

# Sixth Form Bulletin

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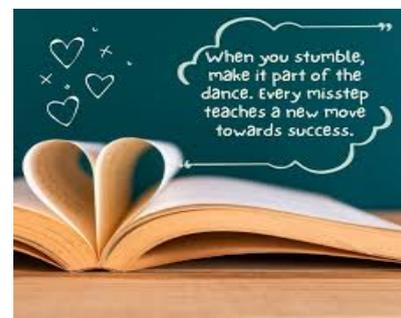
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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Information Evenings

All of the information from our Year 12 face-to-face evening and our Year 13 virtual evening can be found [here](#).

### Study Space

Due to our increased numbers in the Sixth Form, we are aware that there is a squeeze at the moment for silent study space, particularly for Year 13 who are focusing on important class assessments and upcoming trial exams.

We have been meeting this week with our school business manager to discuss potential solutions and are hopeful that we can come to a resolution ASAP. In the meantime, we have access to some rooms in the school that can be used for silent study for Year 13 students ONLY. We will be communicating this with them on Monday morning. We thank them for their patience. Year 13 students are allowed to apply for one flexi time morning per fortnight where they can independently study at home. More details can be found in the Year 13 notices below.

### Safeguarding Snapshot

As part of our PSHE programme students are taught about the dangers of knives. We want to share important information about knife crime and how you can have open conversations with your children about it. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

### Vanguard Learning Trust and Vyners Whole School Notices

Trust and school updates can now be found at the bottom of this bulletin. This includes current job vacancies and our 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

### **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. We are expecting large numbers of students to the school, so we appreciate Year 12 students' assistance with this evening. A Google Form will be sent home on Monday for parental consent to attend this evening.

### **Mental Health Day 10th October**

This week we celebrated Mental Health Week, where some of our Year 12 students delivered outstanding assemblies to the lower school. On Thursday students wore something yellow to celebrate and also arranged a bake sale to raise money. A super event! Well done to all those involved.

### **In-Class Assessments**

This will commence on the 14th October until the 25th October in some subjects. I recommend that students use their study periods and home learning to ensure that they are making the most of their time to revise. Once these have been marked, teachers will give strategic feedback, to ensure what areas they need to work on to make further improvements and also areas they have done well in.

## YEAR 13 NOTICES

### **UCAS Predicted grades**

These will be issued to students on the 15th October. Changes can be made to predictions following the Trial Exams in December, if a student shows an improved performance. We are issuing these earlier than the upcoming progress checks to allow students to use them to inform their course choices in their UCAS applications. UCAS grades are the most optimistic and holistic prediction for the student, based on all available information. These grades are usually very optimistic and are a less reliable indicator than the Current Grades and Internal Assessment Grades. If students have any queries on these grades they can contact their subject teacher in the first instance.

### **UCAS Applications**

Well done to all the students who are finalising early entry applications to Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry courses to ensure they are all sent off before the deadline on Tuesday. All other students who are ready to send applications off to UCAS are now invited to meet with their allocated member of the Sixth Form team, via a shared appointments spreadsheet, to run through a final check of their complete application, read out their reference, add predicted grades and send it off.

A reminder that we held a parent information evening and two days of information and workshops for students in July to help them investigate university courses or apprenticeships, understand and start the application process and personal statements.

### **Apprenticeships**

Students can apply for apprenticeships or other courses in addition to a university application. These are advertised through the year on employer websites, Unifrog, UCAS, apprenticeships.gov and other search engines.

## **Trial Exams**

These will run from Friday 6th to Friday 20th December. Students will be on study leave during this time and are only expected to sign in and out in the study room for exams, although they are welcome to stay in school to use the study room for revision before, during and after their exams.

## **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**

Links to the three presentations covering the following areas are on the school website [here](#)

1. Introduction and overview with UCAS information and dates for your diary
2. Exam Preparation and support
3. Exam results, destinations, progress and support

# **VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNNERS NOTICES**

## **Environmental Sustainability Week**

Dear parents/carers

I am delighted to share with you a flyer [\[click here\]](#) for the Trust-wide environmental sustainability week which will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November 2024. This is the Trust's second environmental sustainability week and we are confident that it will be as successful as the first one in terms of working together as a Trust-wide community to raise awareness of environmental sustainability.

The flyer outlines the objectives for the week and includes initial information about the activities that will take place both at a Trust-wide level and ones that are school-led.

More information about the activities and how students and their families can get involved will be shared in the weeks leading up to the event.

Kind regards

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## **VLT Staff Vacancies**

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