

# Sixth Form Bulletin

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Happy New Year

It was fantastic to see Year 12 and Year 13 return to school this week - ready and raring to go for another busy term. It's difficult to keep motivated in January when the weather is cold, dark and often very rainy. In assembly yesterday we delivered a message on discipline and consistency leading to success. By "getting your ducks in order" with basic good habits - good morning routine, excellent attendance and punctuality, planning effective revision time into evenings - this consistency will lead to growth and strength in other areas. There is no doubting that A levels are a stressful and difficult time. If you feel that your child is struggling in any way, then please do reach out to a member of the team. We are always here to listen and offer support in whatever way we can.

### Amendment to the Uniform Policy

We are trialling an amendment to the Sixth Form uniform policy. Please see the message that was sent to students yesterday.

A MASSIVE thank you to the Student Executive team for all of their hard work and research over the past few months helping us to look into amending the uniform policy. After countless debates and to-ing and fro-ing we have been successful in achieving the amendments below. Please read carefully.

The key tag line is, "it should always have a collar" and we are still a formal uniform. What do we mean by this?

All students must wear smart trousers (suit or chino style) or a suitable length skirt.

A collar must be worn at all times, i.e. a shirt or blouse or a plain top and blazer.

If a jumper is worn then it should be plain and worn over a collared shirt or blouse or under a blazer.

No sweatshirts, hoodies, denim or trainers are permitted.

### In essence:

Ties are no longer compulsory

Blazers are only compulsory if you are NOT wearing a collared shirt or blouse

A **smart** jumper is acceptable but must be worn with a blazer over the jumper OR a blouse or shirt under the jumper with the shirt collar visible.

Formal trousers can include a suit trouser or a smart chino. NO JEANS!!

### **Practical Uniform**

Practical uniform needs to be black.

The only colour allowed is a Vyners Leavers hoodie over black bottoms.

If you are wearing grey tracksuit bottoms or others to school you will receive an S1 - a cumulation of S1's will result in a CSS.

Students should be in formal attire on non practical days.

### **Lanyards**

Are non-negotiable - they should be worn AT ALL TIMES!

Sixth Form students currently have a smart uniform to wear to school so we expect that uniform standards remain as high as always.

### **Sixth Form Team**

Please ensure you are emailing [sixthformadmin@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto: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. Emails are not always picked up on time by emailing individual members of staff due to different working hours and teaching commitments.

### **Key Dates Spring Half Term 1**

Friday 06/02	Year 13 reports issued
Wednesday 11/02	Year 13 parents evening

## **YEAR 12 NOTICES**

### **Year 12 Assessment Window**

The next round of assessments for Year 12 students will be taking place between **Monday 19th and Friday 30th January**. These will be in class assessments and we are in the process of collating information regarding which subjects will be running assessments during this period. Subject teachers will be asked to post the dates that they are running assessments on Google Classroom, so that all students can prepare accordingly.

### **Practical Uniform Reminder**

This is just a quick reminder that if students are wearing practical uniform, in particular tracksuit bottoms, then they must be black. We are seeing a number of students who are wearing grey tracksuit bottoms to school, which are not part of our uniform policy. If students' black tracksuit bottoms are in the wash, then they must wear smartwear, instead of grey tracksuit bottoms. If this coincides with a day when students have a practical lesson and the only items of practical clothing that they own are grey, then they must wear their smartwear to school and can get changed before the lesson into their practical kit, and must then get changed again afterwards. If students are wearing grey tracksuit bottoms to school then they

will receive an S1 consequence and if they continue to not follow the uniform policy, they will lose their privilege of being able to wear practical clothing to school.

### **Work Experience**

A reminder that Work Experience will take place from **Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2026**. If your child has already secured work experience for this time, please complete this [Google form](#). We will then contact employers for further details and confirmation.

### **Apprenticeships Weeks**

In February, we are looking at running an Apprenticeship Week for Year 12 students, where we deliver information and run sessions for students about the opportunities for apprenticeships. In order to make this week as beneficial as possible, we would like to extend our partnerships with local businesses who offer apprenticeships. If you know any local businesses, or anyone who works for a company that offers apprenticeships, we would love to reach out to them to see if they can help us deliver this week. Whilst we do have a network of companies who we already work with, we are looking for more people to come in and talk to students about apprenticeship opportunities, giving them some tips about how to search, apply for and successfully navigate the apprenticeship route. If you have any information which may help us with this, please contact us at [acoyle@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:acoyle@vynersschool.org.uk) and [lneville@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:lneville@vynersschool.org.uk).

### **UK University and Apprenticeships Fair - Thursday 26th March 2026**

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for all Year 12 students to attend the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair at Arsenal FC's Emirates Stadium on **Thursday 26th March 2026**. **All** Year 12 students are expected to attend. The coach will depart from school at **8:30** and return at **15:00**. There will be a small contribution towards the cost for transport to the event. More details to be released next week.

The fair will feature a wide range of informative **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why take an Apprenticeship, Choosing a University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

## **YEAR 13 NOTICES**

### **Parents' evening (Video link)**

This will take place via the School Cloud video system on **Wednesday 11th February 2026** with a 5 minute appointment between **16:30 - 19:00**. Information regarding how to select appointments will be emailed out, where you will be able to use slots by logging in here: <https://vyners.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. You will need to type in the details asked for on the screen. These details must match what you have previously provided to the school. If the details do not match, the system will not allow you to log in. In this case please email [parentsevening@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:parentsevening@vynersschool.org.uk)

### **Year 13 in class assessments - Tuesday 10th February - Thursday 26th February**

Some subjects will be running formal in class assessments during this period. Students should attend school as normal during this time, including morning tutorial, study periods and lessons every day. Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised.

### **UCAS**

Congratulations to 122 Year 13 students who submitted applications before the equal consideration deadline and are now receiving offers.

### **Destinations - non university**

Students who have not applied to university will be invited to a next steps meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team over the next few weeks to offer any support or guidance for their future plans.

### **Applying after the Equal Consideration Deadline**

Students still apply after this date but universities and colleges do not guarantee to consider applications they receive after **14th January 2026**, and some popular courses may not have vacancies after this date. Students need to check with individual universities and colleges if they are not sure and are advised to apply as early as possible.

There is plenty of information on the UCAS website [here](#) and students should come and speak to one of us for advice if they need to.

**Be realistic and honest:** The courses that are likely to close after the ECD are the most popular ones. If a student is set on a particular course, they may need to get creative with the institutions they are looking at. Likewise, if they're set on a certain location, they may need to be flexible with the courses they're looking at.

### **Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS**

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS. They should wait until they have all their offers through and they **do NOT need to confirm a firm or insurance choice (and decline any other offers) until the deadline on their UCAS Hub** although universities will start making accommodation offers before this time, which may require students to confirm choices earlier.

The official reply dates are below:

These are based on when we get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. **Check your application to see your personal deadline.**

#### **2026 entry applications**

If you receive your last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, your reply date is **6 May 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, your reply date is **3 June 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before **15 July 2026**, your reply date is **22 July 2026** (including Extra choices).

### **Year 13 Leavers Information**

Letters have been sent to parents regarding purchasing Prom Tickets, Yearbook and Hoodies. Please order your Prom ticket by **Wednesday 15th April**.

Prom tickets can be purchased via parentpay account and Hoodies/ Yearbooks direct to the company, details of which have been shared with students and parents via email.

## **VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES**

### **Safeguarding Snapshot**

This week's safeguarding snapshot contains information on how to support young people with age inappropriate content. Please [click here](#) for further information.

### **Friends of Vyners**

Please [click here](#) for information on the next Quiz Night on Friday 30th January.

Please [click here](#) for information on the FOV AGM on Thursday 26th February.

### **Co-Curricular Clubs**

Please [click here](#) for the co-curricular club timetable for the Spring Term.

### **Year 9 and above only**

#### **DTP and Meningococcal Booster Vaccination**

Please [click here](#) for information on the next set of vaccinations that are due for Year 9 students (and anyone in Year 10 and above that might have missed this vaccination). The vaccinations team are visiting the school on **22nd January** and **10th March 2026**. It is important that everyone reads the information that is included in the document sent from the NHS and the consent form is completed with your response.