

Year 11 Update

24th April 2026

Exams

For morning exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration by 8:30am, to begin the exams at 9am. For afternoon exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration at 12:30pm, to begin the exams by 13:00pm.

Finally, as a reminder, for the formal exams the only equipment that the Exam Team will be able to provide the students in an exam is a spare pen if theirs breaks. Everything else is the responsibility of the students to bring. Please can you therefore ensure that your child has all of the equipment that they will need before the exam series starts. If a student forgets a piece of equipment on the day, they must go and find the relevant member of staff before the exam begins to obtain a spare set of equipment.

Year 11 Summer Exams

The Summer Exam timetable is available on the school website [[click here](#)].

Order form for both the Yearbook and Hoodies - Deadline today - 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.

Year 11 Progress Report

Your son/daughter has now been emailed their latest Progress Report. This Progress Report will also be emailed to you and will be available on the Arbor app.

You will see that the front page of the Progress Report shows the following information:

- Subjects taken at Key Stage 4
- March Internal Assessment result
- Current and previous working at grade (based on teacher assessment of progress to date). This is colour coded to show progress against the student's target grade in that subject.
- Key Stage 4 target grade
- Average point score (APS)
- An average of the best 8 grades currently achieving in their chosen subjects. This may be asked for when applying for post-16 courses. The APS reported on the Progress Report only includes the results listed on the report and does not include any GCSEs already taken, although these may be taken into account when applying for post-16 courses.
- Attitude to Learning - This shows the attitude to learning that they bring to their lessons.
- Exam Readiness - This shows how focused on the exams students are and how prepared they are to sit them. For Core PE, the Exam Readiness is a value given to the students based on their Lesson Readiness

The current grade is a holistic judgement of the student's current capabilities in each subject, based on a range of assessments and work done in class. It should reflect the grade the student is currently working at. It is not a projected or predicted grade. The current grade may be slightly lower than the Year 11 target grade, as the students are still developing the knowledge and acquiring the skills necessary to reach and exceed this grade in their final exams. The internal assessment grade may only focus on a narrow aspect of the course and therefore may differ from the current grade.

Using the lettered grading system:

6A - student is working at a high grade 6 and with effort could move up to a grade 7

6B - student is working at a secure grade 6

6C - student is working at a low grade 6 and is in danger of dropping to a grade 5

Your involvement in discussing the subject feedback with your child is an important part in helping them to prepare for their actual GCSE examinations. This is a very important time for Year 11 students as they approach their GCSE examinations and your continued support will have a positive effect.

There will be a number of revision and intervention sessions organised by departments for students in Year 11 over the forthcoming weeks. We hope to be able to support every student to help them achieve the very best grades they can by the end of the academic year. Please stress to your child how important it is that they attend these sessions.

Prom

We are incredibly excited to invite you all to the Vyners Year 11 Prom. After the sheer amount of hard work, dedication and effort you have put into your education, and after what will be a demanding examination period, Prom is a great opportunity to celebrate this success. It is a valued tradition at Vyners, which has formed an important part of our end of year celebrations with both students and staff.

Date: Tuesday 30th June, 2026

Time: 7.00pm - 11.00pm (arrival from 6.30pm)

Venue: *The Pinewood Hotel, Wexham Park Lane, George Green, Slough, SL3 6AP*

Dress Code: *Smart - Ballroom*

Cost: The ticket price of £50.00 consists of: The venue hire, a buffet meal, one non-alcoholic cocktail upon entry, security and supervision, a DJ, firework display, decorations and various entertainment. The price of the ticket does not include transportation to and from the venue.

Students will have to strictly adhere to the conditions listed below:

1. No smoking, vaping or drinking **(including before arrival - anyone suspected of drinking alcohol will not be permitted)**.
2. If the venue is left at any time during the evening, there will be no re-admittance.
3. If there is any cause for concern regarding behaviour, the students involved will be immediately sent home. Parents will be expected to meet the cost of any transportation.
4. Security will be hired for the evening alongside approximately 30 members of staff.

This is an occasion to celebrate together as a year group, and as this is an event run by the school, there will be security on the door to search bags and pockets as guests enter. If any student is deemed to be under the influence of any substance or is carrying any contraband, we reserve the right to refuse entry and parents / carers will be called.

If your son / daughter would like to attend the Prom, **tickets are now live on ParentPay for £50.000 and will close on Friday 1st May. Cash and cheques are no longer accepted.** Please log onto the system (www.parentpay.com) and select the Offer. Please follow the instructions on the screen. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made. Payment must be made before the stated deadline to ensure your ticket is ordered. **If your child has not paid by this date, they will not be admitted on the night.**

Please note, even if a ticket has been purchased, actual attendance depends on satisfactory behaviour being maintained in school. We will rescind the ticket and refund the money for any student who causes significant behaviour problems between now and then.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot refers to the hidden dangers of Pinterest [[click here](#)].

VLT Information

Slogan Competition

Oak Farm Primary School joined Vanguard Learning Trust on 1st April 2026. In order to celebrate and acknowledge this, students are invited to take part in a competition to write a slogan; this will be used alongside a new image incorporating all six schools in Trust-wide publications. Please [[click here](#)] for further information. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 13th May 2026.

Summer Term Key Dates

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