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Sixth Form
Open Evening
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**The talk will start
at 7pm**





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Why choose Vyners Sixth Form?

- Strong track record of academic success
- Wide range of Level 3 Subjects
- A-level and vocational pathways
- Excellent pastoral care
- Tailored UCAS support
- Free selection of sixth form options



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Sixth Form Team

Year 12 Leader

Ms Hussain



Year 13 Leader

Mrs Lane



Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Coyle



Deputy Head

Mrs Harvey





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Sixth Form Team

Mrs Lopes and Miss Alonso

Sixth Form Study Supervisors

Pastoral Care/ Well Being/ Study Room

Support/ Organisation and much more!



Mrs Lopes

Miss Alonso





The Sixth Form Team

- **Working together to ensure high standards and support all students in reaching their potential.**
- **Ensuring standards are maintained by setting the bar high and not accepting second best.**
- **Establishing clear routines and systems to support excellent progress in all areas.**
- **Working closely with sixth form students and parents to ensure that we are supporting student well being.**



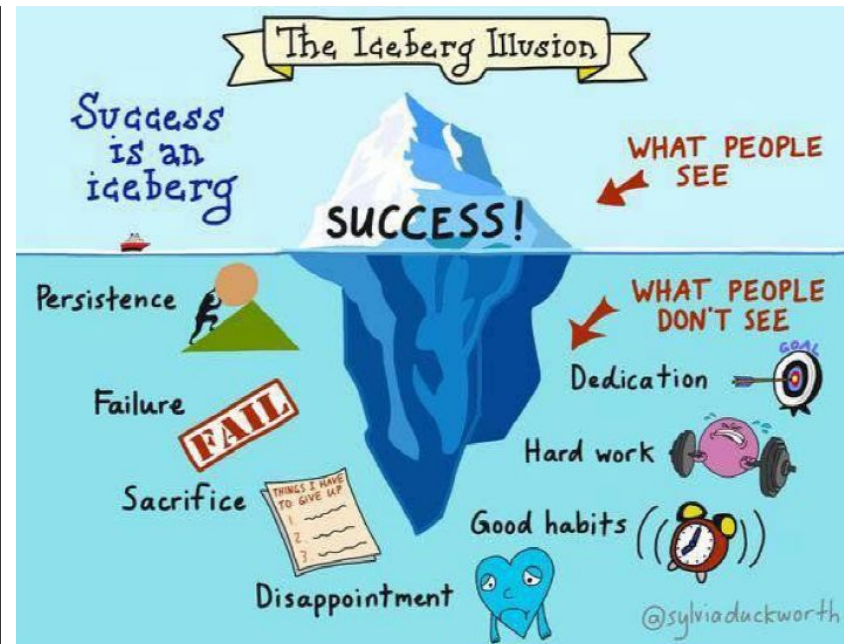
Sixth Form Students

- **Making the most of every second, working proactively to ensure that they are prepared for every lesson, reading around the topic and making the most of every opportunity.**
- **Ensuring that independent learning is completed every time it is set.**
- **Using study time and time at home wisely**
- **Looking after their well-being**



Vision for Sixth Form Students

- Knowledgeable
- Well-read
- Employable
- 'Interview ready'
- Articulate
- Engaged in co-curricular & enrichment activities
- Leaders
- Independent
- Kind
- Committed to the community
- Successful





- **A suit jacket/ blazer must be worn. Blazers take priority over a jumper and should be worn to and from assembly and in the main school building as per lower school.**
- **Students should wear a suit/ blazer and trousers/ skirt, a shirt and tie or blouse/ plain top.**
- **Skirts should be of a sensible length. If a jumper is worn then it should be a V neck, and should fit under a jacket.**
- **An official Vyners practical uniform can be worn for relevant subjects on specified days. This comprises a Vyners hoodie, or plain black top, plain black tracksuit bottoms/ leggings/ trainers.**
- **A lanyard must be visible at all times when in school.**

Dress Code



Jewellery

NO facial piercings other than small ear piercings/ one small nose stud allowed.



Study habits

Free lessons are study periods.

Students may be required to attend compulsory sessions after school if they fail to complete work set (CSS).



Please encourage good study habits at home, as students will be set pre-learning tasks and homework for every subject.

Details of work will be set on each Google Classroom area.

Compulsory timetabled **SUPERVISED** study sessions are on all student timetables. This is **SILENT STUDY**.

Students will be expected to work independently during free time.

They can use free periods/ free rooms for group work.



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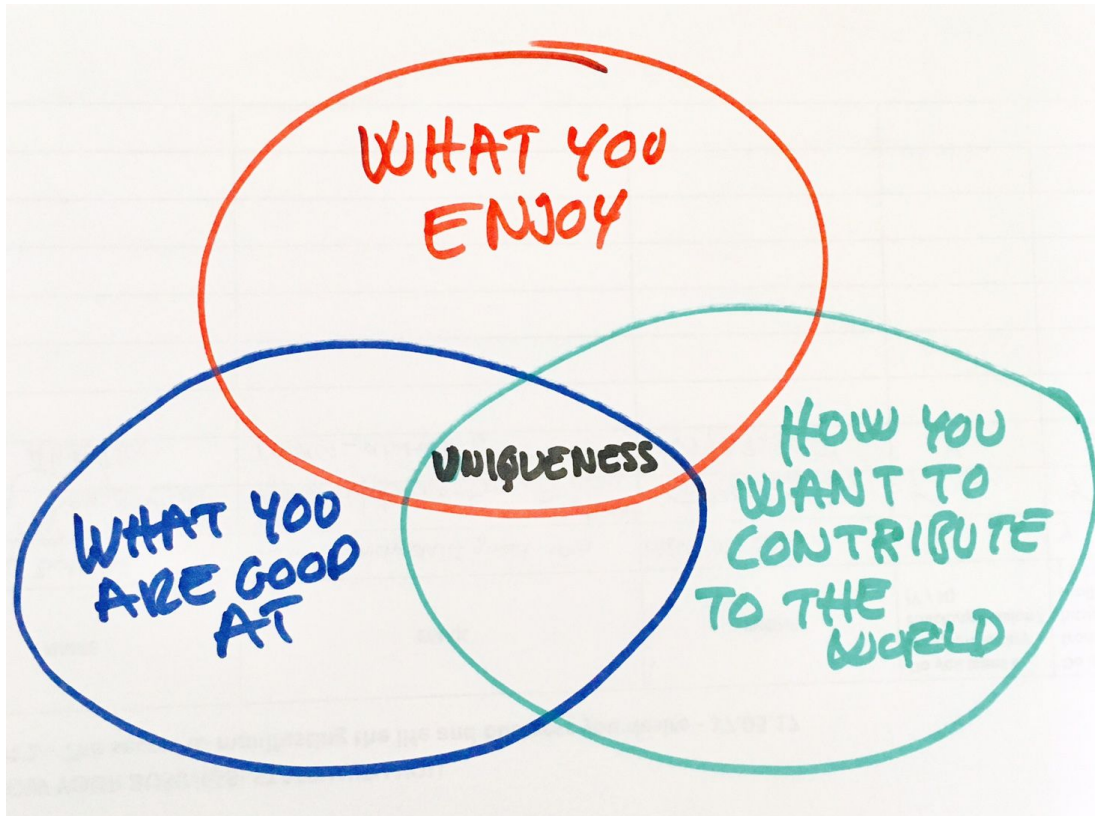
Why Vyners?

**Speeches from
Head Boy Zia Khan
and
Head Girl Ella Brown**



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THE HOLISTIC STUDENT



Super Curricular Opportunities

- Medical Club
- Debate society
- EPQ
- Subject specific book clubs
- Completing online work experience
- Completing MOOCs and other online based courses that complement current subjects or university courses
- Listening to TED talks or podcasts as a wider learning process
- Attending virtual lectures/signing up to online societies
- Engaging in university tours and talks





EPQ - EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Learners are required to:

- **Choose an area of interest**
- **Draft a title and aims of the project**
 - **a 5,000 word essay**
 - **Or an artefact (with 1000 word report)**
- **Plan, research and carry out the project**
- **Deliver a presentation to a specified audience**
- **Provide evidence of all stages of project with a detailed written log book**

**An EPQ is worth
half an A Level in
UCAS points**

Grade	UCAS Points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

To undertake an EPQ, students must show that they have the capacity, enthusiasm and commitment to carry out their research, through independent study.



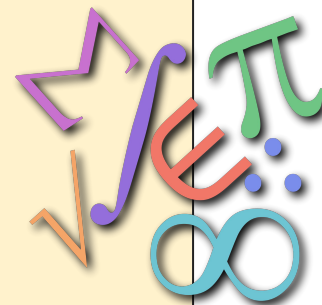
Core Maths

A L3 qualification, equivalent to an AS, which counts towards UCAS points

We are running it for students who are not studying A level Maths, but it supports the study of many subjects including Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Psychology.

It runs throughout year 12.

Students with Core Maths on their timetable will have a reduced number of study periods.





YEAR 12 OPPORTUNITIES



- Alumni talks
- Apprenticeship talks
- Work Experience
- Unifrog workshops
- UCAS guidance
- Debates
- Student voice
- Leadership groups

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- National Citizenship service (NCS)
- Jack Petchey Award
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
- Sports Teams

- Senior Prefect
- House Events
- Musical Events
- Sports Events
- Charity Events
- Subject Ambassadors
- Peer Mentoring
- Open Evening helpers



Work Experience

Review what aspects of work experience can aid you in your UCAS personal statement, apprenticeship applications or future employment.

Organised by the student and takes place in the last week of Year 12.

Early Entry Programme

To help students aspiring to apply for the most highly competitive courses.

Example sessions: Trips to higher education fairs, workshops on critical thinking, problem solving, communications and debating, OXBRIDGE information supported by admissions tutors from Oxford, Guest speaker talks, Mock interview and admissions test preparation (i.e. BMAT/UCAT/PAT etc)



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Vyners A Level / Level 3 Results

2024

- 25% A*-A grades
- 50% A*-B grades
- 77% A*- C grades
- 97% A*- E grades

This was the first set of exams students sat since 2019 without any pandemic related adjustments.

Our results were in line with 2019 outcomes and we were so proud of each and every one of the students.



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University Applications - 2024

- 135 students
- 114 UCAS applications
- 105 started university this September
- 30 GAP year/Employment/Apprenticeships



You don't need **A* and A grades** to get into university or to secure an apprenticeship.



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Post 18 Destinations 2024

Loughborough Uni	Product Design Engineering
University College London	Neuroscience
University of York	Music
University of Bath	Computer Science
University of Birmingham	Medicine
Durham University	Ancient, Medieval and Modern History
University of Exeter	Mathematics with Finance
University of Reading	Pharmacy



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University of Chichester	Sports Management
University of Westminster	TV production
University of Nottingham	Politics and International Relations
Apprenticeship	Martin Baker
Apprenticeship	Amazon
Apprenticeship	Good Morning Britain
Apprenticeship	Transport for London
Apprenticeship	MACE
Employment	Tattoo Artist



Choices Available

- **Higher Education**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **Studying Abroad**
- **Gap Year**
- **Employment**



What are Apprenticeships?



Employed



Paid a salary



Contract



80% work
20% off the job



Typically
1-4 years +

600+

600+ standards



Intermediate -
Degree level



Real job =
responsibilities



Not the easy option



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Vyners School – Sixth Form

2025 Entry





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- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- Food
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- BTEC ICT (single award)

- Mathematics & Further Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- BTEC Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Product Design
- Spanish
- Sport Studies (OCR Nationals double award)
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology



How Many A Levels?

- Most students will study 3 Level 3 subjects
- 4 A Levels are very demanding
- The vast majority of universities do not require 4 A levels - including Oxford and Cambridge
- A 4th A Level is often Further Maths to support an entry into a competitive university to study Maths, Science or Medicine.
- Some students will take 4 A Levels in the first term in order to make an informed decision about which 3 to continue with if they are struggling to choose.



So how do I choose my A level subjects?

Do your research:

- Read prospectuses
- Look at University Websites
- Speak to sixth form students and your teachers
- Google...
- **Use Unifrog to look at higher education or apprenticeship paths based on different A Level choices and grades achieved.**



What makes a good subject combination?

Some subjects have links with regard to content and / or skills and work well together as a combination, however we give a free range of options at Vyners as we are aware that students have differing skills and interests.

The main objective is to get the best grades possible at Key Stage 5 so that you keep your options open and give yourself the best possible range of options after Sixth Form. This will happen if you choose subjects that you are good at and that you are interested in.



Do the subjects work for you?

Questions for now:

- Do you like the GCSE?
 - If it's a new subject, are you willing to learn from scratch?
- Do you like the A Level specification?
- Have you spoken to the subject teachers?

Questions for August:

- Did you **do well** in the GCSE?
- Did you **enjoy** the taster lessons?
- Did you **cope** with the transition work and pre-reading?



Entry Criteria

Pathway 1: Average GCSE Point Score* above 6.5 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A Level subjects and have the option of studying a fourth 4 A Level subject.

Pathway 2: Average GCSE Point Score between 5.5 and 6.4 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A level subjects.

Pathway 3: Average GCSE Point Score between 4.5 and 5.4 (including Maths and English at grade 4): students choose 3 A Level or equivalent subjects of which at least one is a vocational subject (e.g. BTEC).

*APS adds up the scores from your best 8 GCSEs and divides by 8



Entry Criteria

Some subjects have specific requirements (shown in the table below) and we strongly advise that students have at least a GCSE Grade 6 in the subjects they will study at A Level.

Some students will be offered AS Core Maths to support their A level studies if they are not already studying A Level Maths.

Minimum entry requirement = 4.5 APS



Subject Specific Requirements

- **Sciences:** Grade 7 in the specified science plus a 6 in a second science. Minimum 77 in combined science. 6 in maths. Physics A Level students must also study A Level Maths.
- **Computer Science** GCSE grade 6 in Mathematics and GCSE Computer science grade 6.
- **Mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics grade 7.
- **Further mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics high Grade 7 (preferably 8). All students will study A Level Mathematics as well. Further Mathematics is always a fourth A Level.
- **Music:** GCSE Music grade 6 and performing/music theory at Grade 5

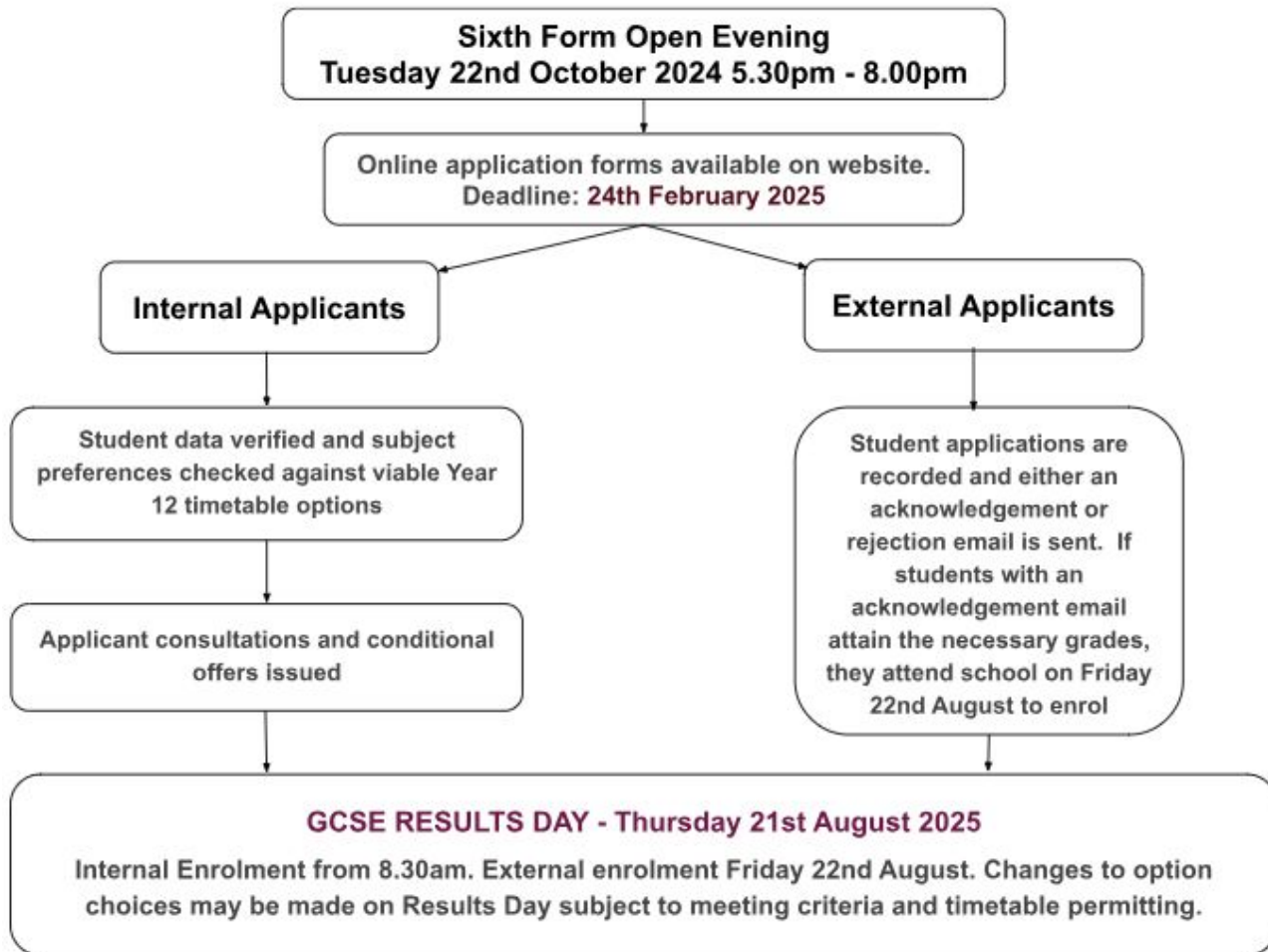


Expectations

Vyners is an academic sixth form with high expectations for attainment and attitude.

- Uniform policy
- Staying on site
- Not wasting a second

If you feel that these things don't appeal to you... have a think about different options.



The online application form can be found on the School website under: Student Zone, Options.

The deadline for completing the online application is

24th February 2025

Applications are not dealt with on a first come first served basis.