



## **Vyners Sixth Form Bulletin 25.09.20**

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### **Welcome**

As we come to the end of another week it seems that students are settling into the 'new normal' routine well. Please find attached the 'Topics to be Covered' documents for the autumn term for both Y12 and Y13. Teachers are working to adapt all schemes of learning to enable remote teaching if necessary and to enable students to access work from home if they are isolating. We hope you have a safe and restful weekend.

### **General**

Thank you to all students for adhering to the systems and protocols in place for the benefit of everyone, particularly to ensure that they do not enter or leave the building at the same time as any other year group and wear masks in communal areas. We have been impressed by their mature attitude.

Some reminders about arrangements where clarification has been requested.

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

- **Arrival:** All students must enter via the back gate, no earlier than 15 minutes before their first session and be registered in their lesson or study period by a teacher or Mrs. Lopes. There are signing-in books in each study room where registers are taken from.
- **Leaving:** All students must now sign out, after lessons are finished, at the old reception exit (next to their canteen) if they are leaving school before 2.30 via the top gate. Students who need to sign out for appointments or are going home for any other reason, must sign out with Mrs. Lopes.
- **Canteen:** Students cannot use the canteen area at any other time than their specified break times, to ensure it can be cleaned between each year group use. When students arrive on site, they should go straight to their classrooms and not to the canteen area.

**Teacher Absence:** In the Sixth Form, if a teacher is absent for any reason, students are expected to remain in their timetabled classroom for the duration of the lesson. One student will then take a paper register to Mrs. Lopes in Room 264. Work will be set either in advance or on the day usually

via Google Classroom for students to complete during this time. If students have any queries about this, then they should see a member of the Sixth Form team.

**Study Room Sessions:** Timetables have now been updated and all old copies should be destroyed. Students can gain access to 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.

**Chromebooks and Computers:** Chromebooks are available for specific Sixth Form use and can be booked out from Mrs. Lopes to use in study periods. There are also computer rooms available for some free periods and Mrs. Lopes will be able to inform your child of these when they request Chromebooks.

**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.

## **Year 12 Notices**

**Sixth Form Admissions Signature Booklet:** We are waiting for a few students to hand these back. Please ensure they are returned by Monday, so that our contact records are up to date.

**School photographs:** Thank you to all Year 12 for their excellent conduct and timekeeping to ensure that this process ran very smoothly. This was much appreciated by the photographer. We will let you know when the photographs are ready if you wish to purchase a copy. Any students absent will have a photo taken in house, as the updated photos will be used to create new lanyard cards.

**Courses:** All students should now be on the correct courses but if you have any queries, please email Mrs. Harvey.

**Unifrog:** During tutorial time next week, we will be checking that all students can access this platform. We use it regularly in sixth form to research next steps after Sixth Form such as university courses or apprenticeships and it is used in preparation for writing personal statements to accompany applications.

**Tutor Parent Evening: Week beginning 5th 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**

**UCAS exams:** Can I just clarify that we DO NOT hold UCAS exams at Vyners School.

**Thank you** to all our Year 13 students for their due diligence in following the protocol surrounding mask wearing and remaining within the 6th form bubble. They have also shown maturity towards study and a really positive work ethic.

**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:** Please ensure that your child has completed a first draft of their personal statement, whether they are applying to university or not. 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. Guidance is widely available on the UCAS and Unifrog websites (Know How to Guides) and in all of the material we delivered on students' Google classroom in the last week of the summer term.

**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**