



## **Vyners Sixth Form Bulletin 02.10.20**

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### **Welcome**

It's been a week of mixed weather and the introduction of bubble 'wet breaks' has gone smoothly. We were lucky to have four alumni careers talks in PSHE yesterday who spoke to many Sixth Formers about their experiences post Vyners, including apprenticeships and university. UCAS applications have started and we hope that all year 13s are working on their personal statements - whether they are using them for UCAS applications, apprenticeships or job applications in the future.

### **General**

#### **Face Masks**

We are still seeing some students walking in communal areas without face masks. Our Sixth Form students are role models for the rest of the school and ambassadors of Vyners School as a whole. We are now keeping a record of students who repeatedly ignore the face mask guidelines and these students may need to attend an after school session where the importance of wearing masks and following school guidelines will be addressed.

#### **Study Sessions and registration**

All students now have mandatory study periods in their timetables. When allocated Period 1 and Period 3, they also allow us to give students their morning registration mark. Students who are not in the correct room at the beginning of these sessions, without seeing Mrs. Lopes, will be marked as absent. With our 'new normal' meaning that students are coming in and leaving the site at different times, it is imperative for their own safeguarding that we are aware who is on and off site. This is for your peace of mind also. When students are in their study sessions, they are expected to follow the study room code of conduct. Students who do not adhere to this or who repeatedly miss their study sessions will be expected to attend a Compulsory Study Session after school on a Wednesday.

#### **Tutor & parent Information Evening - Year 12 and 13**

**Monday 5th October** - Sixth Form Information videos will be sent home via email.

**Wednesday 7th October** - Pre-booked phone call appointments with tutors.

All parents/carers will receive an individual email outlining the details of this event, with a form to request a phone call from their child's tutor to discuss general progress on Wednesday evening.

***If you have any specific subject related questions or another query, please email subject teachers directly or your child's Year Leader.***

### **Careers talks Thursday 1st October**

We were delighted to welcome four Vyners School Alumni speakers to share their experiences since leaving school and their route through either university or apprenticeships and subsequent job roles. All students had the opportunity to sign up to one of the talks which took place during a study session. This was an invaluable opportunity for students to gain first-hand careers advice and we are most grateful to the speakers to give up their time to deliver these sessions.

### **World Mental Health day**

On Friday 9th October students may wear yellow and bring in a donation to support World Mental Health Day which is on the 10th October.

### **Study room space after school**

If any sixth form student feels that they would like to remain in school to study, we are able to allocate some spaces in a computer room after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3.15-4pm. Students should contact their year Leader if they wish to do this

### **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 Gmail and Google classroom**

Please encourage your child to keep up to date by checking their emails and google classroom areas regularly. Each student has been allocated a google classroom for every subject area where work and support materials are regularly posted. Students also have access to tutor classrooms where tutorial information is posted and a year group information google area where details of any work experience/ online courses or relevant university information is posted to help their future choices.

### **Unifrog**

All Students now have access to Unifrog which is an extremely useful platform that we use regularly in Sixth Form. Unifrog is used to research next steps after sixth form such as university courses or apprenticeships and as preparation for writing personal statements to accompany applications.

### **Intervention and contracts**

We are delighted that most students have settled back into their lessons here and are working hard. For those who are finding reintegration a struggle, we will be meeting to discuss a Personal Development Plan to assist them in their learning. We will be sending these home for parental confirmation in the next few weeks. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 13 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 for Year 13**

- 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**