

Sixth Form Bulletin

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TERM DATES: Please use this <u>link</u> to see the school term dates and this <u>link</u> for Vyners Sixth Form key dates.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sister Act

Congratulations and a massive well done to all of our Sixth Form students involved in our school production of Sister Act! From cast members, to band members, set design and backstage crew - you are an absolute credit to the Sixth Form and to the promotion of the Arts in our school community.

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 <u>here</u> for the link to this week's safeguarding snapshot on MY LOL - the social media app.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on the 7th March, and will be celebrated nationally. Sixth Form students have been asked to dress up as characters from their favourite book to support a treasure hunt for years 7&8. We are expecting all Sixth Form students to participate in this activity, whether in full costume or just a token gesture and there will be a prize for the best tutorial group effort in year 12 and 13.

World Book Bake off competition

All students are invited to enter this and can take any Work Book Day themed baked creation to the LRC on the morning of the 7th March for judging.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

World Book Day

It is important that your child is finding time to read in their free time, but also in their subject specific areas, which will help them develop their Tier 3 Vocabulary. The KS5 reading list for subject specific books can be found here.

On Unifrog you can also find a <u>read, watch, listen tool</u> which is full of resources to expand your child's knowledge in things they're interested in: from apps to articles, music to podcasts, and videos to social media accounts. Students were shown how to use this during tutorial time. A link to the <u>powerpoint</u> delivered to students is posted here.

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 2024**.

An email has been sent with the google form that needs to be completed by a parent/carer.

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

NCS - Summer Programme

This morning Year 12 had an assembly from NCS (The National Citizen Service), which is an Away From Home Experience, a residential opportunity for 15 to 17 year olds (Year 11 and 12's). Please join the <u>link</u> for more information and attached is a <u>flyer</u> for the programme. It will be a great opportunity for our Year 12's to get involved and most of it is funded by the Government. Students will be able to embark on an exciting new adventure where they can make friends, build their confidence, and develop and strengthen their skills for work and life.

Parents Evening

Year 12 Parents Evening is on **Thursday 14th March 2024** between 16:30 and 19:00. Details about booking online will be released a week in advance via email. This will be a chance for you to discuss progress with your child's teachers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Desouza.

Reports

Reports will be issued to students during tutorial time on Friday 8th March 2024.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Summer Exams

Students will receive an individual exam entry timetable with their venue and seat number before the end of the Spring Term. The final Summer exam timetable has already been published on the year 13 Google classroom and is available to view on the school website here

Progress checks

Final progress check reports will be issued on Friday 27th March

End of year Celebrations

Thank you to all students/ parents who have already made purchases for Prom Tickets, Yearbook and Hoodies. It will be a real help to not be chasing payments nearer to the deadlines, so thank you for your prompt responses.

Student and parent surveys

Thank you to students and parents for the completion of the surveys to give us a picture of what is going well and areas where we can look to improve, either for individuals or groups of students. Your feedback is most appreciated.

Student support

We are holding meetings with students who have not applied to university to check their destination plans, to offer any advice or support and also follow up on student survey responses and trial exam grades. If any student has not had a chance to speak to a member of the team yet and would like an urgent appointment, please ask them to email Mrs Lane, or just come to the drop in support session available every Monday period 5/after school in the study room.

Student Finance

Student Finance opens at the beginning of March and it is recommended that students apply early. Advice will also be given in tutorial time and assemblies.

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