

Striving for Excellence

Sixth Form Bulletin

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TERM DATES: Please use this **link** to see the school term dates.

GENERAL NOTICES

Student Timetable Changes

We are delighted to be able to inform parents, carers and students that all areas of the school, including all classrooms, will be open from Monday 6th November onwards now that the RAAC related issues have been resolved. Updated timetables will be issued to all students prior to lessons commencing on Monday morning.

The timetable changes will be shared on the morning of **Sunday 5th November via the Edulink App.** We would ask that all parents and carers check that their child has noted the changes before arriving at school on Monday morning. Students who were displaced from tutor rooms due to the RAAC issue should return to their original tutor bases as per the start of the year from Monday morning onwards. A full list of tutorials and rooms are listed below. Thank you once again to all parents for their support with this matter.

12C	GFH	262
12F	FMV / DZW	133
12G	NAM / RPT	120
12H	ММВ	249
12M	ТТН	132
12W	DSD	134

13C	SKK	160
13F	DMC/HNM	055
13G	PPK	162
13H	EMD	164
13M	JJW	190
13W	SFN/ CCC	113

Year 12 trip to the UK Universities and Apprenticeships Fair

On Thursday 19th October the Sixth Form team took the entire Year 12 cohort to Tottenham Stadium not to watch the football unfortunately - but to attend one of the biggest UK University and Apprenticeships Fairs in the country. Students had 2 1/2 hours to wander around the stadium, visit a vast multitude of stands of visiting universities, apprenticeships, the police and the Armed Forces. They were able to ask questions about relevant courses to university staff and also received prospectuses and information about universities that they are interested in possibly attending. We really hope this day has started to spark excitement for their next steps beyond post 16 and to start thinking in a more serious way about their future aspirations. We as a Sixth Form team are excited to follow up on this next half term as we start to talk more to students about UCAS, Universities and Apprenticeships in tutor time and assemblies.

Open Evening Thank You

A big thank you to all of our Year 12 and 13 students who took part in our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 31st October. They were exemplary in their conduct, and professional in their delivery of both tours and speaking to prospective parents and students about their experiences and the content of their courses. Well done also to Himmat (Head Boy) and Chole (Head Girl) for their articulate and passionate delivery of their speeches to a packed hall.

<u>Flu Vaccinations</u> - Thank you to Izzy, Lily, Rohan, Mathura, Neha, Lenai, Ellie and Serena who gave their time to help collect and deliver students from lessons all around the school to ensure a smoothly run event.

Safeguarding Snapshot: The Ben Kinsella Trust

The Ben Kinsella Trust educates young people on the dangers of knife crime and helps them to make positive choices to stay safe.

They are pleased to release brand new dates for their popular UK wide online workshop for parents and carers on the 16th and 23rd November. Click <u>here</u> for more information!

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

Links attached <u>here</u> from all talks and seminars held at the recent UK University and Apprenticeship Fair.

Year 12 Assembly - Choosing the right uni

This week in our assembly I have spoken to students about starting to research universities. Attached you will find the <u>powerpoint</u> slides from the assembly, in which I spoke about my own journey into Higher Education and work, how to choose the best course, the use of Unifrog and also how UCAS can help students to find the best course suited for them.

Please watch the video on 'How to use Unifrog' and play around with the different career choices your child would like to go into. The website gives you information on each university, courses on offer, entry requirements, employment rates and also upcoming events and open days. If you have any questions on how to use the website please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

Unifrog Parent Log In

We have a code for parents to sign up to a dummy student account so you can browse unifrog too. Please follow this <u>link</u> and use the code VYNRparents.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

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. Please note - The following exams were moved and are on the timetable in blue font -please check and amend individual revision timetables: Physics P2, History P2, PE P3, Further Maths P3.

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. All students have an individual revision timetable on their tutor Google Classroom and should be using this to plan their revision.

Progress Checks

Students received their progress checks this morning during tutorial time. This will also be available to download on Edulink as per Mrs Lane's email sent to parents/ carers. We ask that at this moment in time you pay close attention to the "Current Grade October" as this is where the student is currently working. If there are any issues or queries, we ask that students address this with their subject teacher in the first instance.

Intervention

Following the progress checks we will be identifying and speaking to students who may need extra support or intervention in the run up to the Trial exams, which may involve reviewing their study habits or liaising with their teachers to target guidance. If you feel that your child has not been identified, but is in need of intervention support, or there are factors affecting their progress which we should be made aware of, then please do get in touch with us.

UCAS Applications

18 students have now sent off their university applications and some are starting to receive offers. We would encourage students to finalise their applications and make a meeting with one of the Sixth Form team on the spreadsheet shared with them to review and send their application.

Exam Certificates Purchase

Students and parents are now able to prepay for exam certificates for summer 2024 to be sent via post. The offer is now open on sQuid and is priced at £3.

It is imperative that students have their exam certificates for future job and university applications so please apply for this as soon as possible.