



Sixth Form Bulletin **19th November 2021**

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"Success is the
sum of small
efforts, repeated."
— R Collier

School Closure

Vyners School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 25th & Friday 26th November** for Staff Development. The school will also be closed on Monday **29th November** for an occasional day.

Punctuality

The school day for **all** students begins at **08:25** where students should be on site and then seated in their tutorial ready for the register to be taken at 08:30. Those that arrive late to tutorial will be issued with a ½ hour detention on the same day. Those arriving after tutorial will be issued with 1 hour detention the following Wednesday after school.

Absence Reporting

Please report your child's absence from school on the morning of each absence using the above email or telephone number. Students must not report their own absence. Letters have been sent home this week for students that have an attendance percentage below 95%.

Uniform

The majority of our students have embraced the uniform policy of wearing smart business attire and adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. However, we have been seeing some students wearing clothes that are not appropriate. We would like to remind parents and carers that skirts should be just above the knee and no bodycon material is allowed. **If we feel a student's uniform isn't appropriate, they will be sent home to change.** If you have any questions regarding what is suitable for your child to wear, please contact a member of the Sixth Form team. You can read the full policy [here](#)

Parent Portal information via Edulink

Following an integration with Google classroom, Edulink now has a homework tab 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 they can email office@vynersschool.org.uk to ask to be sent a new invite.

Dr Van der Spoel presentations

We were very fortunate to welcome Dr Van Der Spoel, an Educational Psychologist to deliver a presentation on motivation to the whole year group on Tuesday afternoon and for students to sign up for one hour workshops on Friday on the themes of Memory and Flash cards, Stress Management, Procrastination, Perseverance and Focus. We hope that these sessions helped support the students in their preparation in the lead up to the trial exams

Amgen Genetics Course - Y13 Biology

Year 13 Biologists have just completed a fantastic Genetics course developed by Amgen. The Amgen Biotech Experience (ABE) is a global innovative science education program that introduces students to the excitement of scientific discovery and builds bridges between school and the real-life biosciences. The equipment and samples were loaned to Vyners for the two weeks and allowed our students to get hands-on experience of experiments only open to University students in their second or third years.



Summer Examinations 2022 - Contingency arrangements

Parents and students in Years 11 and 13 may by now be aware that the DfE have published the consultation outcome regarding contingency arrangements should exams be further modified or cancelled in 2022.

The link to a useful summary from the Confederation of School Trusts (CST) can be found [here](#). The DfE has also produced a letter to students, which can be found [here](#).

The key points from the consultation are summarised below:

- Schools, colleges and students should assume exams will go ahead, with the adaptations that have already been confirmed.
- However, schools and colleges should systematically collect evidence *should* a TAG be needed in the future. The TAG process looks very similar to last year.
- It is *suggested* (not mandated) that centres do three assessments over this year: once later this term; one in the spring term; and one early in the summer term. However, assessments should, as much as possible, fit in with your planned assessment points. Not all subjects need to be assessed at the same time.
- These assessments should be done under exam conditions where possible.

The fact that we have already planned for December trial exams is positive and we can continue to follow the assessment calendar to a large extent. We will keep students and parents informed of any changes made at school level as they happen.

Year 13 Trial Exams

These will take place between **Tuesday 30th November and 16th December 2021**. Most exams will take place in the afternoon. [Exam timetable](#) and revision [hints and topics](#) can be found on the school website under Exams. Any students with an exam clash will be given individual timetables.

Students can continue to use the study room and available free rooms around exams and any lessons that they are required to attend during this time. The LRC will be used as an exam venue so will not be available to sixth form students as a room to use in study periods. Please see [this link](#) for Study Leave arrangements. **Please note some students might be expected to attend compulsory intervention studies during study leave and will be informed individually by their teachers.**

Y13 students are to register in the Performing Arts room at 13:45 for a 14.00 start. They can revise in school before the exam but must sign in at the study room.

More information will be sent directly to Year 13 Students and Parents/Carers next week.

STEP Year 12

On Thursday 11th November Year12 Maths students were invited to a STEP entrance exam session on problem solving to support preparation for Maths and STEM subject university entrance exams. These sessions are open to all Year 12 Maths students and will run every **Thursday from 2nd December** from 15:15 in room 145.