

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES

Goodbye to Mrs Lopes

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Lopes, our wonderful Sixth Form Study Supervisor. We say a massive, massive thank you for all the years of dedication and service as part of our Sixth Form team. She has been a support and counsellor for hundreds of students who have been part of our Sixth Form since 2020. We are going to miss her energy and presence in our team and throughout the school. We wish her all the best for the future.

Sixth Form Celebration Assembly

Each half term we dedicate an assembly to celebrate the hard work of our students. Students receive nominations from Year Leaders and Tutors and all students who receive merits and commendations are put into a “wheel of fortune” and receive a prize. Please see [here](#) for October award winners.

Well done to Year 12 for settling into Sixth Form so well this first half term and to Year 13 for hitting the ground running with a tough half term of assessment and preparation towards trial exams. We hope all students get a chance to rest and recuperate over half term but also find space to get organised well ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Key Dates Autumn Half Term 2

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 -	English and Maths GCSE resit week

Monday 10/11	
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 Progress Checks

Following on from the assessments in which Year 12 students are currently sitting, they 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**.

Sexual Harassment Workshops

All Year 12 students took part in a sexual harassment workshop on **Thursday 23rd October**, during P1. The session was delivered by an external speaker from KISS, the sexual health and well-being team for young people in Hillingdon.

Sixth Form Open Evening Feedback

I would like to say a huge thank you and also compliment all Year 12 students who volunteered and helped out at the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday. We have had many parents of Year 11 students contact the school to give positive feedback regarding their Year 12 tour guides. This is a fantastic volunteering experience that students can add to their CV's, or personal statements.

However, we do want to make sure that any student who missed the evening still has the chance to contribute towards the school community and does not miss out on this volunteering opportunity. Therefore, we have collated a list of all students who did not attend the open evening and we will be using these students in school to help with other community events.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Progress Checks

These have been issued to students & parents today **Friday 24th October** via email and available to view on the Arbor app.

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 **Tuesday 4th November**.

Year 13 Parent Information Evening

Year 13 Parent Information slides can be found [here](#) on the school website. We hope that this provides you with an overview of the year ahead for Year 13. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please contact a member of the Sixth Form team.

Exams Information

December trial exam timetables and topic lists can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Students will be on study leave during this time from **Tuesday 2nd December - Thursday 18th December 2025** and will only be required to be in school for exams, unless they are required to complete overdue coursework for relevant subjects, but students and parents will be contacted separately regarding this. Students all have an individual interactive revision timetable that has been posted on their tutor Google Classrooms. They should use this to support their trial exam revision. Exams have been pre-populated for them. Please support your child by checking that they are managing their time effectively in the lead up to the exams and are using this or a similar revision timetable. Click [here](#) for the revision assembly slides to support with this.

UCAS Predicted grades

All students have received their UCAS predicted grades. 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.

	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

22 students have already sent their UCAS application off with 12 having already received offers. We would encourage students to get their application ready to send as soon as possible after half term to have the opportunity to get good offers. Students do not necessarily need to send the application to all 5 places in the first instance and can add other choices after if they wish, although they cannot make any changes to their application after, including predicted grades.

We have sent out an appointment sheet to 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. Students should aim to send their application as soon as they are ready, and have all sections complete by **Monday 3rd November 2025**, 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.

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

Requests for Absence

This is a reminder of the process for requesting leave of absence for any reason. Within the Attendance Policy [\[click here\]](#), there is a form to complete to request absence during term time - [\[click here\]](#) to download the form. This should be completed and emailed to the Attendance Officer (attendance@vynersschool.org.uk), at least two weeks prior to the date of the absence for formal approval. Please do not email Mr Mullings or any other member of staff directly to request an absence as this is likely to slow the approval process.

Permission for leave of absence for holidays during term time will not be granted and we trust that going forward, all families will respect this and not take their son/daughter out of school for this reason. Please refer to the term dates [\[here\]](#) to plan holidays outside of term time.

If your child has a medical/dental appointment, please send the information to the Attendance Officer (attendance@vynersschool.org.uk).

Issue with ParentPay

Please see below the message that was sent out earlier today from Miss Williams, Business Manager, regarding a problem with ParentPay.

We are aware that the ParentPay system is not working this morning. This is a national problem, outside the control of the school. Our canteen tills are run by a separate piece of software. If your child currently has money on their account, we do not anticipate there being a problem with them using the canteens at break and lunch. If your child runs out of money, we have a system in school to make an emergency cash advance. This is clearly publicised to students, and canteen staff are also standing by to direct students to the correct place. There is no need for any child to go hungry. If this issue has affected you, please can we ask that you clear any deficit from the ParentPay system as soon as the system is back up and running.

Trust Update

Please click [\[here\]](#) to read the Autumn Term Trust Update.

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please click [\[here\]](#) for this week's safeguarding snapshot which has tips for parents / carers regarding conversations with their child about mental health.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

Please click [\[here\]](#) for the list of support staff vacancies across the VLT sites.

