



Sixth Form Bulletin ***1st October 2021***

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Weekly Quote

"The beautiful thing about learning is
that no one can take it away from
you."

Welcome

A big thank you goes to all the students who gave up their time to assist with the Junior School Open Evening this week. Your help was invaluable! Well done, also, to Year 12, the majority of whom are successfully settling into life in the sixth form. All students must attend **ALL** timetabled study sessions in the study room, and students must be on time for registration every morning.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations** - Year 12 & 13 students that have been given parental consent will be receiving their vaccination on Monday 4th October 2021. Those students should wear a short sleeved top and must wear a mask to enter the hall.
- **Year 13 Trial Exams**
These will take place between **Tuesday 30th November 2021 and 16th December 2021**. All exams will be in the gym and will take place in the afternoon. Details of which topics will be included in these exams will be issued soon and will come from the **Topics to be Studied information** for Year 13 that can be found [here](#). The assessments that have been happening in class this term are less formal and help teachers to identify gaps in learning that can be addressed, as well as adding to the student's data profile.
- **UCAS Grades**
Please be assured that UCAS predicted grades are a holistic indication of the best grade a student could achieve in a subject. These are not Teacher Assessed Grades and will not be taken into account if there is a teacher assessed element as part of the grading process in the summer. A UCAS prediction is a positive, yet realistic judgement based on the teacher's knowledge of the student's ability in their subject, as well as the grades that have been achieved by the student over the course of Year 12 and 13.
- **University Applications**
Year 13 students should be completing their UCAS application form and personal statement final drafts ready for checking by tutors and the sixth form team. We will aim to carry out an application check for each student by Friday 15th October, but we appreciate that some students might need longer to finalise decisions and future plans. The final date to send applications for equal consideration is January 26th 2021, but it is advisable to send them off as soon as they are ready to and the sixth form team need time to carry out the checking process beforehand.

Students will be able to check their UCAS predicted grades with their subject teachers from Monday 4th October once the recent class assessments have been completed. Written confirmation of these will be published in reports home on 5.11.21.

Once students are ready to send their application off, they must pay the application fee and send it to the centre. One of the Sixth Form team will then invite them to a meeting to check over their application and if there are no amendments to be made, it will be digitally sent to UCAS for processing.

- **Careers information**

Students have been given plenty of resources on their google classroom area to research other pathways, such as apprenticeships. If students are unsure of their future plans, they should get in touch with us so that we can support and guide them.

- **Year 12 and Year 13 Tutor Evenings**

A welcome video will be published to view on the school website on Monday. Tutor evenings will be held on **Monday 4th October for Year 12** and **Tuesday 5th October for Year 13 Tutor evening**. Parents/ guardians will receive a google form if they wish to request a 5 minute telephone call from their child's tutor. Please be aware that this is just to discuss any pastoral issues and that tutors will not be able to answer subject specific questions, or questions regarding exam arrangements.

- **EduLink**

EduLink is the only Parent Portal at Vyners School. It has recently integrated with Google Classroom so that there is now a Homework tab in EduLink for parents\carers to see what work has been assigned to their child in Google Classroom. This is in addition to Google Guardian which also shows work set in Google Classroom.

All parents\carers should have received an invite to join EduLink. If any parents\carers have not signed up to EduLink then you can email office@vynersschool.org.uk to ask to be sent a new invite.

- **COVID-19 Testing** - New COVID-19 testing kits have been given to your child. Please ensure they test themselves twice a week, 3-4 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before. We recommend that these morning tests are done on Mondays and Thursdays (or Sunday night and Wednesday night if you're doing them the evening before).

- **Opportunities for Sixth Form Maths**

If students are keen on getting extra support to target a top grade, there are MOOC's available to help them with this. Mr. Kelly will be holding a meeting next week, details of which are via the maths' Google classrooms.

A Level Exams Summer 2022: The latest guidance regarding the summer 2022 exams can be read here: [Decisions: proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022](#). A summary of key information relating to A Level subjects is below:

- All A level subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content in the exam. This will be issued by Monday 7th February 2022 and is intended to support student revision.
- Art will be assessed on the portfolio only
- Science - CPAC can be assessed across the minimal number of practical activities
- Advance information will be given for any students resitting English / maths GCSEs in November.
- Grade boundaries will be adjusted to be midway between 2021 and 2019 in order to be 'as fair as possible' to students and to provide a 'safety net' for students.
- This guidance is to be read alongside the [Arrangements for non-exam assessment for qualifications in 2022](#) which was updated in June 21.
- The [School Events Calendar](#) on the website shows all planned events and activities, including assessments and parents' evenings.

