

Sixth Form Bulletin

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GENERAL NOTICES

Oxbridge Applications - Congratulations

We would like to extend a massive congratulations to every student who embarked on the challenging journey of applying to the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge this year. Navigating such a rigorous selection process - from taking part in numerous enrichment and super curricular activities to drafting personal statements, sitting specialised admissions tests and managing the intensity of up to 3 interviews - is a significant achievement in itself.

Whether you reached the interview stage or showed the immense courage and dedication to put yourself forward for consideration - you should be incredibly proud of your academic ambition and dedication. We are all very proud of you here at Vyners.

We would like to congratulate the following students for receiving offers: Ross (University of Oxford - Computer Science and Philosophy), Holly (University of Cambridge - Law) and Panagiotis (University of Cambridge - Modern and Medieval Languages).

Economics Exam Workshop

We would like to share how incredibly proud we are of our Year 13 Economics students following their workshop on **Friday 30th January 2026**. We want to extend a huge thank you to them for their exceptional attitude, enthusiasm, and engagement throughout the event. Every student represented themselves and the school superbly, and we could not be prouder of the mature and responsible way they conducted themselves.

Their focus, curiosity, and willingness to challenge themselves academically were clear to see. Their behaviour was exemplary from start to finish; they approached the day with a genuine examination

mindset, asked thoughtful questions, and fully embraced the learning opportunities on offer. This level of commitment will serve them extremely well as they move closer to their final examinations this summer.

We were especially impressed by the confidence they showed. We are also delighted to share that staff from the host school commented on how impressive our students were as a group.

Well done once again to all involved.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Robinson White and Mr McDonough



Key Dates Spring Half Term 1 and 2

Friday 06/02	Year 13 Reports Issued
Wednesday 11/02	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 06/03	Year 12 Reports Issued
Tuesday 17/03	Year 12 Parents Evening
Thursday 26/03	Year 12 - UK University Apprenticeships and Careers Fair Arsenal Stadium

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Driving Lessons/Work During School Hours

This is just a gentle reminder that where possible, students should avoid booking any driving lessons, or arranging work and other appointments during school hours. Whilst we understand that some students do finish early on some days and are permitted to go home, there are quite often times when year group events or career opportunities take place later in the day and students are required to stay in school. As a reminder, students at Vyners are in full time education and therefore if events are planned at any time between 8:30 and 15:00, then students are expected to be there. If students are arranging driving lessons or work during these hours, they must be able to re-arrange them if a school event is planned and absence for these reasons will not be authorised.

Summer Assessments

We have had an increasing number of parents contacting us to ask for the dates for the Year 12 End of Year assessments. These are the formal assessments sat by students at the end of Year 12 and play a role in determining students UCAS predicted grades, which are sent off to universities and apprenticeship providers. This year, the Year 12 End of Year assessments are currently planned to take place between the dates of **Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June 2026**.

Year 12 Parents Evening

A date for your diaries and for your future planning, Year 12 parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 17th March 2026**. Further information regarding how to book appointments and when the booking system will be opened, will follow in due course.

Unifrog – The Complete Destinations Platform

The school subscribes to this platform as a fantastic resource to help students research their future options and guide them through the research process, whether for applications to university in the UK or abroad, jobs and apprenticeships.

Students will be actively using Unifrog during Tutorial time from next week as a starting tool for a range of research options when considering their post 18 destinations. The specific features of Unifrog for Year 12 students include:

- Exploring pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships.
- Universities (in the UK and abroad), comparing courses, entry requirements, future prospects etc..
- Virtual work experience, extended reading, podcasts and videos.
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, and Personal Statements).

Please ask your child to show you Unifrog to help them research their future options.

Work Experience

A reminder that Work Experience will take place from **Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2026**. If your child has already secured work experience for this time, please complete this [Google form](#).. We will then contact employers for further details and confirmation.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Parents' evening (Video link)

This will take place via the School Cloud video system on **Wednesday 11th February 2026** with a 5 minute appointment between **16:30 - 19:00**. Information regarding how to select appointments has been emailed out to you via email on **Monday 2nd February**.

End of year Celebrations

Thank you to all students/ parents who have already made purchases for prom tickets, yearbooks and hoodies. It will be a real help to not be chasing payments nearer to the deadline at the end of this term, so thank you for your prompt responses.

UCAS Information

Well done to all of our students for completing and sending applications over the past few months. A total of 147 applications have headed off to universities countrywide, from as close as Brunel to as far away as Falmouth and Newcastle..

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will be seeing offers coming through now on their UCAS hub account. For most students, the reply date to confirm their Firm and Insurance choice and declining any other offers is **6th May 2026**. Students do not have to make this choice until nearer the deadline, meaning they have time to consider their options.

It's worth noting that some offers come through very quickly, although some unis can take until the end of March/ start of April to make decisions. If you have any questions or queries on the process/applications please do not hesitate to contact us or look at the UCAS links below for further information.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

More information can be found on the links below.

[How To Accept Or Decline University Offers & Deadlines For Your Replies](#)

Students receiving no offers

This is a rarity, however some students may find themselves in a position where they do not receive any offers. If this is the case, we as a Sixth Form Team are here to support the students in their next steps. You can read further information on this here.

[UCAS Extra | No Offers? Add More Choices With Our 'Extra' Service](#)
[Your Clearing matches | UCAS](#)

Student Finance

Student Finance opens in March. It can take up to 12 weeks to process the application, to ensure that funds are in place before the start of a course. A reminder that students will not owe any money, if they decide to not to accept a university place after results day, even if they have applied for student finance.

More information can be found on the links below.

[Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK](#)
[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)
[Undergraduate tuition fees and student loans](#)

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

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.

YEAR 12 STUDENT LIFE

This week we covered several important topics in tutorial and assembly.

We learnt about cyber security and how to stay safe online, focusing on viruses and how they can affect devices. We discussed ways to protect ourselves, such as avoiding suspicious links and downloads, keeping software up to date and using strong passwords.

In tutorial time we looked at university open days and things to consider when attending them. We watched a video and answered questions to help us think about things like course content, campus facilities, accommodation, and student support, which will help us decide whether a university is right for us.

During assembly, we were reintroduced to Unifrog and how it is a useful resource for exploring university courses, universities, apprenticeships, and for learning more about personal statements. Over the next few weeks, we will be using Mondays or Tuesdays to explore the website further, as it will be very beneficial for our future planning.

We also continued with our game of Traitors, where more players were 'murdered' and we took part in our third round table discussion.

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