

Sixth Form Bulletin 12.02.21

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Welcome

As we reach the end of this half term we would like to thank parents/carers and students for the resilience and kindness you have all shown one another. From the letters of thanks, to the engagement with teachers online, it helps consolidate care and respect



within our community. We hope that during the half term, we will all be able to take a welcome break from our computers and have a well deserved rest. Maybe you can have some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday or maybe just less time on the computer. However you decide to spend your half term, we look forward to welcoming you back online on Monday 22nd February.

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those who were involved in last night's parents' evening and thank you to those parents who emailed with such positive messages about the evening, we are always grateful for any feedback. Please remember that if you have any further concerns or questions, you can always contact us by email.

Year 13 Easter Assessments

Year 13 students will be sitting streamlined assessments between 22nd March and 30th April. Information about these assessments was emailed to all Year 13 students and parents yesterday and can be found <u>here</u>. The assessment information and suggested revision for these assessments is attached. This assessment framework is liable to change, as information is published by the government / Ofqual.

National Apprenticeships Week

Lots of information regarding Degree Level Apprenticeships has been posted on the Y12 and Y13 Google Classrooms all week. Further information was given today in tutor time. This can be found <u>here</u>. We have managed to secure a presentation by Bradley Davis of ASK Apprenticeships on 26th February 3-4pm. Students in Y12 and 13 will be able to secure a place at this talk by completing a google form that will be sent out on 22nd February.

Year 12 post-18 choices

We hope your children have found the activities posted in each tutorial and year group Google Classrooms useful.

Please urge your child to look at the resources available on their Unifrog account <u>unifrog.org</u> and <u>UCAS.com</u> covering university, gap year and apprenticeship and career opportunities. All students looking at going to university should already be looking at attending virtual open days, attending webinars, completing MOOC's etc. via the events we regularly post on their google classroom information room, or their own research.

Online support for parents

Lancaster University is offering resources and webinars for parents/carers of those who have applied to or are thinking of applying to university. It also has useful, general information on how to support your children with online learning. Please use this <u>link</u> to gain access to the website.

Spring term cooking competition

Please see the video presentation <u>here</u> for information about a cooking competition being organised by the design technology department. This is an opportunity to do something different and fun at home during the half term. Entries must be submitted by 6th March.

Vanguard Trust Poetry Competition

Year 12 & 13 students have the opportunity to enter a competition held in conjunction with other schools in the Vanguard Trust. Finalists will have a chance to work with professional poets and have poems published in an anthology. Students can enter as many times as they wish, but the closing date for entries is Wednesday 3rd March. Watch the video presentation here

Tutorial attendance and wellbeing monitoring

The attendance to tutorial for sixth formers is compulsory on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am (the exception being one Year 13 class that attends on Thursday instead of Friday). The majority of students have been diligently attending the tutorial sessions and have found it useful and a key part of their routine. We continue to monitor students' attendance to tutorials, which is part of our duty as a school and is in line with guidance from the local authority. If your child is unable to attend tutorial, please call the school or send an email to the sixth form team.

Wellbeing Noticeboard

Please see attached this week's Wellbeing noticeboard. Vyners Sixth Form Wellbeing noticeboard

Parental contact information changes

We continue to communicate with parents/carers, especially during this period of online home learning. Please check that we hold the correct contact details for you.

Contact us:

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