

Sixth Form Bulletin 19th May 2023

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GENERAL NOTICES



On Monday we officially said goodbye to our wonderful Year 13 cohort with a special fancy dress leavers assembly. A massive thank you to all students this week who have turned up for exams so punctually and professionally. Exam nerves are natural, but if any student is feeling anxious about any exam, please do let a member of the Sixth Form team know so we can put strategies into place to support your child.

Absence Line - Exam Absence or Lateness

If your child is ill on the day of an exam, please contact Miss Alonso or Mrs Lopes on **01895 234342 ext 4244** no later than 08:00. They will be able to discuss the situation and help you to make a decision regarding whether to attend the exam. Please also use this line to contact the school if your child is running late for an exam. We can then advise on where to sign in to ensure that they can sit the exam in the correct conditions.

Entrance to School during the exam period

During Year 12 and 13 exam study leave, entrance to the school site will be either before the gates close for the morning exams or between 12:20 and 12:40 for the afternoon exams. Students

should wear Sixth Form smart attire, with their lanyard at all times when on site and avoid entering the school at any other time. Students are welcome to come in to revise when they do not have an exam to work either in the study room, when there is not a year 12 exam running, or in a free classroom.

We know that it can also be a stressful time at home, so please see [this guide](#) with suggestions to help support parents/ carers at this time.

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

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Personal Statement guidance/ University Information for potential early entry students

Year 12 students who are looking at applying to competitive university courses for early entry such as Oxbridge/ Medicine/ Dentistry/ Veterinary etc. had the opportunity to attend a talk from Jackie Watson, an outreach tutor at St. Anne's College Oxford University this week to hear guidance about applications and personal statements.

All year 12 students will be given specific guidance during tutorial time and our UCAS days at the end of June to receive guidance to apply to all types of courses and apprenticeships.

A year 12 student review of the session

I found Jackie Watson's lecture on University preparation extremely useful; her enthusiasm for university life and her experience in supporting students was strongly conveyed as she guided us through life before, during and after university. Her emphasis on prioritising course enjoyment when choosing a university acted as a reminder that universities are an opportunity not a test and that we should look to university to help us gain knowledge we're passionate about. She also reminded us of the challenges of choosing Oxbridge, and made us aware of the heavy workloads, which allows us as students to come to our own conclusions about whether Oxford would be an appropriate path for us. In many ways, the talk itself was a test of our skills to prepare a personal statement, as we had to take notes on the experience and come to our own opinions about what was being discussed, so arguably it could not have been conducted better.

Jackie Watson also highlighted how a Personal Statement should be unique to each person, and how we should have a constant, detailed opinion, a factor which is arguably relevant in all of our future lives when finding a job. A huge number of resources was recommended to all of us, whether it was by book, podcast, or visit, so she even offered help with developing the content of our personal statements and not just the structure. Her powerpoint mainly had diagrams and pictures, so her free way of speaking allowed her to directly address us and (I believe) signified her genuine wish to help. Her regular pauses for questions and her detailed answers to these questions I think reduced the general fear that everyone holds about Oxford and Cambridge, as we had a relatable and attentive member of the Oxford community to guide us.

Overall, I believe the talk was both informative and in some ways a comfort, and I gained a lot from the experience.

Phoebe Crawford

Year 12 Signing out arrangements 22nd- 26th May

As we are now running a 2:1:2 timetable to account for exams taking place, Year 12 students are allowed to sign out from 12:20 if they have no further lessons that day. They are required to stay if they receive a detention for failure to complete work, but they may also stay to use the study facilities until 16:00 each day.

Year 12 Examinations

The Year 12 internal exams will run between **5th June 2023 and 16th June 2023**. These exams will give a good indication of students' current working grades in each subject and will form part of the data used to determine UCAS grades in the Autumn Term of Year 13. Students have access to all this information via their Google classrooms with the revision topics [here](#) and exam details [here](#). This information can also be found on the school [website](#).

Year 12 work Experience - Monday 17th - Friday 21st July

A reminder to parents to complete the Google form [here](#) to share details of the placement and your agreement for your child to attend. Any queries, please email Mrs Lane.

Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time	Who
Yr 12 End of year Exams	Mon 5th- Fri 16th June		All yr 12 students
School Sports Day 1 Yr 7 & 8 Hillingdon Athletics Track	Thursday 22nd June	P1- 4	3 x yr 12 tutor groups Online learning for others
School Sports Day 2 Yr 8 & 9 Hillingdon Athletics Track	Friday 23rd June	P1- 4	3 x yr 12 tutor groups Online learning for others
UCAS Application prep/ apprenticeship/ CV support	Wed 28th & Thur 29th June	P1 - 5	All year 12 students
UCAS Information Evening	Wednesday 28th June	Evening	Yr 12 Parents/ Carers
STAFF INSET DAY	Friday 30th June	P1-5	No Students in School
Progress Checks Issued	Wednesday 12th July	Tutorial	All year 12 students
Extra video Parents' Evening	Thursday 13th July	16:00-18:00	Selected Yr 12 students
Work Experience Week	Mon 17th - Fri 21st July	All week	All year 12 students
End of Year 12/ Summer Term	Friday 21st July	P3	No yr 12 in school

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Study Leave and Lessons until Friday 26th May

- Lessons will continue to run as normal as outlined by your teachers who will be finishing content/ running revision sessions. Full attendance is expected at lessons.
- You will be required to attend these lessons unless you have completed an exam in this subject.
- Your teachers will be outlining what they intend to study in these sessions in advance so please keep checking emails and google classrooms to ensure you know where you need to be and when.
- Full school uniform and lanyard are required for all attendance to revision sessions and exams.
- If you have a lesson on the day of an exam, you do not have to attend any lessons.
- You do not have to attend timetabled study periods, however the study room is always available for silent study throughout exams. Please just make sure you sign in and out in the morning when you arrive at school as there will be no tutorial registration from the 15th May.

Year 13 Exam Timetable

Click this [link](#) for the exam timetable and see the **PDF attached to this email** which outlines when students should be in school until the 26th May for revision sessions or exams.

Please click this [link](#) to read through the exam protocol.

Prom, Yearbooks and Hoodies

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are £18.50.

Orders and payments can be made [here](#) direct to the allyearbooks company.

Last day for orders is **Friday 26th May**

Hoodies

Hoodies are £24.50 and come in a range of colours. They are available to order direct to the company MoxieLeavers [here](#)

Last day for orders is **Friday 26th May**

Both hoodies and yearbooks will be ready to collect from school on results day on **Thursday 17th August 2023**. More information about results day will be issued in the next Sixth Form Bulletin.

Results

We will **email results to each student via their Vyners school email account at 8:30am on 17th August**; this is the earliest time we are legally able to release the grades. We hope this enables all students to have the information that they need to make decisions about their future choices. Students' individual university decisions will also be updated via UCAS track at 08:30. Therefore do not worry if you are away on Results Day.

On receipt of their results, students can request a call back from a member of the Sixth Form team via a Google Form which will be linked to the results email. Alternatively, the Sixth Form Team will be in school and available from 11:00 - 13:00 if they wish to discuss any issues related to their results. A link to the marking review and resit documentation will also be in the results email.

Yearbooks and hoodies will be available for collection on results day.

Student Email Accounts

When the current Year 13 students leave Vyners in the summer, their email accounts will only be available **until Friday 27th October 2023**. On this date accounts and all data including emails will be deleted. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless students are doing retakes and still require access but you must inform us of this prior to 27th October, as once data is deleted it will not be retrievable by IT Support.

Please note that any files that students own that they have shared with others will also be deleted. Students can opt to transfer their Google Data out using Google Takeout. This requires them to have a personal Google Account.

It is the students responsibility to ensure they have enough space on their own personal account to transfer any school data.

Transfer to a personal account : <https://takeout.google.com/transfer?pli=1>

Or download their data (this is not advisable as they could have quite a lot).
<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3024190?hl=en-GB>

Key dates:

Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 Prom

Thursday 17th August 2023: A Level Results