

Sixth Form Bulletin

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TERM DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

GENERAL NOTICES

Mr Cahill Memorial Video:

To commemorate the life of Mr Cahill, our beloved colleague who passed away in February 2023, the school is organising a memorial event which will take place after February half term. Within this event we aim to put together a memorial video for his friends and family to view one year after his passing. We would like this video not only to contain messages from staff but also any students and parents who wish to commemorate his life and share memories. If any students or parents wish to be included in this video, please record a short video message and send it to Miss Brown, Assistant Headteacher, at sbrown@vynersschool.org.uk. The deadline for these video messages is **Monday 22nd January**.

Consent Workshop

On Monday 15th January, Year 12 and 13 students will be taking part in a Consent workshop facilitated by Hillingdon SHWB service. The topic of Consent is a statutory component to our RSE curriculum. The workshop will take place during the latter part of P1 and the very start of P2. Students will therefore not miss any core curriculum content from their lessons on Monday morning.

The workshop will cover:

- What is consent
- The law on consent
- What does consent look and sound like
- Ways to say no
- Ways to say yes

Vyners Sixth Form Key Dates

Key dates can be found [here](#).

YEAR 12 NOTICES

Work Experience

Advance warning that year 12 students have the opportunity to organise their own work experience for the last week of the Summer term week beginning **Monday 15th July**. In order to allow this, students will have to complete a work experience form detailing their placement. It may be possible to complete virtual placements or online courses if physical placements are not possible this week. Students will receive information regarding the correct paperwork to complete in the next two weeks.

Students applying to university courses next year which require work experience, such as teaching, medicine, some law courses etc, should look at securing opportunities for placements now. Please find more details in our [assembly](#) which was delivered to Year 12 students today. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Desouza.

Oxford University Support (UNIQ) <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

Oxford University offers a support programme aimed at helping pupils apply for places at Oxford and other competitive Universities. Information about the programme, which is free, can be found at the link below- if you get on the programme it doesn't mean that you have to apply for Oxford or that you will get a place at Oxford after Year 13 but it will offer you support in making the best application for a place. The deadline is **Tuesday January 23rd** so don't wait too long to think about applying for it. The programme is something that you would have to apply for as an individual but like any programme if it requires a reference then please ask the teacher who you would like to act as a referee before putting them on a form.

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for UK state school students. It prioritises places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ.

UNIQ offers:

- online support through the application process
- a residential at an Oxford college for most participants
- a trip to an Oxford open day for another 250 participants

UNIQ is completely free: accommodation, meals, academic courses, social activities, and travel are all included.

Every year students use their experiences on UNIQ to help inform their university choices and to make successful applications.

UNIQ prioritises state school students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other highly selective universities.

UNIQ welcomes applications from Year 12 students in the first year of A level studies or equivalent. We use criteria such as experience of being in care, eligibility for Free School Meals, and information associated with the area that you live in to prioritise who comes on UNIQ. (Note that some subjects are more in demand than others so you might be lucky if you decide to apply and pick a subject that for this year isn't as popular this year)

Do ask Mr. Kelly if you want to know more but do check out the details at the link as well- good luck if you decide to apply.

Apply by Tuesday 23rd Jan 2024!

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Year 13 progress checks

A paper copy will be issued to students during tutorial time on **Friday 2nd February** and then available to view via Edulink.

Parents' evening (Video link)

This will take place via the School Cloud video system on **Thursday 8th February 2024**. Information regarding how to select appointments will be emailed home a week before.

Parent resources to help support your child in Sixth Form

Net Sixth Form is a hub for Sixth Form Leaders run by Michael Senior with over 25 years experience who has hosted national conferences for Heads of Sixth Form and has provided resources to use with Sixth Form students for 20+ years.

We use the video resources regularly in tutor time to support students during each stage of their learning journey.

Video for Parents 3: Grades and coping with pressure can be found [here](#)

In the above video there is advice from Sixth Form students filmed at the end of their Sixth Form course and all were from state, non-selective Sixth Forms.

A number of parents contact Net Sixth Form every week and they don't have the capacity to answer the queries so instead they have created a Facebook group exclusively for parents and carers of Sixth Form students - please click here for details [netsixth parents](#)

End of year 13 celebrations

The year 13 Prom will be on **Wednesday 26th June 2024**. Students will also have the opportunity to contribute to a yearbook and also order a hoodie. Payments for these will open soon.

UCAS Applications

73 students have now sent off their university applications. Students need to finalise their applications and arrange a meeting with one of the Sixth Form team on the spreadsheet shared with them to review and send their application.

The UCAS deadline for equal consideration is at the end of January. Students wishing to apply after this date will be required to contact universities individually to see what spaces are available on courses or go through clearing later on.

Exam Certificates Purchase

Students and parents are now able to prepay for exam certificates for summer 2024 to be sent via post. The offer is now open on sQuid and is priced at £3.50.

It is imperative that students have their exam certificates for future job and university applications so please apply for this as soon as possible.