

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES

A warm welcome back to all of our Year 13 students and to our Year 12 students for this academic year. We hope everyone had a lovely summer. We celebrated our best A level results since 2016 with 56% of our students receiving grades A*- B. This was a testament to the students' hard work and diligence towards their exams. Thank you to their teachers but also to the support from their families throughout their two years at Vyners Sixth Form.

Following enrolment in August we now have approximately 350 students in Sixth Form meaning we are going to be busier than ever. We can't wait to see and celebrate the achievements of Year 12 and 13 over the coming academic year and thank you in advance for your support.

A reminder that this bulletin has information for Year 12 and Year 13 as you scroll through. Please ensure you read carefully, and if you have any questions, you can contact a member of the team on the emails above.

If you feel your child has not settled at the beginning of this academic year and are worried about their well being, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Sixth Form team using the contacts above. We are here to support all our students in whatever way we can, to ensure that their Sixth Form journey is a happy and successful one.

Punctuality

We have started with a number of students who are either turning up late to school or to timetabled lessons. Students who are late to school (before 08:50) or lessons will be given an S1 sanction and will be required to sit a same day 25 minute detention at the end of their last lesson of the day. Students that arrive after the end of tutorial (08:50), will be issued with a CSS. An accumulation of 3 S1's over a fortnightly period will result in the student having to sit a one hour CSS (Compulsory Study Period) after school. Both parents and students will be notified of this via email.

Uniform

Please read this reminder of our uniform expectations for sixth form students. We have high expectations of our students and will be completing rigorous uniform checks at the beginning of the new term. Any student not complying with the uniform expectations will be asked to either change into something more appropriate (from a range of black skirts and smart shirts/ blazers) that we will be keeping in the Sixth Form office from September or they will be sent home to change. We expect that students are dressed for a **formal** office/ work environment. If there are any queries/issues with the purchase of uniform, please contact your child's Year Leader.

- A suit jacket/ blazer must be worn when walking around the school, as well as for assemblies and other formal occasions.
- Students should wear a suit or jacket and trousers or skirt, a shirt and tie or blouse / plain top.
- Skirts should be of a **sensible length**.
- If a jumper is worn then it should be a V neck and should fit under a jacket.
- An official Vyners practical uniform can be worn for relevant subjects. This comprises a Vyners branded hoodie or plain black sweatshirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms and plain black trainers. **This is only to be worn on the days students have been informed they are having practical lessons.**
- A lanyard must be visible at all times when moving around the school.
- Outdoor coats should be plain with no designs or logos and must be removed in the school building.
- No hoodies, sweatshirts, jeans or trainers are permitted unless wearing a practical uniform.

Leaving school for appointments

Students are not permitted to leave the school premises before break 1 without a permission slip from Miss Alonso/ Mrs Lopes. Students leaving school who will be returning the same day must also have a permission slip.

Lanyards

All sixth form students have a lanyard that they must wear at all times when they are on the school site. This is a safeguarding protocol. Students will receive an S1 consequence if they forget their lanyard or are not wearing their lanyard about the school premises. If a student loses their lanyard they must buy a replacement on Squid for £3.

Study Periods and Period 10 lessons

Compulsory Study periods will be available on student timetables from next week, which are available to view on Edulink. Students are required to treat these as a normal timetabled lesson and a register will be taken in the study room. All students are expected to remain in school until the end of period 2 when they may sign out in the study room if they have no lessons (including study periods) for the rest of the day. 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 manage their own time in a supportive environment enables them to settle into Sixth Form more effectively. It helps students to develop good peer support, aid well-being and independent learning strategies, which in turn has a positive impact on their attainment. We are grateful for your support on this matter to ensure that all Sixth Form students maintain high levels of attendance.

Chromebooks

There are 70 chrome books for sixth form use that can be signed out and back in for the morning or afternoon sessions for students to use in free periods in other rooms.

WiFi

Students will be given instructions to be able to connect their own device to the Sixth Form WiFi over the next week.

RSE program

We have a dedicated session once a week in tutorial time where tutors deliver sessions to engage students in reflecting upon different aspects of their health and well being. This term we will be looking at Physical, Mental and Social Health with topics covered such as Emotional Well-being, Mindfulness and Healthy Eating. We will also use this to signpost local and NHS approved online services that young adults can access if they feel that they need further support in any of these areas. As ever, if you feel that your child needs any additional support, whether with their studies and progress or well-being, please do get in touch.

Dropping off student belongings at school

Can we remind all parents that we are no longer able to accept belongings during the day that students have forgotten to bring with them to school. We are now a school community of over 1500 students. If even 5% of students forget something, that is over 70 PE kits, packed lunches etc that need to be taken to students during the day.

Reception staff will only accept emergency items, such as prescription glasses and essential medication.

Please ensure that your son / daughter comes to school with everything they need for the day.

Key Dates Autumn Half Term 1

Monday 15/09 - Friday 26/09	Year 13: <u>Selected subjects</u> - in class assessments. Teachers will set times and dates for assessment on Google Classroom.
Thursday 18/09	Awards Evening
Wednesday 24/09	Junior School Open Evening (see below for details)
Wednesday 01/10	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Monday 13/10 - Friday 24/10	Year 12: <u>Selected subjects</u> - in class assessments
Friday 24/10	Year 13: Progress Report 1 issued
Friday 24/10	Half Term
Monday 03/11	Return to school
Monday 03/11 - Monday 10/11	English and Maths GCSE resit week
Wednesday 26/11	Year 12: Progress Report 1 issued
Thursday 27/11 and Friday 28/11	Staff Conference: No school for students
Monday 01/12	Occasional Day: No school for staff or students
Monday 08/12	Year 13 Trial Exams and Study Leave
Friday 19/12	Christmas Holiday

VYNER'S SCHOOL KEY DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Student Leadership

This week in assembly, students were 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. A google form has been shared via Google Classroom, which needs to be completed by **Friday 19th September 2025 by 15:00**, if students are interested in taking up one of the roles.

If students are interested in becoming part of the Student Executive team in Year 13, which makes up our Head Boy/Girl and Deputies, then it is compulsory that students apply to become a Senior Prefect this year.

Students who apply for any of the roles will then 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 been unsuccessful in their application for a role.

If you have the capacity, I would advise you to remind your child of the benefits of volunteering and developing other skills that future employers look for alongside their academic studies.

Supercurricular opportunities for Year 12

Over the course of their time in the Sixth form there will be a variety of supercurricular activities that pupils can engage with as part of their studies. In order to get a better understanding of these activities there is a document [here](#). Additionally, there is a document that outlines some of the activities that have been recently posted for pupils to apply for in the coming weeks and now this can be found [here](#). If the course that you apply for requires personal data to be given please ensure that you and your parents/carers are happy for you to pass on that data. Do look out for details of some of the residentials that pupils have taken part in over the summer break that will appear in the next Parents Newsletter - it could be you this time next year.

If pupils do decide to apply for a course that requires a teacher reference it is best to ask a teacher that knows them best to write the reference. Ideally please notify Mr. Kelly if you apply for a course and also if you are successful in getting a place on the course.

Junior School Open Evening - Wednesday 24th September 2025

All Year 12 students have been invited to volunteer at the Junior School Open Evening taking part on **Wednesday 24th September**. Year 12 students may be used to deliver tours of the school, help represent departments within the school or be used to welcome guests and signpost parking.

If students are interested and would like to volunteer to help out in the evening, they need to speak to the departments they would like to help out in, or Ms Alonso/Ms Lopes/Mr Neville/Mrs Coyle to volunteer as a tour guide, to get a parental consent letter.

On this day, school will finish at 12:20pm, to allow the school time to prepare and set up for the evening. Students will then be expected back in school by 4:30pm to help out, if they are volunteering in the evening.

The following day, students will need to be in school by 10:45am for registration. Registration will be

followed by break time at 10:55am and then P3 onwards will be in line with a normal school day. If students only have a lesson P1 and P2 on **Thursday 25th September**, they do not need to come into school just for registration.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 21st October 2025

All Year 12 students are required to be present in the evening to help out with the Sixth Form Open Evening, and to help welcome any Year 11 student wishing to apply to Vyners Sixth Form. Year 12 students will be delivering tours of the school to prospective students and parents, whilst Year 13 students will be helping out in department areas.

Further details including timings will be given in the next edition of the Sixth Form Bulletin.

Year 12 Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 1st October

We would like to invite you to the Year 12 Parent Information Evening, taking place in the Main Hall on **Wednesday 1st 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.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Junior School Open evening Wednesday 24th September: 16.30 - 19.30

We are looking for around 60 year 13 students, in addition to the Student Executive Team to volunteer to be tour guides and some car parking guides for this event. It would be great to see year 13 students willing to give their time to showcase their knowledge of the school and their presence to support the many younger students who will also be guiding. Please can students see the sixth form team to sign up if they are willing to help for all or part of the evening and would be grateful for replies by Monday, so we have an idea of numbers.

Work Experience/ courses

It is helpful for students to have logged their work experience details and any Moocs, webinars or other courses completed in the relevant section on Unifrog (interactions/ skills/ experiences) so that any references being written can take this extra level of experience or study into account. Students will have a dedicated tutorial time on Monday morning to complete this activity.

Personal Statements

All students should have a draft of their personal statement (47 lines or 4,000 characters) on Unifrog by **Monday 3rd November**, ready for tutors to look at to be used for a university application, apprenticeship or to create a letter of application for a job. This is their chance to sell themselves and say why they would be great on a course, in an apprenticeship or a job, and what evidence they can provide to support this, so it is worth starting early, to help make their application stand out. Students will then be invited to book a meeting with Mrs Coyle , Mrs Lane, Mrs Harvey and Ms Hussain from September onwards

UCAS References

Tutors will start writing references linked to each students' Unifrog profile, looking at shortlisted courses, courses attended and work experience details recorded in their skills, or interaction profile area. It is a much more streamlined and effective process for the tutors to collate the best reference, when students already have a draft of their personal statement on Unifrog, so can we urge you to ask your child to show you a copy, just to see where they are at. Over 10 re-drafts are not unusual and different people reading them can be very helpful. It can also be a great opportunity to share the

journey of your child's achievements and successes, and celebrate all their skills and attributes with them, in addition to their compulsory studies, even if what you discuss doesn't make the final draft!

UCAS Predicted grades

Predicted grades will be finalised by subject teachers, following any in-class assessments taking place in September, and 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 **14th October 2025**.

UCAS Predicted grades will not be changed following the Trial exams due to the earlier date to send applications off the UCAS at the start of January

Overview of UCAS Dates:

	Internal school date to complete UCAS application and personal statement final draft for review	UCAS Deadline for Equal consideration of applications
Early Entry students	30th September 2025	15th October 2025
All other students	3rd November 2025	14th January 2026

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

Vyners School Open Evening

The Vyners School Open Evening will be on Wednesday 24th September for families of pupils who will be in Year 6 in September 2025, or any pupils in Year 5 (in September) with EHCP's. Please click [\[here\]](#) for the letter from Mr Mullings giving more details.

We are giving advance notice of the event to parents of students who already attend Vyners and have siblings in Year 6 (or Year 5 with EHCP's) from September 2025. Please note, tickets can be booked from Monday 14th July at 8am.

2025-26 Term Dates

Please click [here](#) for a list of term dates for 2025-26. Further information will be shared in Mr Mullings' end of year letter which will be sent next Friday.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding supporting your child's mental wellbeing.. Please click [here](#) for further information.

School Catering System / Canteen Accounts

We have now received definitive notification from Squidcard as to which families were directly refunded catering money in March after we swapped payment systems to Parentpay. As the Squid balances were never removed from our canteen tills, parents who received a direct refund have been able to spend money in school which has already come back to them.

To resolve this, we will be removing all the refunds from the catering system in school over the summer. If you received a refund, this will mean that your son / daughter's canteen balance will suddenly drop. It may take their account into deficit, meaning that they will not be able to make any further canteen purchases until you have added more funds to the account.

Please could all parents check their child's canteen account carefully before the start of next term, making sure the account is topped up and ready for the new academic year. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Williams directly: kwilliams@vynersschool.org.uk

VLT Staff Vacancies

Please click [here](#) for a list of staff vacancies across the VLT schools.