

## ***Sixth Form Bulletin***

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### **Welcome**

We had a wonderful assembly delivered by a lady called Daisy from the charity Orchyd this week. Orchyd is a registered local charity that provides residential respite for children with disabilities. Every year we stress the importance of our young people giving something back to the local community and working with this wonderful charity is an amazing way to do so. Not only does it supplement information for jobs references and UCAS, it also creates a sense of belief and satisfaction in giving something back to others. For more information, please see their website below. Students can volunteer for the summer residential or help out on any of their regular day trips.

<http://www.orchyd.org.uk/>.

<http://www.orchyd.org.uk/volunteer.php>

### **Parent Information Evenings - Dates for your Diary**

We are delighted that we can once again hold our Parent Information Evenings face to face. We would like to welcome all parents/ guardians to the main school hall at 18:00 on the following dates where we will be sharing key information about the year ahead. It will also be a chance to meet the Sixth Form team as well as other parents/ carers.

**Year 13 Wednesday 5th October 2022**

**Year 12 Thursday 20th October 2022**

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Parent Support**

We have attached a pamphlet on helping your child to become an independent learner, a key strategy needed for successful sixth form study.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to all students who are wearing excellent standards of uniform including a Lanyard at all times. Can we just take this opportunity to remind students that only shoes or short ankle boots are permitted. Students may only wear trainers with a practical uniform. We will be checking when students have a practical session in PE, as they should be wearing formal clothing at other times.

## Term dates

Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

## Junior School Open Evening Wednesday 28th September

We are looking forward to the Junior School open evening which is on **Wednesday 28th September**. The school will close slightly earlier on this day at 12:20 to enable staff to set up classrooms and there will be a late start on Thursday where students should arrive on site at 10:30. These details were sent out in a letter by the Headteacher, Mr Mullings.

# YEAR 12 NOTICES

## Junior School Open Evening– Wednesday 28th September 2022 16:00-20:30 Year 12 Guides

Thank you to all the students who are able to help in different roles for this evening, either as a guide, in a department or at the gate helping with car parking. Students should be bringing a paper letter home to return the reply slip to the Sixth Form office. We are delighted that so many students have offered to help, even for just part of the evening, but **we do need a reply slip or email from a parent/ carer in order to allow them to help**, otherwise we will have to turn them away or phone home which would add unnecessary complication to the smooth running of the evening. If no letter has been brought home, please could a parent/carer email Mrs Lane [rlane@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:rlane@vynersschool.org.uk) to give your consent to your child to help on this evening.

Advance warning that we will also be asking for all year 12 students to help at the **Sixth Form Open Evening on 1st November 17:00-20:00**

## Timetabled Study Periods

Compulsory Study periods are now on all student timetables which are available to view on Edulink. Year12 students are expected to remain in school until the end of period 4 when they may sign out in the study room if they have no lessons P5. They are of course welcome to stay and use the quiet study facilities until 16:00 if they wish. We appreciate that some students are keen to request additional home study, but evidence has shown that enabling students to bridge the transition from a full timetable in year 11 to managing their own time in a supportive environment enables them to settle into Sixth Form more effectively. It helps them to develop good peer support to aid well-being and independent learning strategies. We are grateful for your support on this matter to ensure that all year 12 students maintain high levels of attendance.

## School Individual Photographs - Monday 26th September

The School Photographer will be taking individual photographs of year 12. Students should excuse themselves from their lesson at the correct time and go to room 006.

Lesson 1	08.50	12 C
	09.10	12 F
	09.25	12 G
	09.40	12 H
Lesson 2	09.55	12 M
	10.10	12 W

## Community Champion/ Leadership roles

We are delighted to be able to invite all year 12 students to be involved in an hour a week to support other students/ the school and develop their leadership skills.

Students have been sent a Google form questionnaire today in order to select their preference for a Community Champion role which are as follows:

- **House Events Captain** (2 roles per house to coordinate and publicise house events)
- **House Events Deputy** (2 roles per house to coordinate and publicise house events)
- **KS3 Homework club support** 3.00- 4.30 Mon - Thur in LRC (Sixth Form students can use this as an opportunity to complete their own work, but also be on hand to support younger students)
- **Subject Ambassador** Help in a subject area in a free lesson/ break or after school
- Support an **Extra or Co-Curricular club** at break or after school alongside a member of staff
- **Year council** (Max 12 students- two from each tutorial)
- **Year 7 Reading Buddy** (4 mornings a week for 15 mins 8.10- 8.25 max 20 students- training given)
- **Duty prefect** before school/ Break 1/ Break 2/ End of day

Year 12 students will also have the opportunity to apply to be a student leader in one of the following groups, led by members of staff, although numbers will be limited.

- **STARS - Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Group**
- **Mental Health and Well-Being Group**
- **Teaching and Learning Group**
- **Equality and Diversity Group**
- **Eco Sustainability Group**
- **Anti - Bullying Group**

## YEAR 13 NOTICES

### **Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 5th October 2022 6pm**

We are delighted that we can once again hold our Parent Information Evenings face to face. We would warmly like to welcome any parents/carers/guardians to the main hall of the school on Wednesday 5th October at 18:00. We will be delivering information on the year ahead for year 13, study skills, UCAS, wellbeing and how you can support your child at home throughout this year. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A at the end of the session. We are really looking forward to meeting you.

### **UCAS Predicted Grades**

We are starting to collate UCAS predicted grades over the next few weeks. We know that students are under a lot of pressure to understand where they are currently working, but we ask them to have patience and ensure that they are not asking individual subject teachers at this time. Students we believe are falling under the threshold for potential chosen courses will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Coyle next week to discuss further strategies for support.

If you have any concerns about UCAS or university, please feel free to contact a member of the Sixth Form team.

### **University Guidance**

[University League Tables 2023](#)

[The Times Good University Guide](#)