

Sixth Form Bulletin

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Be Kind
STAY
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GENERAL NOTICES

EPQ Congratulations

Congratulations to our Year 13 EPQ students on the delivery of their presentations yesterday. A selection of staff panellists were treated to presentations on a wide variety of topics including "To what extent is forensic entomotoxicology reliable in revealing drugs and poisons?" and 'How has the legacy of the witch shaped modern perceptions of women?'

Students later presented their evidence in the school hall where parents and members of the school community were invited to discuss their research. Good luck with your results.



Compulsory Silent Study Periods

Students will find an additional 5/6 periods per fortnight added to timetables from Monday 28th September. These are compulsory timetabled lessons where students will be required to register and spend time completing work in silence in the study room. These will be added where students may currently find large gaps of free time in their timetable (particularly in the morning).

Year 12 and 13 Google Classroom Information Rooms

A reminder that these Google Classrooms are populated daily with information regarding opportunities both in and outside of school. These include external opportunities to support apprenticeship, university and future employment opportunities.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 Parent Information Evening – Wednesday, 30th September

We invite you to join us for the Year 12 Parent Information Evening on **Wednesday, 30th September**, from **18:00 to 19:00** in the Main Hall. During the session, we will outline what to expect in the year ahead and how we can support your child through their Sixth Form journey.

How to RSVP & Submit Questions: Please complete the Google form [here](#) to register your attendance. You can also use the form to submit questions in advance. There will also be a brief Q&A session at the end of the presentation.

If you have urgent questions before the event, please feel free to reach out to the Year 12 team directly via phone or email. We look forward to seeing you there.

Student Leadership

Students who applied for the role of senior prefect were invited on Thursday for the next stage of the selection process. We had around 55 applicants, which was fantastic! During this session, they worked in groups to participate in discussion and debate tasks. We observed how they collaborated, communicated, and worked effectively as part of a team, and it was great to see them in action.

Applications for our additional student leadership roles were posted on **Monday 21st September**. This is a fantastic chance to step up, build their confidence, and develop core leadership skills while making their voice heard. Whether they want to organise school events, represent their peers, or drive positive change, becoming a student leader will give them invaluable experience for their future. This is compulsory for students who did not apply for the senior prefect roles - the deadline for this is **Wednesday 30th September**.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tuesday 20th October 2026

As a reminder, attendance is mandatory for all Year 12 students at our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening. All Year 12 students will be acting as school ambassadors by guiding tours for prospective Year 11 students and their parents.

Students will need to arrive at school at **17:00** and will be dismissed from the school site no later than **19:30**.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 December Trial Exams

The exams department is currently writing the timetable for the December trial exams, for Year 13 students. Whilst it is not yet confirmed which exams will take place on which date, the dates for the trial

exam period are **Tuesday 1st December through to Friday 18th December**. As soon as the final exam timetable is ready, this will be shared with parents and students.

Year 13 Prom

We are in the process of planning our Year 13 prom, which will take place following the conclusion of the summer A Level exams. We do not yet currently have a date finalised, but as soon as we do, we will share this with students and parents ASAP. The event is likely to take place either in the last week of June or the first week of July. I know that lots of students and families are starting to plan holidays for next year, so we will get you the finalised date as soon as possible.

Year 13 Parent Information/UCAS Evening

This is just a reminder about our annual Parent Information Evening, which this year is combined with our UCAS event, taking place on **Wednesday 7th October**. This will take place in the Main Hall between **18:00 and 19.00**. 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 Free Parent Webinar Opportunity (External Provider)

We have been contacted by an external company regarding a free parent webinar opportunity regarding UCAS and personal statements. This is not linked to Vyners School, but parents may feel it useful to sign up and attend. Their advertising paragraph is included below:

Free Parent Webinar: The Final Push – Personal Statements and Uni Choices

The UCAS deadline is getting close — and it can feel stressful for both parents and students. That's why Paul Hughes (ex-6th form tutor with 21 years' UCAS experience) is running a free session to help families feel confident and prepared.



Monday 10th November, 19:00 – 20:00 (Replay available if you register)



Covers personal statements, choosing the right uni, and what really matters in applications.

It's practical, clear advice designed to make the final stage feel less overwhelming for everyone. Register here: <https://parentguidetoeducation.com/reg/ucas-final-push/4571>

Junior School Open Evening - Wednesday 23rd 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.

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 **15th October 2026**.

UCAS Predicted grades will not be changed following the Trial exams due to a Vyners UCAS deadline of **18th December 2026** (all applications to be sent by then).

UCAS References

Tutors have started 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!

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 2026	15th October 2026
All other students	2nd November 2026 All Vyners student applications to be sent by 18th December 2026	15th January 2027

Despite the UCAS deadline for University applications being **15th January 2027**, we will submit **ALL** Vyners applications by **18th December 2026**. This is because we will meet with students on a 1 to 1 basis before Christmas to review their UCAS applications, and we do not have the capacity to meet with all students after the Christmas break.

YEAR 13 STUDENT LIFE - by Shaina Lakman

We started the week with a PSHE session in tutorial on the concept of sleep hygiene, we learnt that the importance of building healthy and constant sleeping habits to improve our 'sleep hygiene', we learnt about things such as mindfulness, breathing techniques and we also learnt about how we should create/have a routine that we follow each night that calms us before we go to bed so we get a good quality sleep. On Wednesday we had Junior Open Evening where sixth form students who volunteered with departments helped out by explaining things about their subject, meanwhile promoting Vyners School. Students also helped out by giving tours to the potential Year 7 students and showed them all the aspects of the school. Towards the end of the week we also had our 10th periods and study rooms put in on our timetable to ensure we are completing work outside our lessons.

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding the top social media platforms and messaging apps most frequently named in Childline counselling sessions regarding online sexual abuse, grooming, and extortion (sextortion). Please [click here](#) for further information.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

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

Making payments to the school via parentpay

A number of parents have experienced problems making payments to the school since the start of the academic year. This includes topping up lunch money for students.

We believe the problem may stem from the use of the 'one click payment' option advertised on the system.

Karen- School Meals for Vyners School
Balance: **£10.02**

[Set up Auto top-up](#) [i](#)

Top up your child's Canteen money for Break 1 & Break 2.
[View more...](#)

How much would you like to pay?

£ 0.01

Min: £0.01 / Max - £200.00 (set by school)

[Pay by One-click payments](#)
Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

[Add to basket](#)

[Cancel](#)

Payment made using the 'one click' option can take between 5-7 days to reach the school. This seems to be resulting in some payments failing on the system, resulting in children not having enough lunch money, or missing out on a trip.

There is also an option to pay via credit / debit card. These payments should make it through to us straight away.

To use this option, add your purchase to the basket (see above). Check out the basket as you would for any online store. When you get to the checkout page, select 'other payment method' (see below) - this takes you to a screen where you can add in credit and debit card information.

Order summary

Items:	£10.00
Pay by Parent Account credit:	-£0.00
Left to pay:	£10.00

Payment method

[Pay by One-click payments](#)
Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

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[Cancel](#)

Anyone experiencing problems with the online system is encouraged to get in touch with us at an early stage so we can help resolve the issue.

Regards
Miss Williams
Business Manager

