

Year 11 into Year 12

Sixth Form Executive Team

Welcome!

It can be stressful thinking about your A levels however we hope to make this transition as seamless as possible.

We're going to talk you through a few key topics.

Be sure to think of some questions!



The Jump

Moving from year 11 to sixth form is a big change.

You will adapt in no time!

There are a few key differences to note.

Many of these will be expected but it's important to be prepared.

Remember that you have a great support system at Vyners so there's no need to worry.



- Time management is on you, most work is independent learning
- Less subjects does not mean less work!
- Keeping up with extracurricular activities is a little more challenging
- Your social circle may change, but you will always be supported
- More leadership opportunities (great for personal growth)
- You are a young adult now and will be treated as such

Time management

- It is important to manage your time effectively and stay on top of your increased workload.
- If you fall behind and don't complete the work, you will struggle to understand the content in your next lesson, so keep up with it
- From experience, I feel that this is especially important if you want to take lots of content heavy subjects
- It will allow you to achieve great grades and have lots of free time outside of your studies

Tips:

- Don't leave things till last minute
- Ask for help if you need it
- Keep a timetable and/or a planner
- Keep your folders organised and up to date
- Establish a routine that works for you and stick to it
- Set realistic and achievable goals for yourself
- Prioritize tasks
- Eliminate distractions when carrying out a task
- Don't forget to also give yourself a break as they are equally as important



Independent Reading

- Ask your subject teachers
- Personal Statement
- Crucial for essay based Subjects
- A lot of reading in 6th form
- Start reading now
- Make sure you read around the subjects you're interested in!
- Economics - 'How the City Works', 'Factfulness', 'Thinking Fast and slow'
- Psychology - 'The Lucifer Effect', 'Mistakes were made, but not by me', 'Genie: A Scientific Tragedy'
- PE - 'Physiology of Sport and Exercise'



Workload

- Sixth Form is different. You specialising in the subjects you enjoy, and looking at them at a greater level of complexity. Therefore as you would expect; your workload will increase
- Don't let this be daunting however, you guys have just finished your GCSEs so I am sure by now you're used to what revision is like. Work and revision will not be given to you in overwhelming quantities, however it will be small and consistent; with the likelihood you will have at least one small task to carry out every night.
- My personal advice to you guys is get on top early, I know you've just finished exams and probably want a relaxing start to the year but i cannot stress enough the importance of setting a routine or a study schedule. This will put you at a massive advantage not only for any Year 12 Exams you may have but also your A Levels in Year 13
- PLEASE do not work non stop; or do all night study sessions in your first week of year 12 (even if the work is due the next day) set manageable and realistic goals , and find a way to manage your time that works for you.
- Do not allow your studies to take away from doing the things you enjoy, balance is important, and you will be provided with numerous great opportunities throughout your time in Year 12.
- Useful Sites; Physics and Maths Tutor, Seneca , Maths Genie , Save my Exams



Areas To Study

In Sixth Form you have free periods between lessons and during these free periods you are expected to do any work that is due in or revise for test coming up and any pre reading for upcoming lessons

There are multiple facilities available for you to do this work

Study Room

- ❑ Offers an individual computer for anyone to use
- ❑ Silent study area for individual work
- ❑ Mandatory three study periods a week
- ❑ You can take a chromebook from the Study Room and use it in any other area of the building

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- ❑ An area to do group work
- ❑ Any group discussions
- ❑ Print off any work
- ❑ A good area to destress and do any reading

Free Rooms and Canteen

- ❑ An area where you can socialise and do work
- ❑ It is more relaxed and allows you to move at your own pace
- ❑ Another good area for group work
- ❑ Do course work in rooms with certain facilities such as product design and photography



Misconceptions VS Reality:

Free periods are for having fun and catching up with friends...

You can wear what you want...

You and the teachers become 'friends'...

You can go home early all the time and arrive late...

There are no consequences...

Sixth form is a chance to meet new people and study the subjects you enjoy...

Free periods are actually for catching up on work, independent study and being productive

There is a smart sixth form uniform policy and only PE students can wear the PE kit, it is nice to have free reign over what you wear though

In the sixth form some teachers may seem more relaxed however there is still a high expectation of work (it is manageable though!)

You can only go home having finished all of your lessons and after period 2. Also the sixth form is setting you up for life past a school environment so punctuality is important. You have to be in your tutorial for 8.25AM or you are considered late.

In the sixth form the consequence system does change, you are all taking a big step and maturing so this should not be an issue, however CSS' are given out occasionally

Totally true!

Leadership Opportunities

- Prefect
 - What do Sixth Form prefects do?
 - Join Leadership committees: STARS, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Eco council, Wellbeing group, Learning group
 - Duties
 - Help organise charity events
- Start societies/ clubs
- Apply for student executive team
- House captains
- Student voice and council
- Helping with the younger students/ambassadors
- Tutor group buddies





Any Questions

Subject:

Oli - Further Maths, History

Wemi - Physics, Chemistry

Delphine - Biology, Maths, Music

Katie - Geography, English

Sanam - Computer Science, Economics

Fraser - Government & Politics

Jaskaran - Psychology

Reyes - DT

Feel free to ask about any subjects and careers