

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)

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.

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.

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.

VYNERS 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

Year 12 Progress Checks

Students will have received a paper copy of their progress check during tutorial time. A digital copy is available to view on the Edulink parent portal site which can be accessed via the school website in the parent zone area.

Please read the letter attached to the email sent by Ms Hussain. It will explain the progress check in detail. However, here is a summary of how to read the progress check:

- Your current grade is the grade you are “currently working at” at this point in Year 12 (November 2024). This will often be lower than your target grade as you are still developing knowledge and acquiring the skills you need to reach and exceed your target grades in your final exams.
- Your target grade is the grade you are expected to reach at the end of Year 13 (August 2026). This is based on your GCSE results and national benchmarks. This grade will not change but it is the minimum grade we expect you to get and you can exceed it.
- You DO NOT receive predicted grades in Year 12. You will receive a “UCAS prediction” just for UCAS applications, but this won’t be distributed until September in Year 13 and will be explained in more detail later this year.
- Read the **fine grades** carefully eg.
C1: you are working at the top end of a C grade (with the opportunity to now push into a B3 grade)
C2: you are working comfortably at a C grade
C3: you are working at the lower end of a C grade (and may slip into a D grade)
- If it says, *for example* “U3”, in the “on track?” column, this means you are under by **3 fine grades** (so if your target is B2 and you are currently working at a C2 you will be under by 3 fine grades).

And in a change to KS3 and KS4 we have learning habits that are unique to sixth form:

- Engagement in class - are you focused and contribute to lessons?
- Organisation - are you lesson ready?
- Home/Independent Study - are you able to work independently and complete home learning on time?

GCSE Certificates

Current Y12 have received their GCSE certificates. Students have signed for them as they are important documents. 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.

Work Experience

A reminder that Work Experience will take place from **Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July 2025**. If your child has already secured work experience for this time, please complete this [google form](#). We will then contact employers for further details.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Trial Exam information

Students will receive an information session during Period 1 on Monday 2nd December led by Mrs Harvey and Mr Newbey on exam protocols for the upcoming Trial Exam Period. Information will be put on each tutorial google classroom for students to view. Mrs Lane will also deliver information around replying to university offers and apprenticeship applications.

Trial Exams

Year 13 study leave begins on **Wednesday 4th 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](#).

UCAS Applications

35 students have now sent off their university applications. Students need to finalise their application and make a meeting with Mrs Lane or Mrs Coyle on the spreadsheet shared with them to check and send. Students can still make appointments during their Trial Exam study leave.

Students need to be aware that these appointments will be capped at 15 minutes in January owing to the UCAS equal consideration deadline at the end of January

End of year 13 celebrations

A reminder for your diary that the 13 Prom will take place on **Thursday 26th June 2025**. Students will also have the opportunity to contribute pictures and a profile page to a yearbook, where they can also purchase a copy and also a hoodie. Further details regarding orders and payments will be emailed to students and parents before the end of term.

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNNERS NOTICES

Safeguarding Snapshot

As we approach the upcoming trial exam period for KS4 and KS5 students, we understand that this can be a stressful time for both students and their families.

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot [\[click here\]](#) includes some suggestions for how you can help your child navigate this stressful time and support their mental and emotional health during the exam period.

VLT Staff Vacancies

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