

# Sixth Form Bulletin

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Upcoming Key Dates

#### November

**Wednesday 27th November** Year 12 progress report issued

**Staff INSET days 28th & 29th November** No students in school

#### December

**Wednesday 4th - Friday 20th December** Year 13 Trial Exams/ study leave

**Friday 20th Dec** End of Term/ Christmas Holiday (students leave end of P3 12:20)

### School day change of times during year 13 Trial Exams

Advance warning that we will be changing to a 2:1:2 school day timetable from Monday 2nd - Friday 20th December to allow for GCSE and A Level Trial Exams to take place. Lessons 1, 2, Break 1 and lesson 3 as normal, followed by an early lunch (Break 2) from 12:30-12:55. Period 4 starts at 12:55 and period 5 is as normal. Full attendance to all study periods and lessons is expected for year 12 students.

### Remembrance Service

Thank you to the year 12 and 13 students who visited tutorials all last week to support The Royal British Legion poppy appeal. A particular mention to our Deputy Head students Ved and Alice who spoke so eloquently as part of the school remembrance service on Monday.

### Anti- Bullying week

On Tuesday 12th November the school staff and students were invited to wear odd socks to school to raise awareness for *Anti Bullying week*. An assembly on this important topic was delivered to Sixth Form students on Thursday to highlight school expectations and guidance to support them at school and in the workplace for those with part time jobs, or for the future.

### Staff INSET - Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November

This is a reminder that school is closed to students on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November for staff INSET. This is a good chance for students to catch up on any days missed, organise their folders/ notes and also to start revision for upcoming assessments. It is important that students are using their

time wisely and being productive as well as proactive. Students should have made a revision timetable and should make a plan of topics they will be revising over the next few weeks.

### **Non uniform day - Friday 15th November**

Students were invited to wear non uniform on Friday 15th November. This is an event run for charity, with the proceeds being split equally between Children in Need and the Vyners School Senior Citizen's party. There is a recommended donation of £2 and although students had the opportunity to bring in cash on the day, it would be great to see as many donations as possible via the online school payment portal sQuid. Please go onto the school website and log into sQuid in the parent area [here](#) in order to make payment. These are both very worthy causes, please can we encourage you to make a donation if you can.

### **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.

**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**

### **GCSE Certificates**

Current Y12 will receive their GCSE certificates next week in tutor time. You will be required to sign for them as they are important documents. After this date, they can be collected from the Exams Office. Please keep them safely as you will need them in the future and they can be difficult and costly to replace. Students who paid for their certificates to be posted will receive them very soon.

### **Reading and Maths Buddies**

Thank you to our fantastic reading buddies for the impressive work they are doing with our students in the lower school. You are making a huge impact on each of the students you are helping. Maths Buddies will commence next week; students will work with small groups to support Year 7 students. We are looking forward to the sessions!

<b>Reading Buddy</b>	<b>Maths Buddy</b>
Julia 12P	Aarththy 12H
Karan 12J	Ismail 12C
Jai 12F	Yara 12W
Manav 12W	Ash 12J
Frank 12F	
Matthew 12F	
Dhishan 12J	
Mollie 12M	
Xerise 12H	

### **Subject Stars!**

Congratulations to: Aarththy (media), Kamile (Art), Khalid (Biology), Yasmin (PE), Chiddi (Economics), Panagiotis (Politics), Mollie (Geography), Honey (Psychology), Jai (Product Design), Zoe (Sports Studies), Georgia (Spanish), Karan (Business), Holly (History), Padraig (English), Matthew

(Psychology), Fearne (Media), Weronika (Chemistry), Rosie (Music), Abbigail (Food Science), Farah (Drama). Well done!

A huge congratulations to Hanna, Melia and Eshal for being awarded Step Up to A Levels Summer School from King's Maths School. Certificates are on their way!

Next week we will be delivering an assembly on how students can use Unifrog to help them explore their interests. They will have the opportunity to use Unifrog during tutorial time.

### **Student Review Cambridge trip by Ross**

“Along with several of my peers and some students from Ruislip High School, we visited Robinson College, Cambridge. We attended a presentation outlining the subjects, application process and life at the university and were able to ask questions to undergraduates. After a nice meal in the canteen we walked around the town and saw the university's architecture and student buildings. The trip was useful for everyone to gauge whether they liked the university and find out more about their distinctive teaching style, collegiate system and facilities for students. Overall, I found the trip highly engaging and informative and it has reinforced my own interest in applying to Cambridge University.”

### **Cambridge and Bristol University Opportunities**

Please click [here](#) for more information.

## **YEAR 13 NOTICES**

### **UCAS Applications**

29 year 13 students have now sent off their university applications with another 21 students booked to be reviewed and sent before the end of November. There are lots of good offers coming in, so we encourage students to finalise their applications and arrange a meeting with Mrs Coyle or Mrs Lane on the spreadsheet shared with them. During this meeting they will review and send their application in order to not leave it to the final deadline for equal consideration at the end of January when universities are inundated with applications and may not have the time to consider applications as carefully. Students do not have to take up a place at university, even when they have finalised their choices, as this only has to be confirmed after results day. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about the process. There is also lots of guidance for parents, guardians and carers on the UCAS website [here](#)

Students can also make Apprenticeship applications at the same time, if they are not sure of their plans. These can be applied for at any time, as soon as they see them advertised. If a student is thinking about a particular apprenticeship, it is important that they are proactive in researching this particular route. We have attached some really useful links and websites for you to browse at your own convenience.

<https://Unifrog.org>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

### **Creating a LinkedIn Profile**

Students are encouraged to create a LinkedIn Profile, especially if they are considering employment or an apprenticeship beyond Sixth Form. Please see the the link below for more information on how to create a LinkedIn Profile. [10 tips for students - creating a LinkedIn Profile](#)

### **Maximise your potential study skills workshop**

On Monday 4th November, Year 13 students attended a two hour workshop delivered by The Maximise Your Potential group. This covered practical advice and tips in preparing for exams, completing coursework and managing study time. It also covered developing the right mindset with tips and strategies to be successful in applying for roles beyond Sixth Form, from university applications, apprenticeships, jobs to future careers. We hope that they found this an informative session to help guide their future plans.

### **Progress Intervention**

Following the recent progress checks, we are identifying and speaking to students who may need extra support or intervention in the run up to the Trial exams, which may involve reviewing their study habits or liaising with their teachers to target guidance. If you feel that your child has not been identified, but is in need of intervention support, or there are factors affecting their progress which we should be made aware of, then please do get in touch with us.

### **Trial Exams**

Please note that we have brought year 13 study leave forward to begin on **Wednesday 4th December**, as the first written exams now start on Thursday 5th and run until the end of term. 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](#). Information on morning and afternoon registration for these exams will be issued in tutorial and communicated home next week.

## **VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNNERS NOTICES**

### **Safeguarding Snapshot**

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot refers to Anti-Bullying Week, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme was "Choose Respect". Please click [\[here\]](#) for further information.

### **VLT Staff Vacancies**

Please click [\[here\]](#) to view the list of staff vacancies across the VLT school site.