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**Vyners School – Sixth Form Open Evening
3rd November 2020**



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Why Vyner?

- Strong track record of academic success
- 270+ students
- Wide range of Level 3 Subjects
- A-level and vocational pathways
- Excellent pastoral care
- Tailored UCAS support
- Free selection of sixth form options





Ofsted 2019:

[Sixth Form leaders] have achieved a great deal this academic year, securing marked improvements in many aspects of the provision.

Teaching and students' attendance rates have markedly improved. As a result, current students make good progress across subjects. The provision prepares them well for their future careers.

Inspection evidence shows that, across subjects, teachers routinely plan good lessons that meet students' needs. Leaders put in place robust systems for checking students' progress.

[Students] work conscientiously in lessons. Furthermore, throughout the day, students use the study room and/or other quiet spaces to work independently.



More importantly...

- Proactive
- Remote learning
- Google school
- Communication



We are ready to move to blended / remote learning and will support all of our students whether school is open, partially open or closed.



Sixth Form Team

Year 12 Leader

Mrs Lane

Year 13 Leader

Mrs Coyle

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Harvey

Raising Standards Lead KS5

Study Room Supervisors

- Day to day queries
- Attendance monitoring
- Study periods/ Free rooms

Mrs Lopes

Ms Osejindu



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Brand New Sixth
Form Facilities





Consistently High Achievement

High numbers of students were accepted into Russell Group Universities as well as high quality apprenticeships such as Rolls Royce and BT

A level and equivalent	Result 2018	Result 2019	Result 2020*
A* - A grades	25%	25%	32%
A* – B grades	53%	54%	53%
A* - C grades	77%	72%	76%
A* - E grades	99%	98%	99%



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Most students went to the university of their choice, with subjects studied ranging from Architecture to Zoology!

Many went to red brick universities and 13% were accepted for degree apprenticeships with national companies. One student has been offered a golf scholarship to study his degree at Lake Charles in Louisiana, USA.





Examples of Destinations University Undergraduates:

- ❖ Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Exeter, Bristol, Bath, Loughborough, Nottingham, Kings College, LSE, UCL
- ❖ Medicine, Law, History, Mathematics, Physiotherapy, Physics, Aerospace Engineering, Zoology, Costume Design, Sports Science

2019

- A*A*A* A studying Medicine at Imperial
- A*A*A A studying Computer science at St Andrews
- A*A*A A studying Maths and Physics at Warwick





Examples of Degree Apprenticeships Destinations

- ✓ Rolls Royce
- ✓ Talk Sport
- ✓ British Airways
- ✓ Google
- ✓ BBC
- ✓ Sky TV
- ✓ Cisco
- ✓ BT



2019 Degree Apprenticeships:

- WSP Undergraduate Engineer
- BT: Enterprise Media and Broadcasting
- Aastha LTD: IT and Telecommunications



Support

- Options evening
- One to one mentoring / pastoral support
- Super 6 / CSS
- Tailored talks by internal and external speakers
- Regular progress tracking
- Early entry support for Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- Unifrog
- Experienced tutors and KS5 team
- Confidence building
- Study groups
- PSHE / tutor times





Co-curricular

- Leadership and service
- Clubs and community service
- Alumni and University/Apprenticeship talks
- Residential and day trips
- Social and cultural activities
- Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Subject ambassadors
- Duke of Edinburgh
- National Citizenship Service
- House Events & School Production





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“The mark of a great school is not where its students are now but where they are five to ten years after they have left it.”



Choices Available

- Higher Education
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Studying Abroad
- Gap Year
- Getting a Job



www.ucas.com/alternatives
www.unifrog.org
www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
www.whatuni.com
www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk





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Work Experience







MOOCS


MOOC stands for 'massive open online course'. The term originated in the US in 2008 to describe free, easily accessible, completely online courses. MOOCs give you the chance to study with top universities around the world.


MOOCs don't always lead to formal qualifications, but they do mean you can gain knowledge in all sorts of areas. You might use a MOOC to develop career skills, prepare for other education, or explore a new interest.

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 **Predictive Analytics using Machine Learning**

 Starting soon

 The University of Edinburgh

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Quick facts

 Overall World Ranking	 Subject World Ranking	 Workload	 Certification?	 Language
20th	66th in Engineering & Technology	6 weeks to complete	Yes	English

Course summary



Enrichment - EPQ

Learners are required to:

- choose an area of interest
- draft a title and aims of the project
 - a 5000 word essay
 - an artefact (with 1000 word report)
- plan, research and carry out the project
- deliver a presentation to a specified audience
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.

There is a rigorous selection process for EPQ. Students must be able to show us that they are independent learners who are working at or above their predicted grades.

Grade	UCAS Points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

The facts about degree apprenticeships



80+ universities
61+ programmes



Exactly the same

+



Professional status



Employer selects
the university



Duration
Delivery



No student debt



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COLLEGE & 6TH FORM

OXBRIDGE



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Vyners has always had an outstanding reputation and I was aware that in terms of my education Vyners would be a great fit for me .

In fact everything I had worried about was pretty much resolved within the first week and I went on to become a prefect and House Captain and was given all the opportunities that everyone else had. All my teachers took-pleasure in greeting me and as an external i often felt prioritised and taken extra care of .

Rozafa Lumi **Year 13 student**

Studying:

- English
- Biology
- Psychology





Rita Mansour Year 13 student

Studying:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths

This school is very welcoming to new students, in a matter of days I had made a whole new group of friends, and right now I feel like I have been here along. In terms of education, the teachers are very dedicated to helping us out and whenever we're not understanding the work we can email them or turn up to their classroom and sort out any issues. We also have a new building which was recently built, it's really modern and is a breath of fresh air.

As well as this, the sixth form team are committed to getting us to the top universities and are always alerting us to new opportunities.





Two important questions

- Will I be happy here?
- Will I be successful here?





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Curriculum Offer



Subjects offered at Vyners

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- Food
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- BTEC ICT
- Mathematics & Further Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- BTEC Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Product Design
- Sport Studies (OCR Nationals double award)
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology



Subject Choices

How many subjects can you handle?

- 4 A Levels are very demanding
- The vast majority of universities do not require 4 A levels - including Oxford and Cambridge
- You don't get reduced university / apprenticeship offers because you have an extra A Level
- A 4th A Level is often Further Maths to support an entry into a competitive university to study Maths, Science or Medicine.
- Most students will study 3 Level 3 subjects



‘Facilitating subjects’ are the **subjects** most commonly preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses. They help you keep your options open when choosing a degree, and many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A-level in a **facilitating subject** when you apply.

The Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities, defines facilitating subjects as:

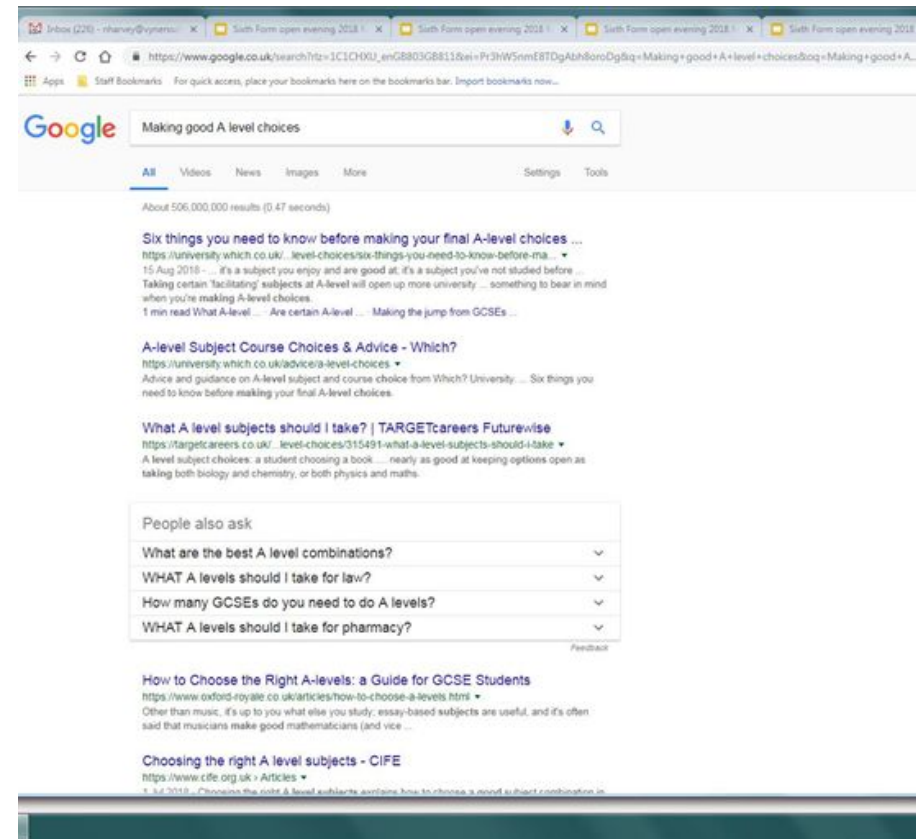
- English Literature
- History
- Modern Languages
- Classical languages
- Maths and Further Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography



So how do I choose my A level subjects?

Do your research:

- Read prospectuses
- Look at University Websites
- Speak to sixth form students and your teachers
- Google...
- **Use Unifrog to look at higher education or apprenticeship paths based on different A Level choices and grades achieved.**





What makes a good subject combination?

Some subjects have links with regard to content and / or skills and work well together as a combination, however we give a free range of options at Vyners as we are aware that students have differing skills and interests.

The main objective is to get the best grades possible at Key Stage 5 so that you keep your options open and give yourself the best possible range of options after Sixth Form. This will happen if you choose subjects that you are good at and that you are interested in.

Some subject combinations that work well are:

Psychology & Biology

Sciences and Maths

Art & Product Design

History and G&P

English and History

You should also consider the amount of coursework / written work and assess against your skills set.



Do the subjects work for you?

Questions for now:

- Did you like the GCSE?
 - If it's a new subject, are you willing to learn from scratch?
- Do you like the A Level specification?
- Have you spoken to the subject teachers?

Questions for August:

- Did you do well in the GCSE?
- Did you enjoy the taster lessons?



Entry Criteria 2020

Pathway 1: Average GCSE Point Score* above 6.5 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A Level subjects and have the option of studying a fourth 4 A Level subject.

Pathway 2: Average GCSE Point Score between 5.5 and 6.4 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A level subjects.

Pathway 3: Average GCSE Point Score between 4.5 and 5.4 (including Maths and English at grade 4): students choose 3 A Level or equivalent subjects of which at least one is a vocational subject (e.g. BTEC).

*APS add up the scores from your best 8 GCSEs and divide 8



Sixth Form Entry Criteria 2020

Some subjects have specific requirements (shown in the table below) and we strongly advise that students have at least a GCSE Grade 6 (or equivalent Grade B) in the subjects they will study at A Level.

Minimum entry requirement = 4.5 APS



Subject Specific Requirements

- **Sciences:** Grade 7 in the specified science plus a 6 in a second science. Minimum 76 in combined science. 6 in maths.
- **Computer science** GCSE Grade 6 in Mathematics.
- **Mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics Grade 7.
- **Further mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics high Grade 7 (preferably 8). All students will study A Level Mathematics as well. Further Mathematics is always a fourth A Level.
- **Music:** GCSE music grade 6 and performing/music theory at Grade 5



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Expectations

Vyners is an academic sixth form with high expectations for attainment and attitude.

- Uniform policy
- Staying on site
- Not wasting a second



If you feel that these things don't appeal to you... have a think about different options.



The Application Process

Also in this section:

Options

Exams - Dates and Documents

Music Room Bookings

PE Revision

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Options

Please [click here](#) to view the Sixth Form Options Brochure for September 2019.

To apply for a place for September 2019 please fill out one of the forms below. Please note that if you are an internal applicant, you must sign in with your school Google account.

Internal Applicants - [Year 11-12 Application Form](#)

External Applicants - [Year 11-12 Application Form](#)

The deadline for completing your online application is
Thursday 3rd December 2020

Applications are not dealt with on a first come first served basis.