



Sixth Form Bulletin 20.11.20

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Ms Osejindu to the sixth form team. She will be monitoring attendance and punctuality as well as supporting Year 12 and Year 13 pastorally.

Thank you for your continuing support at this current time, especially as we move into assessment and exam season in the Sixth Form. Please see the **Dates for the Diary** at the end of the newsletter and the attached **Well Being Noticeboard**

Year 13 Progress Reports

Year 13 Progress Reports have now been issued. Students who are self-isolating have been sent their report in the post and they can also be seen through Parentportal.

UCAS Professional Predictions

Students have now received their UCAS grade. This is a professional prediction made by staff, based on a range of data, progress in lessons and how they could perform working at their best in their final exams. We understand how much effort students are currently putting into their academic work, however we must be realistic with these grades. If we overestimate these predictions, students might not secure a place and will have to apply through clearing. If your child has received UCAS grades that are different to their expectations, please take the time to sit with them and have a look at the myriad of courses available to them. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Year 13 Trial Exams

Students will have now received the Exam timetable which can be viewed in the following link.

https://www.vynersschool.org.uk/_site/data/files/exams/38565CEA4A04558CA64D7AF0DE8398AA.pdf

Exams will begin on the **7th December 2020**. Year 13 students will be on study leave from this date and will only be required in school on the days of their exams.

Year 12 Careers Events

This was held on Thursday and was a great success. It was a pleasure to welcome some of our Alumni and see how successful they have been and how they still hold our core values to heart. The speakers and students were able to relate well, especially when the students saw a picture of a speaker sitting exactly where they were sitting in a classroom, but his photo had been taken ten years before! We would like to thank all those involved in making this happen.

Attendance

The majority of our students are thriving despite the uncertain times we are in. However, it is disappointing to see that some students are still not showing the level of commitment to their lessons and studies as we would expect at Vyners. We will now be holding compulsory study sessions after school for students who persistently miss lessons, study periods or tutorial time which is compulsory after a period 5 lesson.

Lateness

Now that we are well into the second part of term, most students have adapted well to the new routine, but we are still seeing some students who are persistently late either for registration or classes. We are monitoring students' lateness and will be running an after school sanction for those students who do not improve their punctuality.

Unifrog

As a school, we subscribe to Unifrog which is an award-winning online careers research platform enabling every student to investigate their future plans. This is part of the guidance and support we provide in choosing their next steps after school, alongside alumni speakers and information regarding online courses and other opportunities advertised through the sixth form google classroom areas.

Year 12 students have been using tutor time this week to ensure that they can log on successfully and we would urge you to look at some of the great resources available.

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English-taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities to guide them through writing great personal statements, applications or CV's

Students log in to Unifrog using their school email address and password.

Study room space after school

We are still offering some spaces in a computer room after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3.15-4pm. Students should contact their Head of Year or Mrs Lopes if they wish to do this.

Student Wellbeing

Please see attached, our well-being noticeboard packed full of tips to support mental health and mindfulness.

Student Leadership in action

Thank you to Benjamin Thompson 12W who gave up his time to deliver a very personal and great assembly to year 7 this week on the theme of coping strategies for students with anxiety and Autism. This also linked to our whole school PHSE anti-bullying topic to help students understand the needs of others and also where to find support for those who might need it. We are grateful to Benjamin for his determination to make it possible to deliver his important message and show his great leadership qualities as a sixth form prefect.

Hillingdon Food Bank

Thank you to those who have already donated to the Hillingdon Food Bank. We are still collecting much needed donations in the Sixth Form office. Students can simply drop an item off there if they wish to contribute.

Year 13 UCAS Appointments

Appointments are filling up fast with Mrs Coyle, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Lane. Students will need to ensure that their UCAS application is filled in, personal statement and pending results added and application paid for **BEFORE** their appointment. Please do support your child with this over the next few weeks.

The following members of the school sixth form team have been allocated to process Year 13 UCAS applications. This includes checking details, personal statements, references and input of predicted grades.

13C and 13F - Mrs Coyle

13G and 13H - Mrs Lane

13M and 13W - Mrs Harvey

UCAS - Parent Information

Please find some helpful links below with guidance to UCAS and careers.

- [How the application process works](#)
- [Parent Information Tool](#)
- [Student Finance and Support](#)
- [University Entrance Requirements](#)
- [Writing a Personal Statement](#)

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25th November	Year 12 subject progress reports issued.
Wednesday 25th November	Year 12 subject parents' evening booking appointments go live. Instructions detailing how to make appointments will be emailed home in advance.
Thursday 26th November	Staff training days- No students in school or remote lessons
Friday 27th November	Staff training days- No students in school or remote lessons
Thursday 3rd December	Year 12 subject parents' evening 3.30-7.00 pm via video calls
Monday 7th December - Thursday 17th December	Year 13 written trial exams- see link above.
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn term
Friday 15th January 2021	UCAS application deadline