

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES

Awards Assembly

Yesterday morning we had our half term awards assembly for Sixth Form students with tutor and year leader awards plus students who have been given a Sixth Form Commendation. Commendations will be distributed to all students who received one after half term. The overall winners can be found in our assembly slides attached [here](#).

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all Year 12 and 13 students who participated in Sixth Form Open Evening. They were exemplary in their conduct, and professional in their delivery of tours and speaking to prospective parents and students about their experiences and the content of their courses. A further thank you to our Executive Team for their help on the evening and to our Head Boy Zia and Head Girl Ella for their inspirational speeches.

16-19 Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary Scheme is specifically funded by the Government to offer financial support to Sixth Form Students experiencing financial hardship. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Vanguard Learning Trust and Vyners Whole School Notices

Trust and school updates can now be found at the bottom of this bulletin. This includes current job vacancies and our safeguarding snapshot.

School safety message

We are fast approaching winter, clocks are due to go back within the week and the daylight hours are becoming shorter. Students may find themselves travelling to and from school in the hours of darkness over the coming months. Students and their parents are reminded that in order to maximise their safety on their journeys to and from school we would recommend:

- Where possible students walk/travel in pairs or groups to and from school.
- Walk down main roads/routes that are well lit. Avoid going through parks, alleys or other unlit or poorly lit areas.
- Ensure they are alert to the environment around them, avoid wearing headphones or being distracted by mobile phones and other devices.
- Students should have a set route to and from school that is discussed with parents and carers
- Parents and carers have a personal safety conversation with their children
- If they are concerned about their safety please call the police.

VYNER'S SIXTH FORM KEY DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see key dates for this year.
TERM DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Senior Prefects

We wanted to share some really positive news with you about Student Leadership in Year 12. We have appointed 36 Senior Prefects in Year 12. After a rigorous process including an application, a group presentation and Q&A and an individual presentation/proposal we were delighted with the quality of student engagement.

The students will be placed into 3 prefect teams. They will oversee different clubs and societies this year as part of their individual contribution to the school community. As a group they must take part in 3 compulsory activities [Senior Prefect Rota 24/25](#). We are also looking to run some student leadership training in the new year with the Executive Team and Year 11 prefects so we are starting to build aspiration in the lower school. This is a fantastic opportunity for those involved as this can be applied when Year 12 will be preparing to write their personal statements for UCAS applications.

First Week back after half term

We will be delivering an assembly on researching universities. We will also be spending tutor time learning how to use Unifrog effectively.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Maximise your potential study skills workshop

On Monday 4th November, straight after half term, during tutorial time, period 1 & 2, we have arranged for a company called Maximise Your Potential to deliver a workshop to all year 13 students. This session will cover practical advice and tips in preparing for exams, completing coursework and managing study time.

Previous year groups have found the session extremely beneficial, but their feedback was that it would be better earlier in the year, so we are running it before the Trial Exam season, rather than in the Spring Term.

Progress Checks issued

In tutorial time on Friday morning, year 13 students were issued with a paper copy of their progress report for this term to include attitude to learning, current grades and a UCAS predicted grade with an accompanying explanation letter. It will also be available to view on EduLink.

Trial Exams

These will run from Friday 6th to Friday 20th December. Students will be on study leave during this time and are only expected to sign in and out in the study room for exams, although they are welcome to stay in school to use the study room for revision before, during and after their exams. The link to the Trial Exam timetable and revision topics on the school website is [here](#)

End of year plans

Students have wholeheartedly voted to hold an End of year Prom/ Leavers' event. This has been booked for the evening of Thursday June 26th 2025. They will also have the opportunity to order a hoodie and yearbook. Further details and payment options will be published after half term.

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNNERS NOTICES

Environmental Sustainability Week

Dear parents/carers

I am delighted to share with you a flyer [[click here](#)] for the Trust-wide environmental sustainability week which will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November 2024. This is the Trust's second environmental sustainability week and we are confident that it will be as successful as the first one in terms of working together as a Trust-wide community to raise awareness of environmental sustainability.

The flyer outlines the objectives for the week and includes initial information about the activities that will take place both at a Trust-wide level and ones that are school-led.

More information about the activities and how students and their families can get involved will be shared in the weeks leading up to the event.

Kind regards

Emma Jordan
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Safeguarding Snapshot

As part of our PSHE programme students are taught about the dangers of knives. We want to share important information about knife crime and how you can have open conversations with your children about it. Please click [[here](#)] for more information.

VLT Staff Vacancies

Please click [[here](#)] for staff vacancies at Vanguard Learning Trust sites.