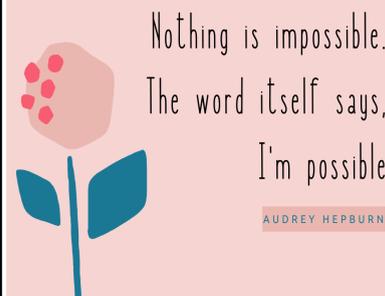


Sixth Form Bulletin

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Sixth Form Leadership

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Sixth Form Executive Team for all their hard work in preparing information to present to year 11 for their next steps activities taking place in school next week. We are looking forward to seeing their presentations designed to support year 11 students with their future choices. We also appreciate the time they are giving up to be there to answer questions in person. Peer guidance and support is invaluable and we are proud of the contributions our students make in supporting each other through leadership activities such as this.

Sixth Form study room

It is great to see so many students from year 12 and 13 making use of the study facilities to work collaboratively either in the LRC during the day, or in the study room after school. The opportunity to work alongside other students on the same course to support each other in their learning is a valuable tool and is a proven asset in the lead up to exams. We would encourage all students to make use of these facilities and get into the good habits now, as it will stand them in good stead.

Year 13 next steps

We are delighted to report that all year 13 students who wanted the opportunity to apply to university through UCAS have all met the equal consideration deadline with 114 applications made, including one to study in Canada! We also have students applying to specialist Art and Design courses, Pilot School and Apprenticeships.

University Applications (UCAS)

Information is regularly shared through tutorial time to guide students on their next steps to consider their offers. Decisions about reducing their offers to just a Firm and Insurance choice in most cases does not need to be made as late as June. Although some accommodation choices may depend on an early reply, students are advised to not rush into making this decision and look again at their offers, course details and any criteria that must be met in light of their current attainment, indicated in their next progress check published on Friday 4th February.

Reporting Attendance

Please can parents and carers be reminded that they need to call or email to report their child absent. There have been a few cases of students ringing in or emailing to report themselves absent or ill. As a duty of care, messages sent by a student will be followed up to receive confirmation from the parent/carer.

Year 13 assessments

The final set of Year 13 assessments will begin straight after the February half term. The majority of these will happen in lessons, with some larger exams happening in 006/7. These are intended as a support mechanism to guide students in their revision and preparation for final exams. Revision topics and other guidance will be issued by 11th February 2022 and will include any advance information published by exam boards on 7th February 2022. In the meantime, students will be given information by their subject teachers.

Year 13 subject intervention support

Alongside additional tutoring which has been in place for a number of students since the start of the year from Vyners Alumni, many subject areas are now offering additional support sessions. For students who have been invited to attend these, contact will have been made home and registers will be taken. Non-attendance will be followed up.

Year 12 in class assessments

These will be happening in lesson times between 31st January and 4th February 2022. Students should take any teacher's advice on board and be proactive in their preparation for these assessments.

They will be used to support students moving forward and to identify any key areas for development. A gentle reminder that the next Year 12 reports will be issued on the 15th March.

Assemblies

We have had a very full week of video presentations held during tutorial time every day.

Mrs Vine and her sustainability group students presented a fantastic video to remind us all about our contribution to the planet and improving our efforts on recycling and using the right bin in school and at home! We hope that sixth form students will set an example in championing this important issue, particularly with the new canteen bins in situ. A thank you to Wemi in Year 12 for her support with this campaign.

Miss Pape delivered a whole school assembly on the theme of Every lesson, Every Day which is a particular Vyners focus, to ensure that students understand how to make the most of every opportunity in the classroom and seek opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding.

Mr Mullings delivered an assembly to year 13 this week focusing on responding to Trial Exam feedback and effective study skills guidance linked to target setting.

Mrs Bashford-Hynes shared resources for students to take some time to reflect upon Holocaust Memorial Day

Vaccinations

Thank you to the Year 12 and 13 students for all of their help and support with vaccinations this week.

Covid-19 face coverings update:

As we are sure that you are now aware, the Government's plan B measures to tackle the Omicron variant of Covid-19 were removed on Thursday. In addition, the use of face coverings as a control measure has now been removed from the guidance for schools.

Given that this is the case and the fact that case numbers are steadily falling at Vyners we have decided to withdraw the mandatory use of face coverings in communal areas from Monday onwards. Students who wish to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and/ or classrooms may do so and we will continue to support their personal choices.

Students have been reminded that they are not permitted to wear outside coats in classrooms. There are still lockers available should students wish to store outside coats during the day.

Parking near the school

We have received numerous complaints from local residents regarding irresponsibly parked cars identified as belonging to students, particularly along Gibson Road. Please speak to your son or daughter regarding this matter if they drive to school.

16- 19 Bursary Fund

The 16-19 Bursary Scheme is specifically funded by the Government to offer financial support to 6th Form Students experiencing financial hardship. The scheme can assist with the purchase of textbooks, attendance on field trips and curriculum events (such as revision conferences). Support is also available for the purchase of ICT equipment and to cover the cost of public transportation to and from school.

The bursary fund is available to students receiving Free School Meals and to families with a household income up to £25,000.

Please click the link [16-19 Bursary Scheme](#) for further information or contact Miss Alonso.

Identification lanyards

All Year 12 and 13 students are required to wear their identification lanyards when in school to meet safeguarding protocols. Students who persistently arrive at school without their lanyards will receive a sanction.

Arriving at School

Students are not permitted to enter the school through the main reception area unless they are arriving late.

Leaving School

Students leaving school early must leave by the main reception area and not use the doors at the bottom of the atrium stairs.

Teacher absence in Sixth Form.

The majority of lessons have now returned to full staffing, so students should be attending tutorial time and lessons as normal, unless they are advised otherwise by their teacher or a member of the Sixth Form team. **Please note all students should be attending tutorial registration regardless of whether they have lessons unless authorised by the Sixth Form team. Please contact us** if you have any questions about your child's timetable or study arrangements.

Term dates

Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

