

### Striving for Excellence

# 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**

#### <u>Ramadan</u>

Ramadan Mubarak to all of our Muslim families who are fasting at this time. Students are invited to pray at break and lunch in the following rooms: girls in Room 251 and boys in Room 261.

#### World Book Day 2024

A big thank you to all of our Sixth Form students who dressed up for World Book Day last Thursday. How fantastic to see our older students setting such a fine example to our younger year groups.



#### Vyners House Day 2024

On Thursday 28th March, we will be celebrating our first Vyners House Day. Students may wear non-uniform but we ask that they wear their House colours to encourage a sense of belonging with their fellow students (the colours can be found on each individual House page on the (school website). Each House will be raising money for a charity chosen by the students, and donations for wearing non-uniform will be payable via sQuid. Students may also bring in a small amount of cash on the day to take part in fundraising activities, from bake sales to guess the sweets in the jar and a sponge throwing competition!

#### School Quiz night - Friday 22nd March

It would be great to see a Sixth Form student or parent team join in and pick your wits against the Sixth Form pastoral quiz team! For more information please [click here].

#### 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 the importance of sleep and creating good habits.

# YEAR 12 NOTICES

#### Parents Evening

Thank you for your attendance at the Year 12 Parents Evening last night. I hope it was an informative and beneficial evening for you and your child. Please take all the feedback on board and think about how you can help support your child as we move into the summer trial exams. If you were unable to attend parents evening please email the relevant subject teacher and ask for feedback.

#### Working on Feedback

This week in assembly, students were spoken to about Feedback on Progress Checks. Click the <u>link</u> to see the information delivered to students. Students now need to make decisions about how they will take this feedback on board, what changes will they make to their daily revision and how they will ensure they are making progress in the next trial exams. Students were asked to make a daily 'to do list' and to set their own targets over the weekend. Please go through this with them and support them with their long term goal.

#### Sixth Form Parent/Carer Survey 2024

If you haven't managed to do so, we would really appreciate it if you could complete our Sixth Form Parent/Carer Survey for 2024. It should only take a minute of your time. All feedback is welcome in ensuring our Sixth Form is a positive and supportive environment for all our students and that our academic, cultural and wellbeing offering is of the highest standards.

Sixth Form Parent/Carer Survey 2024

#### Work Experience - Reminder

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. Please be aware that if your child fails to secure a work experience placement for this week, they will be expected to attend school as normal where they will complete an online work related learning activity in the study room.

## YEAR 13 NOTICES

#### Congratulations

Well done to the 30 students who were presented with a certificate in assembly on Thursday, for completing an additional course in their own time to gain a qualification awarded by OCN in Developing Leadership Skills.

#### Attendance

Year 13 students have 6 school weeks (excluding the 2 week Easter break) until the first written exams start, therefore can we please urge full attendance to all lessons and study periods in the final lead up. The study room is available from 07.45-16.00 every day for independent silent study.

#### Maximise your potential study skills/ revision tips workshop Friday 22nd March Period 1&2.

We have arranged a study skills/ revision tips workshop for all year 13 students next Friday morning. They come highly recommended from other schools who have used them and last year's cohort found the session extremely helpful. We are therefore expecting full attendance, as the school is covering the cost, so there is no charge to students.

#### Here is a short outline of their goals of the session

The focus of the presentation for Year 13 is to get the students to really understand the benefits of good study practice, and to take ownership of their learning. We will aim to equip them with a range of evidence-based revision skills which will deliver measurable results, and advice on exam technique.

#### Summer Exams

Students will receive an individual exam entry timetable with their venue and seat number before the end of the Spring Term. Any students with clashes will be contacted individually to organise arrangements for these. The final Summer exam timetable has already been published on the year 13 Google classroom and is available to view on the school website <u>here</u>

#### Progress checks

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

#### Study leave

The last day of lessons will be on Friday 10th May, where students are invited to come to school wearing their year 11 uniform (from Vyners or another school). Students may continue to use the study room and canteen spaces during their study leave, as long as they sign in and out of school and wear Sixth Form standards of dress.

#### Fancy Dress Leavers' Assembly - Monday 13th May

Students will come into school in fancy dress during break 1 ready for a final assembly in the hall with refreshments served after.

#### 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. Prom tickets can be purchased via the school sQuid account and Hoodies/ yearbooks direct to the company, details of which have been shared with students and parents via email.

#### End of year dates

Friday 10th May- last day of teaching - students in old school uniform Monday 13th May - Leavers' Assembly - students in fancy dress Tuesday 14th May- written exams start Friday 21st June- last written exam Wednesday 26th June- Year 13 Prom Leavers' Event Thursday 15th August - Results day / collection of yearbooks