Lara, Alissa, Dylan, Rohan, and Alex), who made myself and Mr. Mullings incredibly proud at the London Grand Final last night. The team presented their sustainable Argan Oil adaptations with outstanding confidence and charisma, earning high praise for their effective, thought-provoking ideas. Beyond showcasing their hard work, this invaluable experience allowed the students to sharpen their public speaking skills, network with professionals, engage with expert feedback, and deeply expand their knowledge of real-world sustainability.

Vyners School Open Evening

Vyners Open Evening will be on Wednesday 23rd September and families with children who will be in Year 6 (or Year 5 with an EHCP) in September 2026 are welcome to **book tickets from Monday 13th July at 8am**. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information on our website and details of how to book the tickets. This information is being shared with our current families and local primary schools to give advance notice of the Open Evening and to allow tickets to be booked early.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding 'Looks Maxxing'. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information

Wednesday 15th July	Y10 Silver Awards assembly
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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