

Sixth Form Bulletin

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"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR
FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT."

- Abraham Lincoln

GENERAL NOTICES

Welcome to Mrs Guernieri

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Guernieri who is our new Sixth Form Study Room Supervisor. We are delighted to have her as part of the Sixth Form Team.

Emailing the Sixth Form Team

Please ensure you are emailing sixthformadmin@vynersschool.org.uk with any messages for the Sixth Form team. Members of the team can view and respond to any messages regarding attendance through this email address as emails are not always picked up on time by emailing individual members of staff.

Key Dates Autumn Half Term 2

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
Tuesday 02/12 Thursday 04/12	Year 13 Trial Exams and Study Leave
Friday 19/12	Christmas Holiday Year 12 dismissed break 1

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 Progress Checks

Year 12 students received their first progress check of the year on Wednesday and these reports were emailed to students and parents. I have had a couple of emails regarding the fine grades (e.g. A1, A2, A3), so please see below the explanation of these:

- B1 - High B, bordering on an A
- B2 - Secure B
- B3 - Low B, bordering on a C

Please remember, the **current grade** reflects student attainment over the range of AS level assessments taken to date and will often be *lower* than the Year 13 target grade as the students are still developing the knowledge and acquiring the skills necessary to reach and exceed this grade in their final exams.

As a reminder, if you have any questions regarding the data on these progress checks, please contact your child's subject teachers.

Work Experience

As explained in our Parent Information Evening at the start of the year, all Year 12 students will be expected to complete work experience in the last week of the summer term (w/c 13th July).

We strongly encourage students and parents to start looking for and arranging their placements early, to ensure they find purposeful work experience.

When your child has confirmed their work experience placements, please complete this [Google Form](#), to confirm the details and arrangements for their placement.

PSHE - Friday 5th December

Next week on Friday, we will be running a PSHE session for students during P5, and all students will be required to attend.

We will be running 2 workshops during this time. The first will be for any students who may be interested in an apprenticeship and we have an external visitor coming in to speak to students about apprenticeships.

The second session will be for students who are not interested in apprenticeships and Mrs Harvey will be delivering a session to these students.

Further information and a sign up sheet will be sent out to students early next week, for them to indicate if they are interested in an apprenticeship or not.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 Exams Information

Dates

Exams start: 02/12/25 - all students need to be in school Tuesday and Wednesday

Study Leave 04/12/25 - students only need to be in school for exams (unless previously stated for coursework based subjects)

Venues

Bag drop: Room 110 (Mrs Coyle's office)

Exam registration: Study Room

Exam Venues: Sports Hall/LRC/120/119

Registration times

AM Exams - register 8.30am for an 8.50am start

PM Exams - register 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start

Equipment

Students must have all their equipment ready for their exam - all in a clear pencil case. They will need their lanyard with their **exam candidate number visible**.

Absence

If students are ill on the day of the exam please call the Sixth Form Study Room as soon as possible on **01895 234244** or email sixthformadmin@vynersschool.org.uk. **DO NOT** email individual staff members.

Uniform

Students must come in full Sixth Form smart uniform. A metal detector will be used to scan them before they enter the exam so please ensure pockets are clear. Be prepared to lift long hair or roll up sleeves if necessary.

Conduct

Exemplary behaviour at all times in the exams hall.

UCAS Applications

83 students have now sent off their university applications with **58 having already received one or more 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 and all choices need to be made before the equal consideration deadline on 14th January 2026.

Time is now pressing to send the remaining applications off, so students must make an appointment on the schedule shared with them before the end of term, as slots will still be available to book during the trial exam period.

Students must have all sections completed, pay the £28.95 (or fee waiver) to submit, so that the details can be reviewed by the Sixth Form team, references and predicted grades added, to then send off to UCAS.

Accepting and Declining offers on UCAS

Most students will have until **6th May** to decide on their Firm and Insurance choice, meaning that they have time to be sure of their decision, whether to review their progress compared to offer choices, or to visit a university offer holder day, to gain further insight into the course they are intending to study.

Some universities may apply pressure to reply before this date, to secure accommodation for instance, so it is worth taking the time to research the options available carefully.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** - your first choice. You will be given a place if you meet your offer grades on results day
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice (usually lower grades offer) You will be given a place on results day if you don't meet the grades of your first choice, but do for your insurance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

If you do not meet the grade requirement for your insurance choice, you will automatically be entered into Clearing. More information to follow about this process

Further information can be found on the UCAS website [link here](#)

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

No notices this week.