



Sixth Form Bulletin

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*Just keep moving
forward
One step at a time*

GENERAL NOTICES

Ofsted - January 2025

Following our visit from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we would like to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful Sixth Form students for their high standards and excellent conduct over the past few days. It is safe to say, they have left the Sixth Form team beaming with pride at not only how they presented themselves around the school building but for their professionalism and enthusiasm - from talking and engaging with the inspectors to greeting them in corridors with kindness and respect. I would also like to say a massive thank you to you, our parents, for your support in our Sixth Form and for your support with your child's journey here at Vyners School Sixth Form. We know that Sixth Form can be a time of growth and discovery (and often stress) for our students - but we really love being a part of their next steps.

JANUARY DATES

Monday 20th January - Friday 31st January Year 12 Assessment Period

Wednesday 29th January UCAS DEADLINE - all applications for equal consideration

Friday 31st January- Year 13 progress check 2 issued

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 UK University and Apprenticeship Fair – Friday 21st March 2025

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for all Year 12 students to attend the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair at Arsenal FC's Emirates Stadium on **Friday 21st March 2025**. This is a compulsory trip and all Year 12 students are expected to attend. The coach will depart from school at 8.30am and return at 3.30pm and will cost £11 per student. Further information on payments to follow next week.

The fair will feature a wide range of informative **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why take an Apprenticeship, Choosing a University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 progress checks

A paper copy will be issued to students during tutorial time on **Friday 31st January** and then available to view via Edulink.

Parents' evening (Video link)

This will take place via the School Cloud video system on **Thursday 13th February 2025**. Information regarding how to select appointments will be emailed home a week before.

End of year events

The end of year prom will be held on **Thursday 26th June 2025**. A letter with the details has been sent home to year 13 parents this week and a copy to students. Tickets will cost £50.00 and will be available to purchase via sQuid.

Students will also have the opportunity to contribute towards and purchase a yearbook and also order a hoodie. Orders for these can be made online direct to the companies, details of which are also in the letter sent out.

If any student has financial difficulties which may prevent them from participating in the end of year celebrations, please contact the Sixth Form Team who will deal with your query with the utmost discretion.

Destinations - non university

Students who have not applied to university will be invited to a next steps meeting with Mrs Lane or Mrs Coyle to offer any support or guidance for their future plans.

UCAS Applications

Well done to all of our students for completing and sending applications over the past few months. A total of 91 applications have so far headed off to universities countrywide, from as close as Brunel to as far away as Edinburgh..

Thank you to parents for your support with this process. We would also like to thank subject teachers and tutors for writing such glowing references and for their support in checking numerous drafts of personal statements. Thank you also to Mrs Lane and Mrs Coyle for their support in meeting with all students individually and sending their final applications. We are looking forward to seeing some very favourable offers as they start to trickle through over the next few months.

It's worth noting that some offers come through very quickly, others will take at least until the end of March/ start of April to make decisions. If you have any questions or queries on the process/applications please do not hesitate to contact us or look at the useful UCAS links below for further information.

If students are still sitting on the fence with regard to applying, they have until next **Wednesday 29th January** to submit an application for equal consideration.

Students wishing to apply after this date will be required to contact universities individually to see the spaces still available on courses, or apply through clearing later on.

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications. For most students, the reply date to confirm their Firm and Insurance choice and declining any other offers is **5 June 2025**. Students do not have to make this choice until nearer the deadline, meaning they have time to consider their options.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Students receiving no offers

This is a rarity, however some students may find themselves in a position where they do not receive any offers. If this is the case, we as a sixth form team are here to support the students in their next steps. You can read further information on this here.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing/what-clearing-plus>

Student Finance

Student Finance opens at the beginning of March and it is recommended that students apply early. More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

Single use plastic bottles

Could we ask that parents / carers stop sending students into school with single use plastic bottles (such as the ones available from Costco and supermarkets). We are unfortunately struggling with a small group of students who are repeatedly, and deliberately, blocking toilets with single use plastic bottles. These bottles are easy to crush and push into toilets. The school has had to spend a significant amount of money recently on commercial drain services to remove the blockages. Students are asked to bring a substantial, reusable, water bottle into school. We have plenty of taps and drinks machines available to enable them to be refilled. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

Miss Williams, Business Manager

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot refers to TikTok [\[click here\]](#) and includes a useful parent's guide detailing the main online safety concerns and suggesting strategies to reduce these risks for the app's younger users.