

Year 11 Update

25/09/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the weekend.

Parent Information Evening - This Monday, 28th September

Please arrive between 5.45 pm for a 6 pm start, and will finish by 7 pm. You can park on site if you wish, but please be aware that parking is limited and gates will open at 5.40 pm. This will be led by Dr. Martijn van der Spoel, who is a psychologist, educational specialist and motivational speaker who has worked in UK schools supporting students and parents with revision techniques, exam preparation and motivation. I am hoping Martijn will be able to share his slides after the event and, if so, these will be added to my slides and **will be available on the school website by the end of the week after for those unable to attend**. We strongly encourage you to come in person to get the full interactive experience.

Sixthform Open Evening - Tuesday 20th October

Times: 5.30 - 8 pm

A talk in the hall: 6 pm and 7 pm

Tickets will be available to book on the school website from 5th October via the Sixth Form Admissions page.

Making payments to the school via ParentPay

Several parents have experienced problems making payments to the school since the start of the academic year. This includes topping up lunch money for students. We believe the problem may stem from the use of the 'one click payment' option advertised on the system.

Karen- School Meals for Vyners School

Balance: £10.02

Set up Auto top-up

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Top up your child's Canteen money for Break 1 & Break 2.

[View more...](#)

How much would you like to pay?

£

0.01

Min: £0.01 / Max - £200.00 (set by school)

Pay by One-click payments

Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

Add to basket

Cancel

Payment made using the 'one click' option can take between 5-7 days to reach the school. This seems to be resulting in some payments failing on the system, resulting in children not having enough lunch money, or missing out on a trip.

There is also an option to pay via credit/debit card. These payments should make it through to us straight away. To use this option, add your purchase to the basket (see above). Check out the basket as you would for any online store. When you get to the checkout page, select 'other payment method' (see below) - this takes you to a screen where you can add in credit and debit card information

Order summary

Items:	£10.00
Pay by Parent Account credit:	-£0.00
Left to pay:	£10.00

Payment method

Pay by One-click payments

Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

Other payment method

Anyone experiencing problems with the online system is encouraged to get in touch with us at an early stage so we can help resolve the issue. kwilliams@vynersschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding the top social media platforms and messaging apps most frequently named in Childline counselling sessions regarding online sexual abuse, grooming, and extortion (sextortion). Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

Please [\[click here\]](#) for the list of support staff vacancies across the VLT sites.

Key Dates for this year - Year 11:

Autumn Term 2026	
21st September - 2nd October	Year 11 In Class Assessments
Monday 28th September	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Friday 2nd October	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 20th October	Sixth Form Open Evening (applications open)
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
Friday 6th November	Year 11 reports issued
Wednesday 18th November	Governance Day
Thursday 19th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)

Friday 20th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Monday 23rd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 27th November	FOV Quiz Night
1st December - 18th December	Year 11 Trial exams
Thursday 3rd December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Wednesday 9th December	VLT Christmas Concert
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)

Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Tuesday 5th January	Start of Spring Term
Friday 29th January	Years 11 reports issued
Friday 29th January	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 2nd February	Year 11 parent consultation evening (online)
8th February - 5th March	Year 11 In Class Assessments
Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - Half Term	
Monday 22nd February	Sixth Form applications deadline
Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th March	School Production
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Friday 12th March	Year 11 Theatre Company Visit
Thursday 25th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)

Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12th April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 16th April	Year 11 & 13 reports issued
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday May 10th	GCSE's Start
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June – Half Term	
Friday 25th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Thursday 1st July	Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
Thursday 1st July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 21st July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)
Thursday 19th August	GCSE results day

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me (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
Year 11 Leader