

Week B



STUDENT BULLETIN

Tuesday 6th January 2026



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Uniform check

Your tutor will now do a uniform check.

If there are any issues, you will be asked to go to the year office.

Please see examples of acceptable uniform in the illustration on the right.

While your tutor is checking uniform, discuss the quote below. Do you agree? Why or why not?



Quote of the week:

"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all."

- Simone Biles - American artistic gymnast and Olympic medalist

Example of Compulsory items:



Example of optional branded items from Wear2School



(PE use only)

Example of optional items:



House Point Rewards: Lunch Queue Passes!

A huge well done to the top house point earners for last week. You have earned a lunch queue pass to skip the lunch queue. Show your pass at the front of the queue and you can even bring a friend with you!

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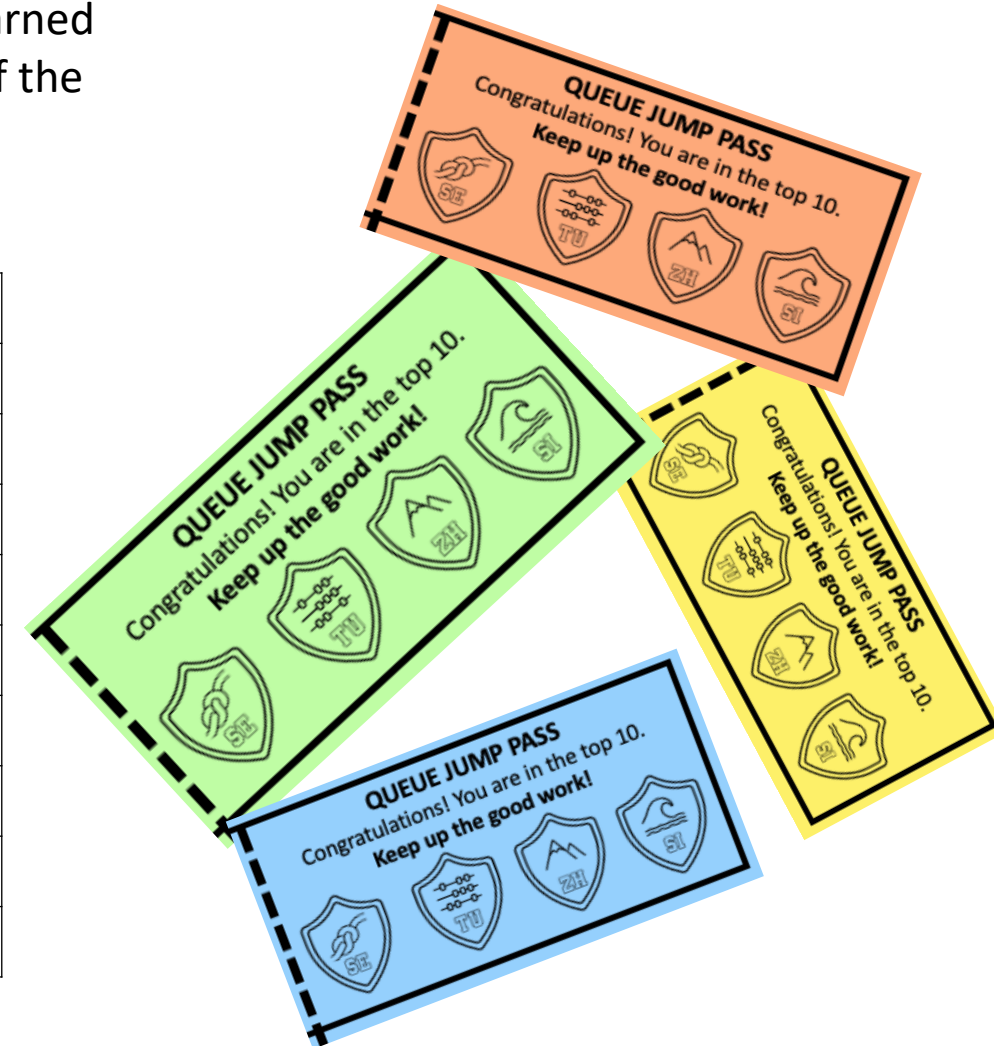
Nicola ZH9BWT
Kai SE9HEG
Monty SI9TGY
Kelsey TG9VWN
Basia SI9ASD
Amelia SE9HEG
Niamh SI9CMS
Claudia SI9ASD
George ZH9MWE
Toby TG9IGA

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Luca SI10JBH
Luke SE10RPE
Emma TG10CCO
Ella SE10KRD
William TG10AHS
Jack SE10GBL
Harry TG10BSG
Liam ZH10MRI
Lewis TG10CCO
Fin SE10RPE

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Leonard ZH11EPE
Taylor SI11NOL
Caidee TG11YHF
Will SE11LBS
Sophie SI11CCU
Poppy SE11KGS
George ZH11EPE
Daniel ZH11BRN
Samuel SI11NOL
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Creatives in focus

Weronika W - Year 9



Weronika has been attending Y9 Art Club since September and has produced exceptional work throughout. This sloth she created using graded pencils is a brilliant example of her impressive skill level with proportion, detail and shading. We think she has captured the expression perfectly, allowing the character of the sloth to shine through, which is no easy task. Very well done Weronika!

Flynn G - Year 9



Flynn has also been a frequent attendee to Y9 Art Club and has created brilliant work in each session. This kingfisher Flynn created is a stunning example of her talent. She has successfully gone beyond the brief of combining watercolour paint with fineliner pen, using her own initiative to also add colour pencils to define the bird's feathers and add texture. Flynn has also demonstrated a mature level of colour selection, which makes this piece so eye-catching. Fantastic work Flynn!



DofE Notices – Years 10 and 11

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

Your Qualifying Expedition route planning session will take place on Saturday (10th January), within school, from 08:30am to 12:00pm. It is important that all participants attend to prepare routes/route cards and be involved in team planning.

Congratulations to Emma B, William C and Ava H for completing three activity sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills).

Year 11 Silver DofE Award

Your Qualifying Expedition route planning session will take place on Saturday (10th January), within school, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. It is important that all participants attend to prepare routes /route cards and be involved in team planning.



Year 9 Taster Lessons

The two media studies taster lessons which were cancelled on Monday 15th December, now have a new date!

If you were due to attend the lesson during period 3 on Monday 15th December, you will now be attending during period 3 on Monday 12th January.

If you were due to attend the lesson during period 4 on Monday 15th December, you will now be attending during period 4 on Monday 12th January.

Safeguarding

If you feel worried or upset about anything you see or hear in school, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team or any trusted staff member.

Safeguarding@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk
Tellme@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

Google Classroom – Student Support and Guidance

- [Link to Join – hedhmeoy](#)

School website under students has lots of resources too:

[Student Support Services and Internet Safety – Vandyke Upper School](#)

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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If you do not feel safe or need some support or guidance for yourself, or for someone else, you must speak with an adult you trust.

This can be any member of school staff or one of the safeguarding team.



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