

Sixth Form Bulletin

Friday 9th October 2026

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**IF YOU GET TIRED,
LEARN TO REST
NOT TO QUIT**

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GENERAL NOTICES

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 12 and Year 13 information evenings over the past 2 weeks. We hope they were informative and you received the information you need to support your child on their Sixth Form journey. All resources and materials have been sent home. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team using the contact details above.

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Tuesday 20th October, we will host our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. This is where Year 11 students who are considering studying at Vyners Sixth Form come to look around the school and talk to subject teachers.

Year 12 Students - it is compulsory for ALL Year 12 students to attend to act as guides for the evening.

Year 13 students - selected students will be invited to attend to help in departments.

A consent form will be sent home on Monday to be signed by parents/carers.

Sixth Form Key Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 20th October	Sixth Form Open Evening ALL Year 12 students guides (compulsory attendance) Selected Year 13 department helpers
Friday 23rd October	Year 13 reports issued
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
Thursday 19th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Friday 20th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)

Monday 23rd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 27th November	Year 12 reports issued
Friday 27th November	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 1st December	Year 13 Trial exams start (Study Leave dates tbc)
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Year 12 Progress Checks

Year 12 students will receive their first progress check of the year on **Friday 27th November**. This will be available to view on Arbor. Each report will be accompanied by an explanatory letter detailing how the progress check works and how to interpret the information provided. Please take time to read this carefully. As a reminder, A Levels are graded from A* to U, unlike the 9–1 numerical scale used at GCSE.

Upcoming SAME Academy Workshop:

To support our Year 12s in settling into sixth form and preparing for their future goals, we are also pleased to welcome **SAME Academy** into school to deliver an interactive workshop on **Monday 12th October**. S.A.M.E Academy is an international learning and development company that provides road safety education, driver awareness training, and pedestrian skills programs

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 Parent Information/UCAS Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Year 13 Parent Information and Next Steps Evening on Wednesday. We hope you found the evening informative and useful in supporting your child for the year ahead. All of the resources used were sent out yesterday, so if you could not attend the evening, we hope you have managed to look through the resources. If you have any questions following this evening, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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. I am hopeful that this will be released before October half term.

Progress Checks/UCAS Predicted Grades

Students will be receiving their first progress check of the year on **Friday 23rd October 2026**. This report will contain all of the information regarding students' recent September assessments and will also contain their final UCAS grades.

Reminder 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 off the week with a mindfulness video in our tutorials and our tutors explained the importance of it, especially during stressful periods like our upcoming trial exams in December! On Thursday we had an assembly by Mr Neville about the importance of balancing all the aspects of our lives such as social lives, jobs and revision as we slowly get closer to our exams. He also explained the importance of not waiting for motivation to complete revision but instead we should be proactive and make sure we complete it effectively, even when feeling unmotivated. He also spoke about the concept of mental health and encouraged us to speak to teachers we trust if we are struggling. He also showed us online apps and websites that we can use to improve our mental health too. Now there's only a week left for everyone applying for early entry in UCAS, good luck!

VANGUARD LEARNING TRUST AND WHOLE SCHOOL VYNERS NOTICES

Safeguarding Snapshot

As part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our students and school community, we are sharing details about World Mental Health Day (10th October) and Mental Health Awareness activities across our school. This year's official theme, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change." Please [click here](#) for further information.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

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

Information Received

2nd Ickenham Scouts Quiz Night

Come along to our adults-only Quiz Night and help raise funds for 2nd Ickenham Scouts.

Saturday 17 October, 7.30pm – 10pm, £15 per person

Get your team together:



Teams of 2–6 people



Bring your own food and drinks



Prize for the winning team

 Coming on your own or with a mate? We can match you up with a team on the night. Spaces are limited, so book up quickly! [click here](#)
All money raised goes towards supporting 2nd Ickenham Scouts and the new Scout hut.