

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Year 11 Careers Fair

Thank you to the Sixth Form Executive Team and members of the Sixth Form student body for all of their work in pulling together a very successful Y11 Careers Fair. They were a credit to the school and showcased their subjects with professionalism and enthusiasm.



Attendance

A reminder that attendance to school is compulsory for all students at the beginning of registration, period 1 and period 2 and to all taught lessons.

Students are to remain on the school site until the end of their last lesson. Students are not to leave the school site and return again.

Emergency contacts

Can you please ensure that Edulink is updated with an emergency contact for students to ensure that we are able to contact a parent/guardian or carer if the need should arise.

Work Experience

If any parents have contacts with workplaces that would be interested in offering placements to any of our students, we would love to hear from you. Please email any details to tlopes@vynersschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please click [\[here\]](#) for the link to this week's safeguarding snapshot on Social Media usage.

Vyners Sixth Form Key Dates

Key dates can be found [here](#).

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Work Experience

Advance warning that year 12 students have the opportunity to organise their own work experience for the last week of the Summer term, week beginning **Monday 15th July**.

Once work experience has been secured, we ask that this [Google Form](#) is completed.

Once we have employer details we will be in contact with them to ask for details of the placement and confirmation of insurance details. We need to do this well in advance to ensure students have valuable and appropriate placements.

Students applying to university courses next year which require work experience, such as teaching, medicine, some law courses etc, should look at securing opportunities for placements now.

If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact a member of the Sixth Form team.

Year 12 Google Classroom Information Room

Students should be reminded to keep checking this google classroom as plenty of opportunities are regularly posted to help with future aspirations whether to do with careers, apprenticeships, university courses, open days etc.

Unifrog – The Complete Destinations Platform

Students should now be actively using Unifrog as a starting tool for all sorts of research when considering their post 18 destinations. The specific feature of unifrog for Year 12 students include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Please ensure you are working with your child at home to find the best pathway to suit their individual needs. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Desouza.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

UCAS 2024

Thank you to all of our students for completing and sending applications over the past few months. A total of 100 applications have headed off to universities countrywide as of the end of today - from as close as Brunel to as far away as Aberdeen.

Thank you to parents for your support with this process. We would also like to thank subject teachers and tutors for writing such glowing references and for their support in checking numerous drafts of personal statements. Thank you also to Mrs Lane, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Coyle for their support in meeting with all students individually and sending their final applications. We are looking forward to seeing some very favourable offers as they start to trickle through over the next few months.

It's worth noting that some offers come through very quickly, others will take at least until the end of March/start of April to make decisions. If you have any questions or queries on the process/applications please do not hesitate to contact me or use the useful UCAS links below for further information.

If students are still sitting on the fence with regard to applying, they have until this **Wednesday 31st January** to submit an application for equal consideration. Students can still apply beyond this date, but their application will not be part of the course equal consideration.

Destinations - non University

Students who have not applied to university will be invited to a next steps meeting with Mrs Lane and Mrs Coyle after half term.

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications.

If a student receives their last decision on or before 16 May 2024, the reply date is 6 June 2024 (except if you're using Extra to find a place). If they receive their last decision on or before 17 July 2024, the reply date is 24 July 2024 (including Extra choices).

Students do NOT need to make a firm or insurance choice until the deadline of 8th June meaning they have time to consider their options.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Students receiving no offers

This is a rarity, however some students may find themselves in a position where they do not receive any offers. If this is the case, we as a sixth form team are here to support the students in their next steps. You can read further information on this here.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing/what-clearing-plus>

Student Finance

Student Finance opens at the beginning of March and it is recommended that students apply early. More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

Year 13 progress checks

A paper copy will be issued to students during tutorial time on **Friday 2nd February** and then available to view via Edulink.

Parents' evening (Video link)

This will take place via the School Cloud video system on **Thursday 8th February 2024**. Information regarding how to select appointments will be emailed home a week before.