

## Striving for Excellence

# Sixth Form Bulletin

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

# **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### Attendance

Thank you to all the students for their consistent effort in attending school regularly and to all our parents for your support, as Sixth Form attendance for this term so far is currently 95%. We know that full attendance to ALL taught lessons and enabling Sixth Form students to organise their own time in school around lessons to study, revise and work collaboratively with their peers has a very positive impact on progress and outcomes.

#### Judith Weir - Visiting Composer A Level Music

Today our A level students had a workshop from Judith Weir, a composer who is currently serving as the Master of the Kings Music (the first woman to ever hold this office). Judith took the time with both Year 12 and 13 music students to talk through their current compositions, offering another musical ear and some constructive feedback. Here is a <u>link</u> to her recent commission for the coronation of King Charles III. We would like to thank Judith for her time today.

#### FOV Christmas Raffle

Please see the attached flyer for the Friends of Vyners Christmas Raffle. FOV do lots of much needed fundraising for various initiatives to help our students throughout the year including art equipment, IT equipment and minibuses amongst other things. You can buy your tickets via sQuid and your donations are very welcome.

#### Safeguarding Snapshot

Please head to the school website for our student wellbeing advent calendar from Young Minds. This has been designed to encourage students to take a moment each day to focus on their wellbeing. All of our safeguarding snapshots can be found by following this link <u>here</u>.

#### Vyners Sixth Form Key Dates

Key dates can be found here.

# YEAR 12 NOTICES

#### Year 12 Progress Checks

Students will have received a paper copy of their progress check during tutorial time today. A digital copy is available to view on the Edulink parent portal site which can be accessed via the school website in the parent zone area.

Please read the letter attached to the email sent by Mrs Desouza this morning at 8am. It will explain the progress check in detail. If there are any issues or queries, we ask that students address this with their subject teacher in the first instance.

#### Year 12 Assembly

In this week's assembly, students were awarded with their Subject Star certificates for their outstanding work ethic, hardwork and determination. Congratulations to all students. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is continuing to make progress and has a willingness to succeed throughout their Sixth Form journey.

### 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 - students should check and amend individual revision timetables: Physics P2, History P2, PE P3, Further Maths P3.

#### Further exams information

Students had an assembly led by Mrs Harvey on exam protocol for the upcoming trial exam period. The assembly slides with more concise information have been put on each tutorial google classroom for students to view.

Please note the following:

- December trial exam timetables and topic lists can be found <u>here</u> on the website.
- Study Leave will begin on Monday 11th December.
- Students will need to attend school as normal next week
- Students can continue to use the study room and available free rooms around exams and any lessons that they are required to attend during this time.
- Please note some students might be expected to attend compulsory intervention studies during study leave and will be informed individually by their teachers
- Students do not need to attend school on Thursday 21st December and we look forward to welcoming them back on **Monday 7th January at 08:25.**

#### UCAS Applications

43 students have now sent off their university applications. Students need 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. Students can still make appointments during their study leave.

Students need to be aware that these appointments will be capped at 15 minutes in January owing to the UCAS equal consideration deadline at the end of January. We also ask that if a student is unable to make an appointment, it is common courtesy to inform either Mrs Lane, Mrs Coyle or Mrs Harvey prior to the appointment.

#### 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 £3.50.

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

#### End of year 13 celebrations

We now have a provisional date for the year 13 Prom which is Wednesday 26th June 2023. Further details regarding the venue and costs will be emailed to students and parents before the end of term. Students will also have the opportunity to contribute to a yearbook and also order a hoodie.