

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES

Welcome to our first Sixth Form bulletin of the academic year. As with any start of year, we wish to share with you a number of key messages and policies which ensure the smooth running of our large and vibrant Sixth Form. We are so happy to see students settled and motivated, working efficiently and making the most of their study periods here at school.

If you feel that your child has not settled at the beginning of this academic year, and are worried about their well being, then please do not hesitate to contact us using the email addresses above. We are here to support all students in whatever way we can, to ensure that their Sixth Form journey is a successful and happy one.

There is a lot of information to get through this week, so please do read carefully.

Leaving school for appointments

Students are not permitted to leave the school premises before break 1 without a permission slip from Miss Alonso/ Mrs Lopes. Students leaving school who will be returning the same day must also have a permission slip.

Lanyards

All sixth form students have a lanyard which they must wear at all times when they are on the school site. The first time a student forgets their lanyard they will be given a temporary lanyard. If they forget a second time, they will be sanctioned and if appropriate, sent home to get it. If a student loses their lanyard they must buy a replacement on Squid for £3.

EduLink

A reminder that you can access student timetables and other information via EduLink, our new parent portal area. Please check that we hold up to date contact information for you. Parents can check and update their own details using EduLink but they shouldn't add any other contacts into their account. Parents can get separate EduLink accounts so must only update details in their own accounts.

Parents/ carers new to Vyners should have received an email from Edulink letting them know how to set up an account. All Sixth form students can access their Edulink account with their normal school login information. Any queries, please contact the school office

Study Periods

Each student will expect to have compulsory study periods added to their timetable over the next couple of weeks where they must report to the study room for silent study and a register is taken. It does take a little time to organise these, so currently students are asked to use the study room or free room list during their non-teaching contact hours. A lesson on the timetable without a teacher or room assigned to it is a 10th period where teachers will set independent work to be completed, but students do not necessarily have to stay on site if it is a period 5, unless requested to by their teacher.

Printing

Sixth Formers receive a £2 credit per half term (200 B&W or 33 colour). Mono costs 3p per page and colour 8p. Colour is only available in the LRC. Parents can top up printing credits using sQuid.

Chromebooks

There are 70 chrome books for sixth form use that can be signed out and back in for the morning or afternoon sessions for students to use in free periods in other rooms.

WiFi

Students have been given instructions to be able to connect their own device to the Sixth Form WiFi

Canteens/ sQuid cashless accounts

Sixth form students can use both canteen spaces to purchase food and drink during the day in free lessons and as a collaborative study space. Students may either use a debit card to purchase food and drink or the fingerprint system to link to the cashless catering sQuid account. No cash is accepted. Any student without a sQuid account should get a letter from the study room with instructions as to how to create an account.

Uniform

Please see this gentle reminder of our uniform expectations for sixth form students. We have high expectations of our students and will be completing rigorous uniform checks at the beginning of the new term. Any student not complying with the uniform expectations will be asked to either change into something more appropriate (from a range of black skirts and smart shirts/ blazers) that we will be keeping in the Sixth Form office from September.

We expect that students are dressed for a **formal** office/ work environment.

- A suit jacket/ blazer must be worn when walking around the school, as well as for assemblies and other formal occasions.
- Students should wear a suit or jacket and trousers or skirt, a shirt and tie or blouse / plain top.
- Skirts should be of a **sensible length**.
- If a jumper is worn then it should be a V neck, and should fit under a jacket.
- An official Vyners practical uniform can be worn for relevant subjects. This comprises a Vyners branded hoodie or plain black sweatshirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms and plain black trainers.
This is only to be worn on the days students have been informed they are having practical lessons.
- A lanyard must be visible at all times when moving around the school.
- Outdoor coats should be plain with no designs or logos and must be removed in the school building.
- No hoodies, sweatshirts, jeans or trainers are permitted unless wearing a practical uniform.

Published Author and Year 13 Student

We are very proud of Ellie Carragher who has not only managed to publish whilst studying for her A-Levels but has also managed to get onto the Amazon popular now list. Ellie Carragher is an excellent example of what hard work and dedication can achieve..If you wish to purchase or view her book, the link is [here](#)



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

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 - Study Periods and Period 10 lessons

Compulsory Study periods will be available on student timetables from next week, which are available to view on Edulink. Year 12 students are expected to remain in school until the end of period 2 when they may sign out in the study room if they have no lessons for the rest of the day. They are of course welcome to stay and use the quiet study facilities until 16:00 if they wish.

We appreciate that some students are keen to request additional home study, but evidence has shown that enabling students to bridge the transition from a full timetable in year 11 to managing their own time in a supportive environment enables them to settle into Sixth Form more effectively. It helps them to develop good peer support to aid well-being and independent learning strategies. We are grateful for your support on this matter to ensure that all year 12 students maintain high levels of attendance.

Leadership

Students have been shown the number of leadership/ community champion roles that they can participate in at Vyners School. Every student must choose at least ONE of the following roles. A google form has been sent to their school email, which needs to be completed by **Friday the 22nd September 2023 by 15:00**. The roles are as follows: [Leadership Roles](#).

Students will then be contacted by the member of staff running the activity to let them know further details and start times. We will be speaking to any student who has not selected a role yet to remind them of the benefits of volunteering and developing other skills that future employers look for alongside academic studies.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 31st October

All year 12 students are required to be present from 17:00 - 19:00 to help out with the Sixth Form Open Evening, and to help welcome any Year 11 student wishing to apply to Vyners Sixth Form.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Unifrog

All students should have a draft of their personal statement on Unifrog ready for tutors to look at to be used for a university application, apprenticeship or to create a letter of application for a job. They should also have logged their work experience details and any Moocs, webinars or other courses completed in the relevant section on unifrog (interactions/ skills/ experiences)

UCAS References

Tutors will start writing UCAS references based on each students' unifrog profile, looking at shortlisted courses, courses attended and work experience details recorded in their skills, or

interaction profile area. Predicted grades will be finalised by subject teachers following any in class assessments taking place in September.

Year 13 Parent information evening 2023

We would like to welcome you to the parent information evening in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th October to outline the year ahead with exams, study leave and the University application process. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions in advance or at the end of the presentation, but please do contact us by telephone or email if you need to speak to any of the team before then

Key dates

September

18th - 29th September - Y13 assessments in some subjects

Wednesday 27th September Junior School Open Evening. **17:00 - 19.30**

60 Year 13 volunteers needed

October

Wednesday 4th October **Year 13 Parent Information Evening 18:00 - 19.00 School Hall**

Monday 16th October - 3rd November - Year 12 in class assessments in some subjects

Thursday 19th October **Year 12 Careers and University Fair - Tottenham stadium**

Thursday 19th October **Year 12 Parent Information Evening 18:00 - 19.00 School Hall**

Tuesday 31st October Sixth Form Open evening. **17.00 - 19.00pm** **All year 12 students attend.**

Yr 13 can volunteer in departments or guide if they wish.

November

Friday 3rd November **Year 13 progress check 1 issued**

Staff INSET days 23rd & 24th November No students in school

December

Friday 1st December 2023 **Year 12 progress checks issued**

Monday 4th - Thursday 21st December **Year 13 Trial Exams** - *Individual timetables will be issued and study leave granted over the exam period*

January

Monday 22nd January - Friday 2nd February - Year 12 Assessment Period

February

Friday 2nd February **Year 13 progress check 2 issued**

Thursday 8th February 16:30 - 19.00 **Year 13 Parents Evening** (Subject teachers)

Monday 19th February - Friday 1st March - Year 12 Assessment Period

March

Friday 8th March **Year 12 progress check 2 issued**

Thursday 14th March **Year 12 Parents Evening**

Friday 27th March **Year 13 progress check 3 issued**

May

Monday 20th May **A Level exam season begins** - *Individual Timetables issued in the new year and study leave granted prior to and over the exam period (tba)*

June

Monday 3rd June **Year 12 summer exams begin** (for 2 weeks) *study leave to be granted*

Monday 24th June Year 12 UCAS Day 1 & UCAS Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 25th June Year 12 UCAS Day 2

July

Wednesday 12th July Year 12 progress check 3 issued

Monday 15th July Y12 Work Experience week