Vyners School

Striving for Excellence

Year 9 Update **09/10/2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Year 9 Parents' Information Evening recently. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. For your reference, I have attached the slides from the presentation here so you can review the key information and guidance shared on the night.

This week's year group assembly focused on the crucial topic of attendance and I am pleased to say that Year 9 is currently doing very well! To keep the momentum going, I have set up a friendly competition across the key stage: if Year 9 manages to beat both Year 7 and Year 8 for the highest overall attendance this academic year, I have agreed to a forfeit!

On a serious note, as discussed during the Information Evening, data consistently shows a direct correlation between high school attendance and stronger GCSE outcomes. Every day in school really does make a difference to their overall progress and confidence. I hope you will join me in encouraging our students to attend school as regularly as possible throughout the term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,

Mr Abraham

Hello Yellow - Mental Health Awareness

This week, our school community proudly celebrated World Mental Health Day by taking part in YoungMinds' **#HelloYellow** campaign, with students invited to wear an item of yellow to show that no one has to face their mental health alone. Embracing this year's theme *"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"* the main school assembly focused on the power of open communication and active listening. Students were given practical tips on how to talk about their own emotional well-being, as well as how to listen to and support others. We encourage you to ask your child about what they learned in assembly and keep these positive conversations going at home!

Stand Up!

We are pleased to share that our Year 9 students recently took part in an empowering 60-minute workshop delivered by Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination. The interactive session delivered a vital message on challenging unacceptable behaviours and bullying, while equipping students with practical tools to identify hate crimes and safely stand up against discrimination. We hope this experience will have a lasting, positive impact on our school community by encouraging

open dialogue, building empathy across different cultures and faiths, and strengthening our shared commitment to creating a safe, inclusive environment where every student feels respected and valued.

Safeguarding Snapshot

As part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our students and school

community, we are sharing details about World Mental Health Day (10th October)

and Mental Health Awareness activities across our school. This year's official theme, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change." Please [click here] for further information.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

Please [click here] for the support staff vacancies across the VLT sites.

Information Received

2nd Ickenham Scouts Quiz Night

Come along to our adults-only Quiz Night and help raise funds for 2nd Ickenham Scouts.

Saturday 17 October, 7.30pm – 10pm, £15 per person

Get your team together:

🏆 Teams of 2–6 people

🍕 Bring your own food and drinks

🥇 Prize for the winning team

👥 Coming on your own or with a mate? We can match you up with a team on the night.

Spaces are limited, so book up quickly! [click here]

All money raised goes towards supporting 2nd Ickenham Scouts and the new Scout hut.

Autumn Term Key Dates For Year 9

Autumn Term 2026	
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
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
Thursday 3rd December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Wednesday 9th December	VLT Christmas Concert
Friday 11th December	Year 9 reports issued
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December	**End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)**