

Sixth Form Bulletin

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Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

Maya Angelou

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Information for Sixth Form Students regarding Strike Day on 1st February 2023

Students in Year 12 and Year 13 are only expected to be in school for taught lessons on Wednesday 1st February.

The school will know by 08:15 who is teaching on 1st February and which lessons will not run.

We will **email** all students and parents with all lessons that are running by 08:30 and students should be in school for a 09:00 start if their Period 1 lesson is running. This information will also be posted on the Year 12 and Year 13 Google Information Rooms.

There will be no tutorial and students should go straight to their Period 1 lesson which will start at 09:00.

Some Period 1 teachers will be able to let students know in advance if their lesson is running so students should check their subject Google Classrooms from Tuesday afternoon.

For students who do not have a lesson Period 1, but have a lesson later in the day, they must arrive on site before the start of their lesson to sign in at the study room. The study room will be available for private study all day and students can also use free rooms.

All Year 12 and 13 students are expected to attend all lessons that are running and absences will be followed up.

Friends of Vyners Quiz Night - Friday 27th January

It would be great to see a Sixth Form team of students at this event **tonight**. Please see details in the attached leaflet linked [here](#).

Upcoming Assessments

Both year groups have in class assessments in the next few weeks:

- **Y12 30th January 2023 - 3rd February 2023**

- **Y13 20th February 2023 - 7th March 2023**

Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

In - class assessments

Year 12 will be sitting their next round of in class assessment for each subject area from Monday 30th January. Most of these sessions will take place in normal lesson time.

Students will receive guidance from class teachers regarding the content and expectation for these assessments and assembly time will be used to reinforce strategies and guidance.

Alongside overall progress in class, teachers will use these assessments to indicate progress in the next set of reports which will go home on 10th March.

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 in July, where they will then not be required to attend school. In order to allow this, students will have to complete a work experience form detailing their placement. It may be possible to complete virtual placements or online courses if physical placements are not possible this week, but exact details will be sent out in a letter home.

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.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

UCAS 2023

Thank you to all of our students for completing and sending applications over the past few months. A total of 104 applications have headed off to universities countrywide - from as close as Brunel to as far away as Aberdeen. Thank you to parents for your support with this process - looking forward to seeing some very favourable offers as they start to trickle through over the next few months. It's worth noting that some offers come through very quickly, others will take at least until the end of March/start of April to make decisions. If you have any questions or queries on the process/applications please do not hesitate to contact me or use the useful UCAS links below for further information.

Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of attendance and punctuality over the next few weeks. Students should be in registration promptly at 08:25 ready for an 08:30 start. This also includes attending assemblies. Students should also be in every lesson, everyday as we start the countdown to exams. Any concerns over this will be communicated to the students and sanctioned according to the Sixth Form behaviour policy, if necessary.

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications. Students should receive replies about offers by **18 May 2023** and all decisions need to be made by **8 June 2023**.

Students do NOT need to make a firm or insurance choice until the deadline of 8th June meaning they have time to consider their options.

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.

We held an assembly to explain this process on Thursday 19th January which is available in students' tutorial classrooms. 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>

Key dates:

Friday 3rd February: Year 13 reports issued

Wednesday 25th January 2023: Final deadline for UCAS applications

Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 Prom