



Vyners Sixth Form Bulletin 08.02.19

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Year 12 Notices:

- **Head Boy/Head Girl & Deputies Executive team 'The Apprentice Launch'** - Students attended an assembly this week delivered by the current Sixth Form Executive Team to explain the process of applying for Head Boy and Head Girl. Year 12 will be receiving a Google Application form via their school email to complete if they wish to be considered for one of these roles.
- **House Talent Show on Tuesday 12th February** during the school day.
- **Thursday 14th March 2019** - All Year 12 students will be attending the West London UCAS fayre at Brunel University. More details to follow.

Year 13 Notices:

- **Mock Exam Results Assembly and Study Leave** - Year 13 students will receive their mock exam results in an assembly during **period 4 on Friday 15th February**.
- In addition to the trial exam results, students will receive information on their '**study group**'.
 - Students have been assigned to different study groups based on the results from their trial exams and attitude to learning in order to support them in the run up to their final examinations and to inform intervention opportunities. The study groups will also refer to the study leave that each student is entitled to.
 - We have used these exam results to allocate students into one of four study groups using the Horsforth Quadrant which measures progress and effort as detailed in the diagram below. This is intended to identify and intensely support students who are not currently meeting their expected target grade. Using this method, students have been allocated one of four groups: Blue, green, amber or red.
 - **Students in the blue and green groups are meeting or exceeding their target grades and show that they are working well independently. These students will be able to leave site at lunch and study off site period 5 if they do not have a timetabled lesson.** However, if their grades are not maintained then they will move into one of the other two study groups.
 - **Students in the amber group are not meeting their target grades but are putting in high levels of effort. These students will have restricted study leave to allow the Sixth Form Team to put tailored support in place to help them to meet and exceed their targets.**
 - **Students in the red group are not meeting their target grades and also have low effort grades. These students will be on site period 5 to allow us to implement**

tailored and intensive support to help them to improve their grades and become more efficient independent learners in the lead up to exams.

- Students in the red and amber group will have one to one target setting meetings with a member of the Sixth Form Team in order to fully support them in moving out of these groups and into the blue or green group as the groups are fluid.
- All students will be required to attend school from 8.25 until the end of session 4, regardless of study group.

- **Year 13 Parents Evening** - Thursday 28th February 2019 4.30-7.00pm. Letter is attached to this bulletin. Booking via Parent Portal goes live on Tuesday 5th February at 8am. We expect all parents and students to attend.
- **UCAS - Replying to offers** - A reminder that once students have heard back from all of their university choices, they need to respond to offers by selecting their firm and insurance choices. Guidance on replying to offers can be found on the UCAS section of the Sixth Form Google Classroom page. Certain offers will have specific deadlines that students need to reply by so it is important that students keep an eye on their applications and the status of their offers.
- **Year 13 Leavers Event** - A reminder that the deadline to purchase a ticket for the Year 13 Leavers Event is Thursday 14th February 2019. Tickets can be purchased on squid.
- **Yearbook Photos** - The Sixth Form Executive Team are in the process of organizing the yearbook. If you have any photographs that you would like to be included in the yearbook (eg. photos from trips, productions etc) then please upload them into the Google Drive folder. Email sent from Dylan with instructions on how to do so.

General Notices:

- **Biometric Finger Scanning** - Please return any outstanding reply slips to Miss Kemish in the Study Room.
- **Excellence Cards** - This is a new rewards initiative within the Sixth Form. Students in Year 12 and 13 have been given a card to collect stamps from their tutors and teachers. To tie in with Vyners' CARE values, stamps are awarded for Aspiration and Endeavour in lessons and stamps for Respect and Community are for a wider contribution to the school outside of lessons. Students should collect 30 stamps and put completed cards in the box in the study room for a chance to enter a draw to win a voucher. They can complete as many cards as they can before the draw to increase their chances of winning. The prize is a £30 Amazon voucher.
- **Uniform Notice** - A reminder that the expectation is smart wear suitable for a business environment. This means no jeans and trainers and an appropriate skirt length please. All students should have a smart jacket/blazer and lanyard must be worn at all times.



5 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 28 February 2019

The Parents' Evening for Year 13 will take place on Thursday 28 February 2019 between 4.30pm-7.00pm. This is your opportunity to come to the school to discuss your son/daughter's progress with their subject teachers. Please note that due to the school hall being set up for the school production, appointments will take place in classrooms – a plan illustrating the location of departments will be available on the evening.

Please note the purpose of the evening is to discuss progress in subject areas with particular reference to the Year 13 trial exams.

Before you come to the evening, please make sure you:

- Go through your son/daughter's books/work/folders/exam papers in advance, being aware of the comments made by their teachers.
- Be aware of the progress information and the performance levels your son/daughter is currently obtaining.

Lynette Webb – EBSI Careers Advisor will also be available for bookings between 4:30pm – 6:30pm.

This year once again we are using an online booking system to make appointments for parents' evening. Bookings will be made via Parent Portal which you can access via the Parent Zone on the school's homepage. We are sending emails to all of the contacts who haven't accessed the Parent Portal yet, advising them of their log in details. Please check your 'spam' folder if you don't see the email in your inbox.

If you are unable to access the Parent Portal because you haven't received, or have forgotten, your log in details then please email the school at portal@vynersschool.org.uk from your primary contact email address stating the name and tutor group of your child and your full name. We will then reply with the appropriate information.

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Online booking will be open from 8am Tuesday 12 February and **will close at 11am Thursday 28 February**, so please log in to the Portal during this time to make your booking. **Booking of appointments will be on a first come first served basis.**

Please find full booking instructions below.

Yours sincerely



Miss N. Batten
Year 13 Leader

Parent/carer User guide for Parent Portal Parents' Evening Bookings

1. The Parent Portal can be accessed from the link in the Parent Zone on the school website, or directly from URL <https://insight.vynersschool.org.uk/insight> Login with your Parent Portal username and password. If you are unsure of your login details, please email portal@vynersschool.org.uk stating the name and tutorial of your student.
2. At the top of the screen, select 'General' then click on 'Parents Evenings'. A screen will be displayed showing your student's schedule for the evening on the left and the available slots for each of your student's teachers on the right.
3. Click on the time you would like for an appointment with each of your student's teachers. The name of the teacher will then be placed in that time slot on the schedule on the left hand side of the screen. The times you have chosen will then no longer be available for selection by other parents.
4. Please note that some teachers may have no available slots. This is because either:
 1. The subject is taught by more than one teacher but only one will be bookable.
 2. All available appointments have been booked. In this case please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.
5. If you wish to change a time, click on the 'remove' button on the schedule, and select a different time.
6. If you wish to print your schedule, click on the download icon at the top right of the screen. Your schedule will be downloaded as a pdf, which you can then print.

Please note that this application has been tested with Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Google Chrome. If you experience any problems with Internet Explorer please use an alternative browser.