

Year 11 Update

6th February 2026

We had another fantastic fortnight at school, with students receiving their trial exams results and partaking in careers week.

Trial Exam Assembly

Trial Exam Results Assembly took place on **Friday 30th January** during Period 5.

During this assembly, students received their results from the recent trial examinations. Included in this information will be each student's average point score (APS). This score can be used as an indicator of the post - 16 pathway students may be eligible for should they choose to remain at Vyners Sixth Form. More information about this can be found [here](#).

Revision notice

Following the publication of the December Trial Examination results, we hope you have had the opportunity to discuss these outcomes with your child. These results provide a vital "temperature check," highlighting both successes and specific areas for further focus.

We are now entering the 'final push' toward the Summer examination series. To ensure your child maximises their potential and feels confident heading into the hall, please find attached a guide for supporting effective revision at home.

Research consistently shows that mobile phones are one of the most significant barriers to effective revision. Interestingly, even if a phone is turned over or silenced, its mere proximity can decrease a student's productivity by up to 20%. The "brain drain" caused by resisting the urge to check notifications uses up cognitive energy that should be spent on learning. To help your child maintain "deep focus," we strongly encourage a "device-free" revision zone. We suggest that while your child is revising, they either hand their phone to you or leave it in a completely different room until their break.

The strategies in our guide move beyond passive reading. We focus on evidence-based techniques—such as retrieval practice and spaced repetition—designed to foster genuine long-term mastery.

Consistency is key. Helping your child establish a routine now will significantly reduce stress as we approach May and June. But also we need to encourage 5–10 minute breaks every hour to keep the mind fresh. More information is linked [here](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's academic journey.

Sixth Form Applications

This is a gentle reminder about Sixth Form applications. The deadline for submissions is end of day, Monday 23rd February, so there is plenty of time for students to consider their options carefully. I have added a link to the school website [here](#) for more information.

Please note that applications are not processed on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no need to rush, and we encourage students to take the time they need to make informed choices about their next steps.

Year 11 Careers Week

This week, our Year 11 students took a significant step toward their futures during Careers Week. The programme was specifically designed to provide meaningful opportunities for students to explore post-16 and post-18 pathways, sharpen their employability skills, and build the confidence needed for their next steps.

Key highlights included:

- **Mock Interviews:** Every student sat down with an external professional to practice their interview technique and receive personalised, expert feedback.
- **One-to-One Consultations:** Students met with members of the Sixth Form Team or Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to discuss their individual post-16 plans and ambitions.

We hope the students found this experience incredibly beneficial as they begin to make these important decisions.

Bellway Careers Apprenticeship Opportunities

They are on lookout for talented individuals to join their 2026 apprenticeship cohort. They have a number of exciting and innovative apprenticeship programmes which are designed to attract and develop a diverse range of talented individuals ready to commit to a wide range of roles. For more information please click [here](#).

Lanyard Amnesty

Please return any exam lanyards to the Year Team office asap so that we can get them ready for the summer exams.

Uniform and Equipment

All students must be wearing a blazer in school at all times and next week we will be conducting an exam ready check on students so they will need to bring in their exam equipment everyday to show they have the correct items.

Yearbook - Deadline 23rd February

To ensure we meet our printing schedule, the final deadline to edit their profiles is Monday, 23rd February. All students have been asked to provide answers to three short questions that will feature alongside their photograph:

- Best school moment
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?
- Final thoughts

Please note that any comments deemed inappropriate or offensive will be removed, and in such cases, the student's yearbook profile will remain blank. Students were emailed their individual login information in January. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and memorable yearbook for our students.

Order form for both the Yearbook and Hoodies - Deadline 24th April

We are excited to announce the order form [[click here](#)] for both hoodies and yearbooks is now open. There is no expectation for students to purchase either however if you do want these we encourage you to place your orders early to avoid missing out on these special mementos. This is a strict closing date as this will allow items to be delivered in time for the students' last day.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot contains information regarding child exploitation. Please [[click here](#)] for further information.

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Spring Term Key Dates

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	Sixth Form applications deadline
Wed 4 th , Thur 5 th & Fri 6 th March	School Production
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Friday 13 th March	FOV Quiz Night
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom - Pinewood Hotel
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)
Thursday 20 th August	GCSE results day