

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Friends of Vyners Quiz Night - Friday 27th January

It would be great to see a Sixth Form team of students at this event. Please see details in the attached leaflet linked [here](#).

Uniform

Well done to those students this week who have made adjustments to their uniform in line with our policy.

Upcoming Assessments

Both year groups have in class assessments in the next few weeks:

- Y12 30th January 2023 - 3rd February 2023
- Y13 20th February 2023 - 7th March 2023

Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

In - class assessments

Year 12 will be sitting their next round of in class assessment for each subject area from Monday 30th January. Most of these sessions will take place in normal lesson time.

Students will receive guidance from class teachers regarding the content and expectation for these assessments and assembly time will be used to reinforce strategies and guidance.

Alongside overall progress in class, teachers will use these assessments to indicate progress in the next set of reports which will go home on 10th March.

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 in July, where they will then not be required to attend school. 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, but exact details will be sent out in a letter home.

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.

Extra-curricular clubs

A reminder that Sixth Form students have the opportunity to take part in sport events run after school by the student sport leaders on a Tuesday and Friday. It is great to see so many involved.

In addition, we are grateful to the sixth form students who support other students at lunchtime or afterschool, such as year 7 tutorial buddies, reading intervention, Maths GCSE peer support, Dungeon and Dragons club. If any student would like to set up a new club, we would love to hear from them.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

UCAS deadline

A reminder that the final day for UCAS appointments is **Tuesday 24th January**.

If students still need to make an appointment, they need to do so ASAP otherwise applications will be sent after the 25th January when they will not receive equal consideration.

Coping with unsuccessful applications

Receiving an unsuccessful application can be heartbreaking for our children, and in particular at a time when stress levels are so high.

Here is a handy guide to helping your child cope with unsuccessful applications and having meaningful conversations with them. [Helping your teen cope with rejection](#).

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications. Students should receive replies about offers by **18 May 2023** and all decisions need to be made by **8 June 2023**.

Students do NOT need to make a firm or insurance choice until the deadline of 8th June meaning they have time to consider their options.

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.

We held an assembly to explain this process on Thursday 19th January which is available in students' tutorial classrooms. More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

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.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing/what-clearing-plus>

Student Finance

Student Finance opens at the beginning of March and it is recommended that students apply early. More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

Key dates:

Friday 3rd February: Year 13 reports issued

Wednesday 25th January 2023: Final deadline for UCAS applications

Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 Prom