



## Vyners Sixth Form Bulletin 18.09.20

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### Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year - and a strange one at that. The Sixth Form 'bubble' is upstairs in the old building and has a suite of rooms including IT and specialist Science rooms to accommodate all subjects apart from some practical subjects such as Food, Product Design and Art. Students are allowed to leave site when their lessons and study periods are finished each day and can arrive at school in time for period 3 if they have no lesson periods 1 or 2. So far, the students have all adapted to this brilliantly and we have been really impressed by how maturely they have coped with the current situation.

Reminders of key protocols are noted below. Please reinforce the importance of entry and exit times with your child to ensure that they do not enter or leave the building at the same time as any other year group.

### General

#### **Entering / exiting school site:**

- Students must only enter school via their designated back gate 10 minutes before their first lesson or study period, either Period 1 or Period 3.
- Students cannot enter school at any other time, or via any other entrance.
- Students must attend all study periods in between lessons in their timetabled room.
- Students may leave school after their last lesson of the day via the main school top gate, as no other year group bubbles use this exit before 3.00pm. Students are not required to stay to tutorial time which is now at the end of the day for Sixth Form, as long as they have left the school site by 2.30pm. This is to avoid the whole school leaving site at the same time.
- There will be a signing out procedure which all students must follow and will be communicated to them.
- If students have a lesson Period 5, then they **MUST** still attend tutorial time from 3.00-3.15pm and leave via their designated back gate at 3.15pm.
- If a student has no lessons all day, they can work at home for that day.
- If a student falls behind with their studies, they will be required to attend catch up sessions during P5 or after school.

**Study Room Sessions:** Timetables have now been updated and all old copies should be destroyed. Students can access their updated timetables via Google Calendar. The Study Room sessions are now all allocated across Years 12 and 13 which are either Silent Study Sessions or Quiet Study Sessions. If your child feels they have no classwork to complete, they can use the time to look at their personal statements or research courses that might improve their UCAS/apprenticeship/Work application.

**Chrome books** are now available for specific Sixth Form use and can be booked out from Mrs Lopes to use in study periods.

**Bring your own device:** For the Sixth Form to use WiFi they will need to connect to "Vyners 6th form BYOD". They must not try to connect to any other Vyners WiFi or the device may get banned permanently.

- Login with computer logon ID and password.
- Once authenticated open a browser and go to;
- [10.131.32.2/getmitm](http://10.131.32.2/getmitm)
- Click on the big "Download Certificate" button to download the certificate. There are also some instructions on there for different devices.
- "Your device whilst on school property remains your own responsibility. Vyners School cannot be held liable for any loss or damage caused directly or indirectly from connecting to the school systems or whilst being used on School premises. Your use of your device is subject to the Vyners Acceptable User Policy."

**School Email and Sixth Form Information Room:** Please encourage your child to keep up to date by checking their emails and google classroom areas regularly.

**Uniform:** All students are expected to comply with the **uniform code** as per the Student Handbook (Girls: Blazers/Smart Shoes/Smart Office Wear, Boys: Suits/Ties/Smart Shoes). Students must be wearing lanyards at all times around the school building. Click [here](#) to see the full Sixth Form Uniform Policy.

## **Year 12 Notices**

**School photographer: Wednesday 23rd September.** All Year 12 students must be on site, in correct attire for their photographs from period 3 onwards. Individual tutor group times have been shared with students via Google Classroom.

**Courses:** All students should now be on the correct courses but if you have any queries, please email Mrs Harvey. [nharvey@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:nharvey@vynersschool.org.uk)

**Tutor Parent Evening - October:** This evening will be held virtually and more information will follow once we have finalised these arrangements.

**Work Experience:** This normally takes place in July but in these unprecedented times, it is really important that students start to look into placements as soon as possible. Many placements can be applied for online and are open for applications between September and November. Students should be aiming to secure a career related placement as soon as possible. We add information to Google Classroom regarding this but students are free to organise their own as well.

## **Year 13 Notices**

**Tutor Parent Evening - October:** This evening will be held virtually and more information will follow once we have finalised these arrangements. You will have a chance to ask any questions about their child's progress with either their child's tutor or Mrs Coyle.

**UCAS Personal statements:** All students should have now completed a draft of their personal statement on Unifrog and have shown it to at least 2 different people to get advice and feedback, whether a teacher or family member. Tutors will not be able to collate the teacher reference until their personal statement is complete, so this may delay applications to university if not done.

Personal statements can be adapted to apply to jobs and apprenticeships, so we are encouraging all students to complete this activity whether they are intending to apply to university this year or not. Guidance is widely available on the UCAS and Unifrog websites (Know How to Guides)

**University applications (UCAS) key dates:**

- Internal school application deadline for Oxbridge/ Medicine. Veterinary/ Dentistry:  
**Friday 25th September 2020**
- UCAS application deadline for Oxbridge/ Medicine. Veterinary/ Dentistry  
**Thursday 15th October 2020**
- Internal school application deadline for all other applicants  
**Friday 23rd October 2020**
- UCAS application deadline for all other applicants  
**Friday 15th January 2021**