

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES



Well done to our Sixth Form students who took part in a trip to RAF Northolt this week to rehearse and play with the Central Band of the RAF. Phoebe G, Phoebe C, Zia, William. Katerina, Rachael, Nathan, Katie, Libby and Zaynab all displayed excellent professional behaviours in this formal environment and were complimented not only on their conduct but on their outstanding playing ability as well.

Student-led assemblies

Thank you to all of our Sixth Form students who led assemblies this week - Anthony, Celeste, Ella and Robyn for their excellent whole school assemblies on Mental Health Awareness and leading the cake sale, proceeds going to the Young Minds charity. If any students have been affected by these assemblies or any other events, there are excellent resources available on <u>The Young Minds website</u> or please encourage them to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Thank you also to members of our Sixth Form Executive Team, Lenai, Jaspreet and Holly for their Sixth Form assembly celebrating Black History Month and encapsulating the "Salute our Sisters' " theme by sharing stories of inspirational black females. We have shared their assembly on both the Year 12 and 13 Information Room if students wish to read through it.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 31st October 2023

All Year 12 students are expected to support the Sixth Form Open evening by helping in departments or by being guides. Prospective Sixth Formers and their parents like to hear about the Sixth Form from our current students and this is an opportunity for Y12 students to fulfil a leadership task by representing the school. A paper copy of the letter has been sent home with all students and an electronic copy has been sent to parents/carers with the option for your consent to be sent back to school on the paper copy or by Google Form.

Year 13 students are invited to help with department areas, or are welcome to help guide if they wish to. Any Year 13 student who is helping out will need to get a letter from Mrs Coyle.

Vyners Sixth Form Key Dates

Key dates can be found here

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 UK University and Apprenticeship Fair – Tottenham Stadium Thursday 19 October 2023

This is a compulsory trip for ALL Year 12 students. Please see the letter attached for details of the day and how to pay - <u>link</u>

Any student not attending the trip (i.e. missing the payment deadline), they will be expected to remain in school and complete work in the study room for the school day.

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

We welcome all parents/carers to our Year 12 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 19th October from 18:00 - 19:00. Please ensure you have completed the Google Form attached <u>here</u> to register your attendance

Courses/Subject Choices

We hope that all year 12 students are settling into their courses, as we now advise against any option changes. If anyone feels that they are not on the right course, they must speak to a member of the Sixth Form team as we will not be authorising any more course changes after the half term break.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 Parent Information Evening

As we were not able to hold our year 13 parent information evening in person, we have uploaded three 15 minute presentations with accompanying slides available to watch/ view on the school website under **Parent Information Evenings 2023-24 - Year 13 tab.**

We hope that this provides you with an overview of the year ahead and answers any questions that you might have.

Exams Information

December trial exam timetables and topic lists can be found <u>here</u> on the school website. Students will be on study leave during this time from 11.12.23 - 21.12.23 and will only be required to be in school for exams, unless they are required to complete overdue coursework for relevant subjects, but students and parents will be contacted separately regarding this.

Exam planning and revision

Students have watched Mrs Harvey's video on exam planning and effective revision in tutorial time this week. Details of this assembly can also be found on the school website as above. Students will be receiving a week by week template as a revision guide to use.

Progress Checks

These will be issued to students and available to view on edulink from Friday 3rd November.

UCAS Predictions

Students will receive their UCAS predictions straight to their email inbox next week (day tbc). We are issuing these earlier than the upcoming progress checks to allow students to digest them over half term and use them to inform their UCAS applications. UCAS grades are the most optimistic and holistic prediction for the student, based on all available information. These will be sent to universities as part of the UCAS application process. These grades are usually very optimistic and are a less reliable indicator than the Current Grades and Internal Assessment Grades that you will receive on **3rd November**. If students have any queries on these grades they can contact their subject teacher in the first instance.

UCAS Applications

Early entry applications for UCAS have been sent off this week for students applying to Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry courses. We would urge the remainder of year 13 to finalise their personal statements and discuss these with their tutors, so that references can be written and advice given on course choices.

A reminder that we held a parent information evening and two days of information and workshops for students in July helping them to investigate university courses or apprenticeships and understand the application process and personal statement writing. All of this information was shared to look back through if needed, but please do contact us if you still have any questions that we can help with.