

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

Subject: Key Dates and Notices

Careers Week and Next Steps:

We will be having our Careers and Next Steps week, beginning this **Monday 15th January**. This is an exciting opportunity for Year 11 to get guidance about what is ahead. We will be having talks about career journeys, workshops on career options and interview skills, as well as information about sixth form and apprenticeships. On **Wednesday 17th January**, the day will focus on mock interviews, where all of Year 11 will have a 1:1 practice interview with an external individual and receive feedback. For this, we are encouraging students to wear smart, interview wear for the day. If students forget, or have no business apparel, then they can simply wear their school uniform. Also running this day, is a **virtual parental workshop** via Google Meet which will run from **15:10-16:10**. This will provide clarity of options such as apprenticeships, vocational options and T Levels. To access this workshop, please use the link [here](#).

As part of our Next Steps programme, all of Year 11 will also be having a 1:1 meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. These will take place the **week commencing Monday 29th January**. The purpose of this is to discuss their next step in light of their trial exam results, whether this is Vyners or another sixth form, college or apprenticeship.

To ensure that all students have guidance before making their final decisions, the **Vyners Sixth Form deadline has been extended to Monday 19th February**. All information regarding the application process can be found on the Vyners website [here](#). Please note that students will need to be logged in to their school email account to complete this. If students have already submitted a form, but on reflection have changed their mind, they need to simply submit the form again. There is no need to do this until after their 1:1 meeting. Please note that no decisions are final until results day.

Trial Exam Results Assembly:

On **Friday 26th January**, students will be having a results assembly during period 5, and will be given their progress checks, with their trial exam grades on. **We will be dismissing Year 11 students as soon as the assembly is over**. This gives them the opportunity to either discuss their grades with myself, Ms Foster, or Mr Cawley, or make their way home to reflect on their work.. We wanted students to have the chance to access their grades first in the style of results day, so have withheld this information in feedback sessions, with students only receiving raw scores. Because of this, we will also be uploading the digitalised version, as well as an explanation as to what the grades mean on **Saturday 27th January via Edulink**.

Year 11 Parents Evening:

Year 11 Parents Evening will be **Thursday 1st February**. Attendance is imperative, especially as students will be told what they need to do between now and the real GCSEs in order to improve their grades.

Upcoming Spring Assessments:

The next period of spring assessments will be the week commencing **Monday 19th February**, and the week commencing **Monday 26th February**. Students will be informed about this nearer the time, and their subject teachers will communicate with them what they need to revise prior.

Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel:

Dr Van Der Spoel will again be joining us on **Wednesday 31st January** for intervention within the year group. We are targeting students based on their current attainment and engagement with learning.

Mr Cahill Memorial Video:

To commemorate the life of Mr Cahill, our beloved colleague who passed away in February 2023, the school is organising a memorial event which will take place after February half term. Within this event we aim to put together a memorial video for his friends and family to view one year after his passing. We would like this video not only to contain messages from staff but also any students and parents who wish to commemorate his life and share memories. If any students or parents wish to be included in this video, please record a short video message and send it to Miss Brown, Assistant Headteacher, at sbrown@vynersschool.org.uk. The deadline for these video messages is **Monday 22nd January**.

End of Year 11:

The last week of exams will be the week commencing **Monday 17th June**. Our Year 11 Prom will be at the latter end of this week, or the week commencing **Monday 24th June**. The only other date in which students will need to be in school after this date, is for Sixth Form Induction on **Thursday 4th July**. More information to follow nearer the time.

Results Day:

GCSE results day itself is on 22nd August 2024. Students will be emailed their results, and can request a call back to discuss next steps on that day if you are on holiday. You will need email access to confirm your place. More information regarding this will be shared nearer the time.

Yearbooks and Hoodies:

All students have now been sent their login details for the yearbook in order to edit their profile and upload pictures. On the website, you can also order and pay for both yearbooks and hoodies. Pricing is as follows: Hoodies: £22.80 and Yearbooks: £18.50. Submissions need to be completed, as well as pictures uploaded by **Friday 9th February**. Orders need to be in by **Friday 19th April**. We thought best to give you this as soon as possible, as Prom payment normally takes place over Easter. More details regarding prom to follow.

Key Dates in Summary:

- **Monday 15th January:** Careers Week
- **Wednesday 17th January:** External Mock Interviews
- **Wednesday 17th January:** Virtual Parental Workshop for Vocational Options
- **Monday 29th January:** SLT Meetings Begin
- **Wednesday 31st January:** Dr Van Der Spoel Sessions
- **Monday 22nd January:** Deadline for Mr Cahill Videos
- **Friday 26th January:** Trial Exams Results Assembly
- **Thursday 1st February:** Year 11 Parents Evening
- **Friday 9th February:** Yearbook Submission Deadline
- **Monday 19th February:** Sixth Form application deadline
- **Monday 19th February:** Assessment Week
- **Monday 26th February:** Assessment Week
- **Friday 19th April:** Yearbook and Hoodie Order Deadline
- **Monday 17th June:** Last Week of GCSE exams
- **Monday 17th June:** Potential Prom week TBC
- **Monday 24th June:** Potential Prom week TBC
- **Thursday 4th July:** Sixth Form Induction
- **Thursday 22nd August:** GCSE Results Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Ms Hockley