



**Vyners School**

Striving for Excellence

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to welcome all families to the start of a new academic year. We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 cohort to the school yesterday; they have made a particularly positive start with a positive mindset as well as being prepared for learning. Equally, it was wonderful to welcome the Year 12 cohort into the Sixth Form as well as welcome all other students first thing this morning.

I would like to congratulate all of our students in the outgoing Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts on a very strong set of examination results this summer. Over 50% of grades were at A\*-B at A level as well as 80% of the Year 11 cohort achieving at least a grade 4 in both English and mathematics as an example. Ultimately, these outcomes provide a strong platform for our students to progress to the next stage of their education. More than half of our Year 11 cohort have taken the decision to remain at Vyners for their post-16 education, whilst the Year 13 cohort have progressed to a range of incredible opportunities including studying medicine at UCL, subjects such as computer science and philosophy, biological sciences and cyber security at universities such as Oxford, Warwick and Loughborough. In addition, many have chosen to enter into the world of work or undertake apprenticeships in industries such as gaming, the police and accountancy; we also seem to have an unusually high number of students training to be pilots this year. These are a small number of examples of the excellent progression routes that our students have chosen. We very much look forward to learning about their successes in the not too distant future.

As I hope parents and carers are aware, Vyners continues to be a progressive school and, as such, there are a number of areas that we are seeking to improve this year. Two of our priorities for improvement will continue to be attendance rates and student punctuality. The Department for Education has set a national target for school attendance this year at 94%. Despite the fact that Vyners rates are well above national averages, we did not achieve this figure last year and will have this target as a starting point for all groups of students. Research from the DfE has highlighted that starting the academic year in a positive way does impact attendance and that students who miss days within the first two weeks are less likely to attend well. We very much appreciate that attendance related issues are complicated for some students and families and will continue to support families where necessary to secure good attendance. I have linked a ***back-to-school reset guide*** [\[click here\]](#) that some parents may find useful in supporting their child's return to school over the coming days.

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With regards to punctuality, I have to be fair and state that lateness has become a genuine habit for some of our children and families. In order to address this, we have made a slight change to our policy and procedures. In short, students who are late for school will be required to attend a same day detention after school for 20 minutes. Parents and carers will be notified during the day when this occurs. We understand that travelling to Warren Road can be 'messy' on some mornings but we are also aware that over 95% of students who attend Vyners live within a mile of the school and shouldn't be dependent on car journeys when arriving or departing the school.

On the odd occasion when parents and carers do need to pick up or drop off their child at the school we would ask that they arrange to meet their child away from Warren Road and be respectful to local residents by not idling engines, parking across driveways or parking on grass verges. We continue to see ourselves as an important part of the local community and as such wish to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours.

Finally for this week, I wish to draw the attention of parents and carers to the key dates for this academic year [\[click here\]](#). This should act as a guide / plan for the school year. However, parents may also access this information via the Google calendar on the school website.

Please note that Year 7 individual photographs will take place on Monday 7th September, with the Year 12 photographs taking place on Tuesday 8th September.

I would like to thank all parents in advance for their continued support throughout the year. We've had two excellent days this week and are very much looking forward to many successes throughout the academic year.

Yours sincerely



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