



## Sixth Form Bulletin

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### GENERAL NOTICES

#### Summer Music concert

We were treated to a musical extravaganza Jubilee themed summer concert on Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see such large groups of students taking part and an array of wonderful performances from the concert bands, jazz group, solo performances to the rock group. A big thank you to the music department, students and parents for all your support.

We were sad to have to say farewell to the fantastic group of year 13 students who have been stalwarts of the music department, but we give our huge thanks to them for their wonderful contribution, commitment and service to the school from rehearsals to performances throughout their time with us.



David Bowker, Giorgia Del Malvo, Dhruv Gajjar, Lexie Hendrie, Amy Jessop, Adea Llapashtica, Amy Parker, Joseph Saunders, Benjamin Surguy, Seavahan Suthaharan, Jemma Walker and Naysa Carceller Castillo

## Old School uniform day

It was great to see year 13 turn back time and wear their old school uniform on Friday, as part of the leavers' activities with an opportunity to reminisce and take photos. They all looked fantastic and as usual, with the high standards set by this wonderful group of students, they entered into the fun spirit of the day combined with then attending lessons and study periods. This is a reflection of their great attitude and determination to achieve their best, which we have no doubt will hold them in good stead in the future.



## Monday 16th May - Change to school day structure to 2:1:2 split of lessons.

With the public exam season starting on 16th May we will be changing the timing of Break 2 and Period 4. The school day will be structured as follows;

<b>Registration</b>	<b>08:30 - 08:50</b>
Period 1	08:50 - 09:50
Period 2	09:55 - 10:55
<b>Break 1</b>	<b>10:55 - 11:20</b>
Period 3	11:20 - 12:20
<b>Break 2</b>	<b>12:20 - 12:55</b>
Period 4	12:55 - 13:55
Period 5	14.00 - 15:05 Years 11,12 & 13

## 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](#)

## 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.

## Term dates

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

## YEAR 12 NOTICES

### **Medical Work Experience - Help Needed**

Post pandemic, many of our students are struggling to get hands-on work experience in a medical setting. We were wondering if any parents would be able to help us and host our budding medics over the summer for some practical work experience. Medical courses are increasingly competitive and we want to ensure our students are getting as much support as they possibly can. Please contact Mrs Coyle with any further information on the address above.

### **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.

### **Study Groups**

This morning we met with students who we feel need some extra support in the lead up to and beyond June assessments. Students were identified in two main categories:

1. Showing evidence of low effort and low progress
2. Showing evidence of high effort but low progress, or their progress has plateaued

We asked students to consider which group they felt they were in and to consider what support they might need in terms of time management and revision. We will be discussing some of the finer details with students in one to one meetings over the next few weeks. After June assessments, we will be collating the group of students that fall into category 1, and offering targeted intervention. This will include an extra parents' evening at the end of July to discuss the work the students should focus on over the summer. They will also receive extra timetabled study sessions in school at the start of Year 13 in September.

### **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 13 NOTICES

## **Canteen credit reminder- A letter with more details was sent to parents on 24.2.22**

Please cancel any auto top up on the account now. This will stop the account recrediting itself automatically. It will still be possible to make manual payments if students need more funds for the canteen. It will also be possible to make manual payment on the 'trips and other offers' purse - for prom tickets and year books etc.

Any balance left on the TRIPS purse at May half term should be transferred to the CATERING purse. This can be done by emailing [customerservice@squidcard.com](mailto:customerservice@squidcard.com).

Students are encouraged to try and run down their catering balances as far as possible, by continuing to make purchases during their final weeks with us. Canteen accounts remain active right the way through the public exams.

## **Summer Exam protocols**

Please read this [parental information for the Y13 exams](#) which includes advice regarding student illness during the exam season. If your child is ill on the day of an exam, please contact the Sixth Form team on x4244 after 7.30am.

All students are expected to have read the JCQ written exam notices which will be displayed in the study room, or can be found at the bottom of the examinations info page on the school website. You can access the written exam guidance document [here](#) and the Special consideration link in case of illness/ absence [here](#)

## **Useful Ofqual documents to support students in this year's exam series:**

- [Ofqual Student Guide to Exams in 2022](#)
- [Ofqual Top Tips for Exam Preparation this Summer](#)
- [Ofqual Covid Guide to Summer 2022](#)

**End of year plans** - please get in contact if you have any questions about these or difficulty with payment by the deadlines.

- **Prom** We have extended the opportunity to purchase a ticket via sQuid to 16th May when we will confirm numbers with the venue.
- **Yearbook** We will send this to print at the end of May. After this, it will not be possible to place any extra orders.
- **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-** Friday 20th May 2022.

Students arrive on site in fancy dress between 12.20-12.50 into the quad. Following an assembly in the main hall, refreshments will be served in the music quad. Students have been sent a google form to pre-order their choice of BBQ food which needs to be complete by Sunday 15th May.

## **Study Leave**

- Students must attend school and lessons as normal, including tutorial and study periods **until Thursday 19th May**, unless they have completed their course, such as BTEC IT, OCR SPORT, Art and Photography, where they are now granted study leave on



days with no lessons. Teachers are holding important revision lessons in school to support students right up until the start of the written exam period. Parents/ carers will be contacted if we are not aware in advance of any reason for absence.

- **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May**, Students do not need to attend tutorial time or study periods. They should attend revision lessons where they have not yet sat the exam 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. A study room space will be available for any student wishing to revise in school anytime between 08.00-16.00 each day if they prefer to do this, rather than study at home.

### **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 can be found [here](#). A summary of the Advance Information published by exam boards can be found [here](#).

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

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>