



## ***Sixth Form Bulletin*** ***6th May 2022***

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Supporting students with exam stress**

Some helpful websites:

[NHS - Help your children beat exam stress](#)

[BBC - Advice for parents whose children are sitting exams](#)

[Good Schools Guide - Top ten tips for parents](#)

### **STARS Active Travel Week**

Thank you to Mr Heath, Sam Hurst, Jaden Grey and Katie Ginger for leading whole school assemblies this week to help launch STARS active travel week in school. STARS is a whole school initiative to find more sustainable and healthier approaches to get to and from school. There is scientific evidence linking active travel to reduced stress and improved cognitive capabilities.

The STARS team are running activities throughout the week but we want to encourage our sixth form students to take part in the "tutorial step count". Students need to record their step count on a fitness app or equivalent and share with their tut teachers each morning next week. At the end of the week, the winning tutorial will get a prize. More information is available on the Y12 and Y13 information rooms.

### **Sixth Form Dress code reminders - PE Uniform**

A reminder that students should be in smart clothing if they have not got a practical lesson in PE. They are only to wear PE uniform if the lesson is practical.

### **Punctuality**

The school day begins at 08:25, so that students can be seated in tutorial for the register to be taken at 08:30. Students who arrive at school after 08:25 are late. Those that arrive after this time will be issued with a ½ hour detention on the same day to be served in the study room. Students arriving later than 08:50 will be issued with a 1 hour detention on the

following Wednesday. Good punctuality to school is vital to ensure that students receive the most of their learning.

### **Term dates**

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

## **YEAR 12 NOTICES**

### **Summer Assessments - Updated**

These will run between 6th June 2022 and 17th June 2022. An **updated** provisional timetable can be found [here](#) and suggested revision topics and other information can be found [here](#). These exams will be used, alongside other data, to determine the student's UCAS predicted grade in the Autumn term of Y13.

### **Alumni Online Tutoring**

We are currently sending out offers of tuition to year 12s to replace the year 13 groups on our online tutoring program. If students are offered this tuition, it will be one hour per week with an ex-Vyners student who achieved an A or A\* in the subject offered. This tuition is offered to a whole range of students for a variety of reasons and is intended to support students in meeting or exceeding their target grade. The tuition will be free. The offers will be sent via email between now and June (approximately 3 weeks before the start date). The emails contain links to consent Google Forms that both parents and students need to respond to; we ask that you fill these out promptly as tutoring cannot take place without them. Please also complete the form if you do not wish to accept the place so that we can offer it to someone else. The emails will come from [tutoringadmin@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:tutoringadmin@vynersschool.org.uk). Please email this address if you have any queries related to tutoring.

### **Year 12 Executive Team**

Thank you to all the students who applied to be a part of the executive team. The first individual task has been set with a submission deadline of 14:00, Friday 20th May.

### **Summer Work Experience**

Please ensure that students are making plans for work experience in the summer holiday. This can be actual work experience, online or even completing a summer school, MOOC or reading some academic literature linked to the subject they wish to study at university.

### **UCAS Days**

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June we will be holding our in house UCAS days, where students will begin to prepare their applications. Both days will include practical workshops, carousel presentations from universities, on getting apprenticeships and seeking employment. More details to follow soon.

## **YEAR 13 NOTICES**

### **Summer Exam protocols**

Mrs Harvey delivered an assembly on Thursday to highlight exam board protocols which must be adhered to. The assembly slides have been uploaded to the Year 13 google

classroom. Tutors will be going through this information next week, but it is advisable that every student reads the exam guidance and regulations to familiarise themselves with all the information. These documents can be found at the bottom of the examinations info page on the school website. Or you can access the JCQ written exam guidance document [here](#) and the Special consideration link in case of illness/ absence [here](#)

### **University Student Finance**

A reminder to students to apply by **20th May 2022** [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance) Students intending to apply for a loan to cover university tuition fees and a maintenance loan to cover living costs, including rent should complete their online finance application by 20th May 2022 in order to process their application in time for the start of their course. Students will not receive or owe money if they change their mind and do not start their course. Some students may have options for additional funding such as bursaries and disability grants. Link to the student finance guidance on the UCAS website. Videos have been shown in tutorial time to hear advice from other students about budgeting at university. <https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

### **University Applications**

A reminder that most students need to make their Firm and Insurance choice by **June 9th 2022**. Students are welcome to come and speak to any member of the sixth form team if they have any questions about their application or the process, but UCAS has a great helpline if they need to ask anything.

### **End of year plans**

- **Prom** We would like to finalise numbers for the Prom by 10th May, so we would be grateful for prompt purchase of tickets via sQuid.
- **Yearbook** We will send this to print after the Leavers' assembly in order to include some photos from this day on a page. After this date it will not be possible to place any extra orders, so again prompt payment to secure a book purchase is advised.
- **Hoodies** Students can order their own size, colour and choice of name via this online [link](#). The hoodie will have all Year 13 student names written on the back in alphabetical order inside the letters 22 with an embroidered school logo on the front.

### **Leavers' assembly**

We will be holding a leavers' assembly on the afternoon of Friday 20th May 2022. Students will not have any lessons that morning and can come in fancy dress. Following the assembly, refreshments will be served in the quad after school for an hour. Students have been sent a google form to pre-order their choice of BBQ food.

### **Study Leave**

- Students must attend school and lessons as normal, including tutorial and study periods **until Thursday 19th May**.
- **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May**, Students do not need to attend tutorial time or study periods. They should attend all lessons where they have not either sat the exam or completed coursework and sign in and out in the study room when onsite.

- From **Monday 6th June** students will be advised via Google Classroom about any revision lessons running before exams. Students should sign in and out at the study room when onsite.

### **Summer Final Exams information**

Students have been issued with a paper copy of their final exam timetable. A weekly revision plan with all the exams listed has been shared with each student and copy of this timetable can be found [here](#). A summary of the Advance Information published by exam boards can be found [here](#). Year 13 students should be aware that the study room will be out of action at certain times between 6th June 2022 and 17th June 2022 for year 12 end of year internal examinations, but a timetable will be displayed in the study room beforehand.

### **Exam results day - Thursday 18th August 2022**

Further details of arrangements will be emailed to all year 13 students and parents before the end of May. On results day, each student will receive an email on their Vyners School account with their results at around 08:00. Students will then be able to come into school later on that morning to meet with other students/ staff and collect yearbooks/ hoodies.

**Exam Certificates:** Please pay via sQuid to ensure that these can be posted out when they are delivered to school in December. Alternatively, students can come to collect and sign for their certificates from reception in the last two weeks of term in December 2022. If students wish someone to collect these documents on their behalf, they should bring a signed letter nominating the person who is collecting them, whether a parent or another student. A reminder that these are formal documents and should be kept in a safe place, as future employers may request to see them. Replacements are expensive to order from the exam boards. Please ensure we are informed of any changes to contact addresses.

### **Year 13 School Google Account access- Advance warning**

- Please be aware that students in Y13 will only continue to have access to their school google accounts until Friday 28th October 2022. On this date the accounts and all data including emails will be deleted. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless students are doing retakes and still require access, but students must inform us of this prior to 28th October, as once data is deleted it will not be retrievable by IT Support.
- Students should use a personal account for any communication with places such as universities, which they can change in UCAS track under personal details, in order to ensure that they do not miss important communication after 28th October.
- Students can opt to transfer their Google Data out using Google Takeout. This requires them to have a personal Google Account. It is the students responsibility to ensure they have enough space on their own personal account to transfer any school data. Transfer to a personal account : <https://takeout.google.com/transfer?pli=1>