

Sixth Form Bulletin

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“A #2 pencil and a
dream can take you
anywhere.”

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TERM DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates and this [link](#) for Vyners Sixth Form key dates.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sixth Form Parent/Carer Survey 2024

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](#)

National Apprenticeships Week 2024

This week was National Apprenticeships Week. Throughout the week we have been supporting students with weekly updates on online seminars, helpful videos and providing information on where to apply for apprenticeships. All of the information has been posted onto our information rooms and individual student google classrooms. If your son/daughter is interested in apprenticeships, please take time with them to look through the relevant information. There is also a handy guide from UCAS attached [\[here\]](#) alongside information from Mrs Harvey's assembly attached [\[here\]](#). Slide 2 includes useful links to research and apply for apprenticeships as well as to a parent information pack. If you have any further questions on apprenticeships, the application process or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the sixth form team.

Attendance

After recent illnesses, Sixth Form attendance is starting to improve again. It is vital that all Year 12 and 13 students are attending every lesson, every day to ensure that core curriculum content is not missed. 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 and study periods. 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.

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

Equality week

VLT Equality Week will take place the week beginning Monday 19th February 2024. The Vyners community will be taking part in a range of activities over the week that focus on equality and diversity. Students will engage with a number of activities to celebrate what makes us different. For more details please refer back to the Headteachers Update - 02.02.24.

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please click [\[here\]](#) for the link to this week's safeguarding snapshot on MY LOL - the social media app.

Brilliant Parents - Children's Mental Health Week

Please click [\[here\]](#) for information regarding Children's Mental Health Week

Dropping off items to school

Please click [\[here\]](#) to see a letter from Mr Mullings regarding dropping items off to school.

Place2Be and Place2Talk Service

Please click [\[here\]](#) for information on Place2Be. If you would prefer your child does not use this service, please contact the school office.

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**.

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

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.

Parents Evening

Year 12 Parents Evening is on **Thursday 14th March** 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**. More information to follow.

Supercurriculars: What they are and why they matter

On Tuesday 20th February Sidney Sussex College Cambridge are running a webinar on Supercurriculars and why they are so important for any university application. This webinar is for both parents and students. If you would like to sign up to this, please follow the link [here](#).

YEAR 13 NOTICES

End of year Celebrations

Year 13 parents and students have been emailed a letter outlining the details for the Prom which will take place on **Wednesday 26th June** 19.00- 23.30 at Venue5, Field End Road, Eastcote. Payments can be made via Squid. This is always a wonderful occasion for students and teachers to gather after the exams to celebrate together, so we hope that as many students as possible can join us to mark the end of their time at school.

Students have been asked to start uploading images for their yearbook and orders to purchase a copy can be made direct to the yearbook company, as detailed in the letter sent home. Orders for Hoodies will be set up for after half term as we are just finalising the design.

Year 13 parent's evening

Thank you to all the parents/carers for the very high turnout at parents' evening. We hope that you found the evening beneficial to enable your child to get targeted feedback and advice going forward as we approach the main exam season. If you need any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs Lane.

Year 13 in class assessments 19th February - 1st March 2024

Students should attend school as normal during this time, including morning tutorial, study periods and lessons every day. Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/ weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised.

Exam Revision Timetables

An updated electronic revision timetable has been posted on Google Classroom for all students to use and to start planning revision for forthcoming assessments and summer exams. The timetables have also been populated with all summer exams. We encourage students to tailor their exam timetable by deleting any exams that do not apply to them. Students should include any tutoring sessions relevant to them and tally their revision hours per paper as it will help them to prioritise their focus areas / topics. Students received a revision advice assembly this week with resources posted to their google classroom to help support them

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 on their UCAS Hub, which in most cases is 6th June, meaning they have time to consider their options, although universities will start making accommodation offers before this time, which may require students to confirm choices earlier.

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>