



Sixth Form Bulletin 23.04.21

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Welcome

We are pleased to have our students back at school for the summer term. Year 13 students have started their teacher assessments. These assessments will be heavily weighted in the final grading process and we are aware how seriously students are taking them. Please read Mr Mullings' update, which contains a reminder that teachers are not able to discuss students' grades at this time, as well as a link to the latest [Ofqual guidance for students, parents and guardians](#). Please read this carefully if you are a Y13 student or parent.

Change to Entry and Exit from school site

From Monday 26th April, all sixth form students will be using the top Warren Road gate (the old reception entrance) to enter and exit school. Students will use the double vehicle gates and allow the Y10 students to walk on the pavement to allow social distancing between the two year groups. Staff will be on duty to ensure safety regarding vehicle access during this time. The back gate will no longer be used for Sixth Form at any point during the day.

Year 12 Lessons and Study periods

All students should arrive before either P1 or P3 in time for their first lesson/ timetabled study period via the new designated top gate entrance/ exit. There is a requirement for students to attend a certain amount of study periods a week, so students must report to the correct room at the start of each session to register promptly. Previously, students sometimes studied at home during their study periods, but they must now remain in school for all study periods and in the correct room. Students who have not completed their study periods for the week, will make up the hours in compulsory after school study sessions.

Student Executive Team - Year 12 applications

It was exciting to see the range of applications received for the Student Executive Team. The process of appointing Head Boy/ Girl, Deputies and four other positions will be a great challenge. We will be shortlisting and setting some challenges to complete as part of the selection process, details of which will be shared with the students next week.

Year 12 End of Year exams

The assessment window is **24 May to 11 June**, a week either side of the half term break.

Year 12 Change of school/ home communication

The school will be moving away from using the parent portal as a means of communicating key information to parents and carers. Vyners has opted to use a software package called Edulink which has greater interactivity and is more user-friendly than Parent Portal.

Year 12 parents will be receiving more information on Edulink from our IT manager in the coming days regarding the setup and operation of your account. The email will come from edulink@vynersschool.org.uk so make sure to look in your spam folder if you do not receive it by

30th April. Please do not reply directly to that message. If you have any questions/issues following that email please email office@vynersschool.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Covid-19 self testing kit reporting

Students must continue to test twice weekly and should have received a new test kit with instructions this week. There are specific instructions regarding covid testing and reporting, which has been shared with students in their google classrooms, alongside a link to a school google form which should be completed after each test.

Year 13 Assessments Protocol

We are now in the 'assessment season' for Year 11 and 13 and have moved to the traditional 2-1-2 split day. The change in Break 2 has been beneficial to students who can plan their day in school to enhance their productiveness. The Spring assessments started on the **21st April** will finish on the **14th May**. On a Y13 assessment day, students are permitted to study at home. Alternatively, students are welcome to use the allocated study rooms to prepare for their assessments. Students are required to attend their lesson on non-assessment days, unless their teacher has informed them that attendance to the lesson is not necessary. The attendance policy is still applicable during this time.

It is crucial for students to familiarise themselves with the [exam timetable](#) to assist in their revision process in the lead up of the assessments. The [protocol during exams](#) will provide more information about when they should be in school and when they can study at home. These assessments heavily contribute to the final grading process and provide students with the best possible opportunity to achieve and prove their potential. The topics lists can be found [here](#).

Year 13 Grading Information

As Mr Mullings states in his update: *I would again like to provide a gentle reminder to parents and carers **not** to contact staff at the school about their child's grades. Ofqual has made it clear in their guidance that this may constitute malpractice and we are obliged to record all instances where this occurs and where significant infringements occur, are compelled to report these to the exam boards.*

As outlined in the [Ofqual guidance for students, parents and guardians](#) students will be informed of the evidence that will be used to determine their grades in the near future. At that stage, students will be given the opportunity to raise any concerns via a Google Form and these will be addressed accordingly by the school.

Year 13 Leaving Date

We are unable to confirm this yet and will let you know as soon as we can.

Uniform expectations

In the sixth form we are proud of the way our students conduct themselves on site and in the public. We often receive compliments from members of the public who are impressed with how smart our students are. However, it has been observed that the expectation of smart and professional uniforms has not been adhered to by a handful of students. Tracksuits are only permitted for students of sports studies, PE or drama who have a practical lesson that day. If wearing a skirt, the length should be modest and appropriate for school/ business interview.

Student Finance for University

Year 13 students received information about student finance in the spring term. Please use the links below for more information:

[Student Loans Company](#)
[Student Loans Mythbusting](#)

[Student Loan Checklist](#)

[Video - Student Loans Decoded](#)

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