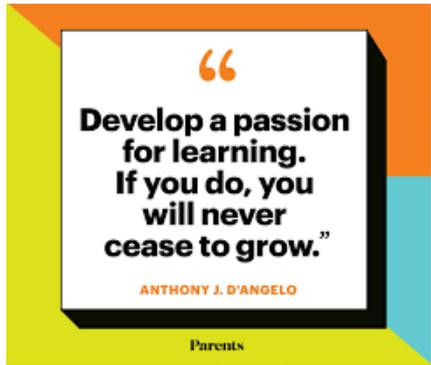


Sixth Form Bulletin

10th October 2025

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GENERAL NOTICES

Punctuality

We still have a large number of students who are frequently arriving at school late. Students who do not arrive on time will receive a same day 25 minute detention after their last lesson of the day and an S1 consequence.

From next week, students who have been persistently late will be placed on a punctuality report. Students who fail this report will be placed onto a Sixth Form student contract. We will contact parents for a meeting should students reach this point. We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that students are arriving at school on time.

Key Dates Autumn Half Term 1

Monday 13/10 - Friday 24/10	Year 12: <u>Selected subjects</u> - in class assessments
Friday 24/10	Year 13: Progress Report 1 issued
Friday 24/10	Half Term
Monday 03/11	Return to school
Monday 03/11 - Monday 10/11	English and Maths GCSE resit week
Wednesday 26/11	Year 12: Progress Report 1 issued
Thursday 27/11 and Friday 28/11	Staff Conference: No school for students
Monday 01/12	Occasional Day: No school for staff or students

Monday 08/12	Year 13 Trial Exams and Study Leave
Friday 19/12	Christmas Holiday

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 Assessment Window

I would like to draw your attention to the Year 12 Assessment Window, taking place between the **13th and 24th October**. It is during these two weeks that subject teachers will be running assessments for our Year 12 students. For many subjects, this will be the first assessment that students will have sat in Year 12, so it will be a good opportunity to see how our Year 12 students are progressing on their A Level courses.

I will be asking all teachers of Year 12 to post the dates of their assessments on Google Classroom, so that students are aware of their assessment dates and can prepare accordingly.

Year 12 Progress Checks

Following on from the assessments, Year 12 students will receive their first progress report on **Wednesday 26th November**. Whilst students may receive their individual test scores and grades back before this point, their overall progress reports will be published to students and parents on **Wednesday 26th November**.

EPQ/Leadership Qualification

During PSHE last week, the EPQ and Leadership qualifications were launched. These are not compulsory for our students, but they are additional qualifications which students in Year 12 may be interested in taking part in.

If students or parents have any questions about the qualifications, then please contact the following members of staff:

- EPQ - Mrs Harvey
- Leadership Qualification - Mr Kohli

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 21st October 2025

As a reminder from the last bulletin, **all** Year 12 students are required to be present in the evening to help out with the Sixth Form Open Evening and to help welcome any Year 11 student wishing to apply to Vyners Sixth Form. Year 12 students will be delivering tours of the school to prospective students and parents, whilst Year 13 students will be helping out in department areas.

The evening will run from 18:00 - 20:00 and Year 12 students will be required to be in school to register at 17:30, to ensure we are prepared for the start of the event.

In order for us to gather parental consent for your child to be in school for the evening, please can you complete [this google form](#)

Parent Information Evening Resources

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their time last week at the Year 12 Parent Information Evening. We hope that you found the evening useful and informative. If any parents were unable to attend, please click on [this link](#) to access the resources used.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Personal Statements

All students should now have a draft of their personal statement (4,000 characters max) ready for tutors to look at to be used for a university application, apprenticeship or to create a letter of application for a job. Final date final personal statement drafts is **Friday 4th November**.

UCAS Predicted grades

All students will receive their UCAS predicted grades next week. Please take time to reflect on these and consider university choices based around the predicted grade. The rule of thumb is 2 aspirational universities, 2 secure choices and 1 insurance offer (which should be considerably lower than predicted). Students should ensure these choices are well thought through. Choices will be discussed in their UCAS meeting.

	Internal school date to complete UCAS application and personal statement final draft for review	UCAS Final deadline for equal consideration of applications
Early Entry students	30th September 2025	15th October 2025
All other students	3rd November 2025	14th January 2026

UCAS Appointments

We will be sending out an appointment sheet during tutorial time on Monday for all Year 13 students who want to apply to university. When they are ready to send, they can select an individual 25 minute appointment with a nominated Sixth Form teacher, to review and check their complete application and send it off to UCAS.

It will not be possible to suggest any improvements or changes to personal statements during these appointments, as it is just to carry out a final check of their application to send it off to UCAS, so students must have utilised family, friends, tutors or class teachers to help review their personal statement beforehand.

Students must have completed every section of their UCAS application, pay the application fee of £28.95 (or fee waiver if applicable) and send it to the school before their appointment.

The early students applying to either Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary courses will have sent their applications off by **Tuesday 14th October**. The remainder of Year 13 students should be aiming to send their application as soon as they are ready, and have all sections complete by **Monday 3rd November**, so the details can be reviewed by the Sixth Form team, references and predicted grades added prior to their appointment, ready for a final check and send.

Progress Checks

These will be sent home on **Friday 24th October**. They will also be available to view on Edulink.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 21st October

Year 13 students are not required to attend, but selected students will have been asked to assist with departments from **17:00 - 19:00**.

Apprenticeships

A reminder that these are advertised throughout the year via employer websites and dedicated apprenticeship sites, click [here](#) for link. Students can make an application in addition to a university application.

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

#HelloYellow

Thank you to all of the students who wore something yellow today to spread awareness of World Mental Health Day. The world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in and to navigate and we are grateful to the support networks, organisations and charities who are dedicated to supporting young people. The charity Young Minds has a useful page aimed at parents and carers which you can access [\[here\]](#). We are collecting voluntary donations of £1 if you would like to support this cause. The offer is currently open on Parent Pay

Wear Red Day 2025

On **Friday 17th October** all students are invited to wear an item of red alongside their school uniform to support the Wear Red Day charity campaign. Wear Red is an education charity focused on racism education. Next week, all students during the Whole School Assembly will receive information about this charity and the work they do. If you wish to support this charity, please donate via Parent Pay. Please see a link to the Wear Red Day website [\[click here\]](#).

Safeguarding Information

Statement from Penguin Random House:

Please see below for information regarding Andrew Cope's Spy Dog, Spy Cat and Spy Pups series on behalf of Andrew Cope and Puffin Books:

In the front and/or back of some editions of the Spy Dog, Spy Cat and Spy Pups series there is a reference to the author, Andrew Cope's, former website for the series which was owned and managed by him. We understand an unconnected third party has recently taken control of the domain name and is using it to display a different website with inappropriate adult content. This website is not associated with Puffin or Andrew Cope. Please do not visit it and ensure that children do not visit it either.

We are taking this extremely seriously and are acting on this issue as a matter of urgency through the appropriate channels to get this website removed. This is an in-depth and complex legal process and will take time.

We have immediately paused on the sale and distribution of the books whilst we deal with this matter

We ask that you please check your editions and temporarily remove affected copies from children's collections.

Vyners School have removed any copies from the school Library

VLT Staff Vacancies

Please click [\[here\]](#) for the list of staff vacancies this week.

2025-26 Term Dates

Please click [here](#) for a list of term dates for 2025-26. Further information will be shared in Mr Mullings' end of year letter which will be sent next Friday.