

Sixth Form Bulletin 10.09.21

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Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces as well as students who have joined us this year. We hope that they have been made to feel welcome and have settled in quickly. We would also like to introduce Ms Alonso who has joined our Sixth Form Team and will be working with Mrs Lopes supporting and monitoring students in the study room.

School Email and Sixth Form Information Room:

We are aware that some of our students in Year 12 and Year 13 might be feeling anxious about the beginning of the new school year, and the pressures that will no doubt unfold as the term progresses. Please remind students to keep an open dialogue of communication with tutors, year leaders and pastoral support in the Sixth Form study. Parents, please also contact us if you feel a student needs any extra support with any aspects of their well-being or studies.

Students must keep up to date by checking their emails and Google Classroom areas regularly. Tutors and the Sixth Form use these as primary sources of communication.

Sixth Form IT facilities:

The Sixth Form has a dedicated study room with 55 PC's. There are also 70 chrome books which students can book out from the study room to use in the LRC or designated free rooms. Now that we are not in "bubbles" the students are also able to enjoy learning in their subject areas and they also have access to the canteen during free periods.

Bring your own device

To use WiFi on their own devices, Sixth Form students will need to connect to "Vyners 6th form BYOD". They must not try to connect to any other Vyners WiFi or the device may get banned permanently.

- Login with computer logon ID and password.
- Once authenticated open a browser and go to;
- 10.131.32.2/getmitm
- Click on the big "Download Certificate" button to download the certificate. There are also some instructions on there for different devices.
- "Your device whilst on school property remains your own responsibility. Vyners School cannot be held liable for any loss or damage caused directly or indirectly from connecting to the school systems or whilst being used on School premises. Your use of your device is subject to the Vyners Acceptable User Policy."

Locker allocation

We have a limited number of lockers available for sixth form use, but in order to ensure a fair system, we are sending out a google form to students to check how many are required. Once we have this information, students will be allocated a locker number.

Key dates

The LRC will be closed to the Sixth Form on **Thursday 16th & Friday 17th September** due to the Y10 'Jack Petchey Speak-Out Challenge' workshops that will be running over those two days.

The [School Events Calendar](#) on the website shows all planned events and activities, including assessments and parents' evenings.

Summer 2022 exams

We are hopeful that there will be a full exam series this summer and will keep you updated as we receive information from Ofqual.

Y13 Autumn class assessments

There will be in-class assessments between **20th September & 1st October 2021** which will add to the data used to determine the student's UCAS grade. These grades will be finalised by October and will be a positive reflection of the student's ability in each subject. These grades are not predicted grades and will not be used in any 'teacher assessed grading' process.

Uniform

Students are expected to comply with the uniform code and must be wearing lanyards at all times around the school building. Skirts should be of a modest length, no shorter than a third above the knee. Click [here](#) to see the full Sixth Form Uniform Policy.

Leaving the school site

Every student must be in school by 08:25 in the morning for registration at 08:30.

Students may then leave the school site after their last lesson of the day. Any student with no lessons on a given day, must attend school and report to the study room P1 & 2 before going home or they can stay and use the facilities to study.

University (UCAS) update

Please be aware that many universities are starting to hold in-person pre-booked campus visit days, but places are being snapped up very quickly and already booking ahead to the Autumn term. Students should be signing up to receive information about individual university courses via UCAS in order to hear about these events. We would strongly recommend going to visit, rather than just rely on virtual tours to see if students can envisage spending 3 or more years there.

We will authorise limited days off school in the Autumn term to attend such days if it is not possible to book these at the weekend, but the priority must remain on being in school to ensure students are on track to meet their target grades.

Contact us:

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