

Sixth Form Bulletin

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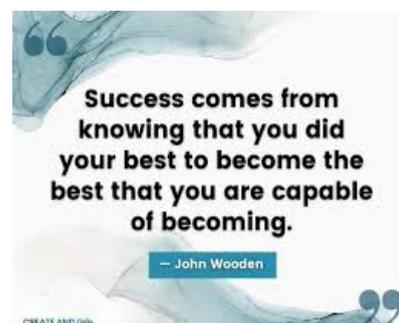
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GENERAL NOTICES

Thank You

Thank you to all of our wonderful Sixth Form students who showed exemplary leadership and community spirit at our Junior School Open Evening on Wednesday night.

Sixth Form Protocol

A reminder of our protocols in Sixth Form (including attendance and punctuality, uniform expectations etc) can be found at the start of last week's bulletin attached [here](#).

Compulsory Study Periods

These have now been added to all student timetables. Students are expected to register for these periods in the study room and full attendance is compulsory. This is a statutory requirement from the government and ensures that we receive full time funding for all of our sixth form students.

BROOK Sexual Health and Wellbeing

On Thursday we have a representative from BROOK coming to run an assembly with Year 12 and 13 students on Sexual Health and Wellbeing.

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please click [here](#) for the link to this week's safeguarding snapshot.

VYNERS SIXTH FORM KEY DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see key dates for this year.

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

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 Parent Information Evening 2024

We would like to welcome you to the parent information evening in the Main Hall on **Wednesday 2nd October at 18:00 - 19:00** to outline the year ahead. Please complete the google form attached [here](#) to register your attendance. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions in advance via the

google form or at the end of the presentation, but please do contact us by telephone or email if you need to speak to any of the team before then. Students do not need to attend this event.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 22nd October

All year 12 students are required to be present from **17:00 - 19:00** to help out with the Sixth Form Open Evening, and to help welcome any Year 11 student wishing to apply to Vyners Sixth Form.

EPQ/Leadership Qualification

We will be launching information about the EPQ qualification and our leadership qualification on Monday 30th September in our Period 5 PSHE timetabled sessions. Compulsory attendance for all Year 12 students.

Student Leadership

Students have been shown a number of leadership/community champion roles that they can participate in at Vyners School. These roles are an opportunity to instil effective leadership skills that serve as the foundation of shaping individuals in order to motivate and achieve goals. Every student must choose at least ONE of the roles. A google form has been sent to their school email, which needs to be completed by **Friday 27th September 2024 by 15:00**.

Students will be contacted by the member of staff running the activity to let them know further details and start times. We will be speaking to any student who has not selected a role yet to remind them of the benefits of volunteering and developing other skills that future employers look for alongside academic studies.

Imperial College Opportunities

Year 12 STEM Potential Programme 2024/25

STEM Potential supports students with their A-level studies and university applications during Y12 and Y13. Students will take part in practical workshops, lectures and university taster days.

Students will have the opportunity to meet current Imperial students and learn about their university experiences. We will support students with the university application process including workshops on personal statements and university interviews.

Applications will close on 08 October and you can find more information visiting the [STEM Potential page](#).

Cambridge University Opportunities

The **Academic Attainment Programme (AAP)** is Lucy Cavendish College's flagship outreach programme, supporting 1000 high-achieving Year 12 UK state school students to realise their full potential through a 2-year programme of subject-specific support tailored to their stage in the curriculum.

Students participate in regular subject-specific enrichment classes with the aim of strengthening students' skills and knowledge and raising attainment and confidence in their current studies. Monthly Peer Discussion Groups also offer students the opportunity to continuously develop their oracy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. A range of additional subject taster sessions, alongside the completion of a Project, allow students to explore their subject interests further and think more seriously about possible degree choices. As students prepare for their A Level examinations, they will be supported with subject-expert revision advice, to allow them to reach their potential and achieve the highest possible grades. Throughout, students receive advice from our Admissions Team on every stage of the university application process.

Over the last two years, AAP applicants to the University of Cambridge have had an average offer rate of 38% (almost twice the standard University-wide average of 21%) and are significantly more likely to secure offers to Russell Group universities than UCAS-benchmarked students. Furthermore, 95% of participants report feeling more confident in their A-Level studies and strengthened in their subject-specific knowledge.

The deadline for students to apply is **9am on 7th October**, and you can find out more and apply on their [website](#).

This is the programme that one of our Year 13 pupils is currently on and details of the ways it has helped him are described below

The Lucy Cavendish Academic Attainment Programme inspired me to pursue a place at a top university and the opportunity to both speak to leading academics and speak in front of hundreds of people over zoom has transformed my confidence and academic drive. Since participating in both of these programmes, my love of learning has deepened, as well as my ambition for academic success. They have been invaluable in pushing my thinking further, and heightening my interest in studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

YEAR 13 NOTICES

In- class assessments

These have now been completed and students will be getting feedback in class to reveal areas where their hard work and revision strategies have paid off and also areas to focus on and receive support in preparation for the Trial exams at the end of this term.

Coursework regulations and the use of AI

On Monday during period 1, there will be a presentation to all year 13 students covering coursework regulations, the use of AI and information about the upcoming Trial exams.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 22nd October

Year 13 students are not required to attend, but are welcome to volunteer to be a guide or assist with departments if they wish to, from **17:00 - 19:00**. They should just speak to the Sixth Form Team if they wish to be included.

Apprenticeships

A reminder that these are advertised throughout the year via employer websites and dedicated apprenticeship sites such as <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices> and students can make an application in addition to a university application.

Personal Statements

All students should now have a draft of their personal statement (47 lines or 4,000 characters) ready for tutors to look at to be used for a university application, apprenticeship or to create a letter of application for a job.

UCAS Predicted grades

These will be emailed to students at the start of October. Early entry students will receive theirs earlier, as their applications need to be submitted by **October 15th 2024**.

Progress Checks

These will be sent home on 25th October to include attitude to learning, current grades and a UCAS predicted grade. They will also be available to view on Edulink.

Year 13 Parent information evening 2024 - Thursday 10th October (Virtual)

Following a recent parent information evening in July, We will instead be sending out information slides. Please contact us via email or telephone if you have any questions or wish to set up an in person meeting in school.

Bristol University Opportunity

The University of Bristol's Next Step Bristol programme is a fantastic opportunity for Year 13 students from Asian or Black backgrounds to experience the University through a series of virtual events. This programme collaborates with current students, societies and the Widening Participation team. Participants will receive advice, information and support during their final school or college year. Through virtual events, the University will support their transition to becoming University of Bristol students. Visit the [Next Step Bristol link](#) for more information.

The application deadline is Tuesday, 1st October 2024.

Applicants will be notified whether or not they have been successful by 11 October 2024