

Week B

STUDENT
BULLETIN

Monday 19th January 2026



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A message from Mr Lally - Uniform expectations

Some students have recently been wearing incorrect skirts, trainers or leggings in school. Please make sure you are following the uniform rules every day. Skirts that are very short, stretchy or made from Lycra, leggings or trainers are not permitted in school.

Staff will be checking uniform and if your uniform is incorrect, your parents/carers will be contacted and you may receive sanctions. This can include detentions, loss of social time or being removed from lessons if you repeatedly refuse to follow expectations.

If a member of staff speaks to you about uniform please make sure the issue is corrected as soon as possible.

If you are unsure about any part of the uniform, please speak to your Year office.



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Uniform and equipment check

Your tutor will now do a uniform and equipment 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:

“How wonderful it is that nobody needs wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

– Anne Frank, German author

Example of Compulsory items:



Example of optional branded items from Wear2School



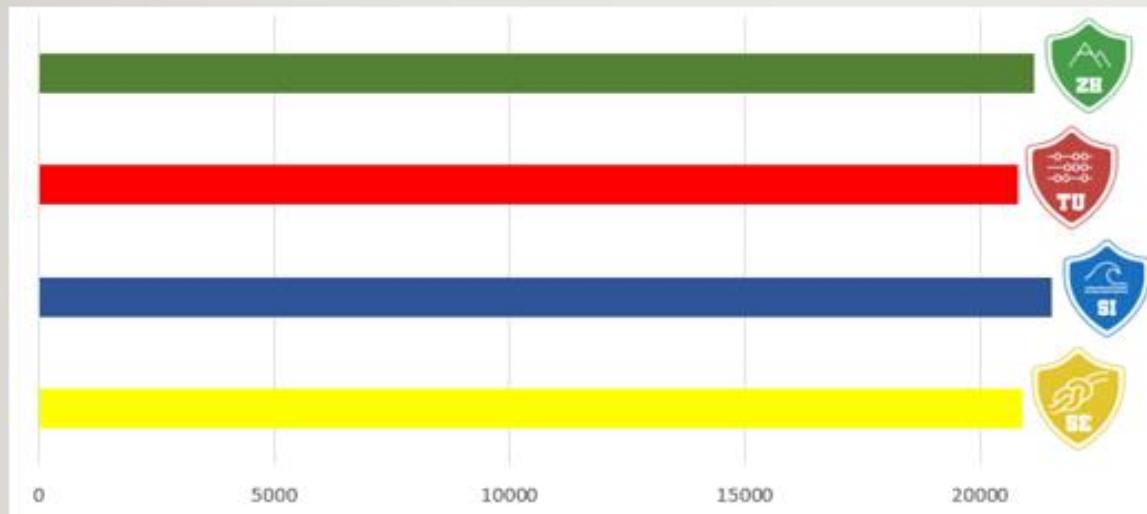
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Example of optional items:



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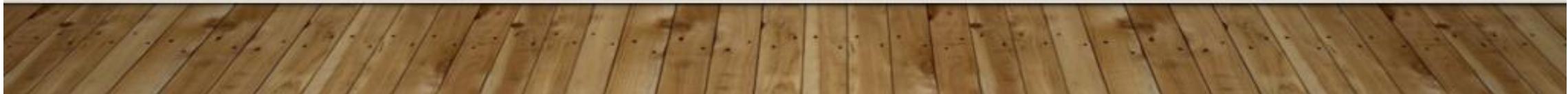


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Updates:

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and a happy new year. We have now been back two weeks and the competition keeps getting tighter and tighter.

Well done to Turing for winning 400 points in the reading challenge. Make sure you keep working hard in lessons to earn those house points, particularly in year 10 and 11 as we want to see these numbers go up.



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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!

Yr9

Sydney SI9EFY

Luca ZH9RMY

Lilly SE9HEG

Isaac SI9ASD

Harry ZH9MWE

Ebony SE9ABD

Charles ZH9MWE

Shaun SI9ASD

Olayinka SE9ABD

Poppy ZH9RMY

Yr10

Ellie-May SE10KRD

Niamh SI10LMD

Natalia SI10SBD

Isla ZH10AGN

Ella SI10JBH

Amy TG10BSG

Daniel SE10KRD

Sophie TG10LDN

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Yr11

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Leonard ZH11EPE

Lewis SE11CCR

Caleb TG11KMY

Maisie SE11KTK

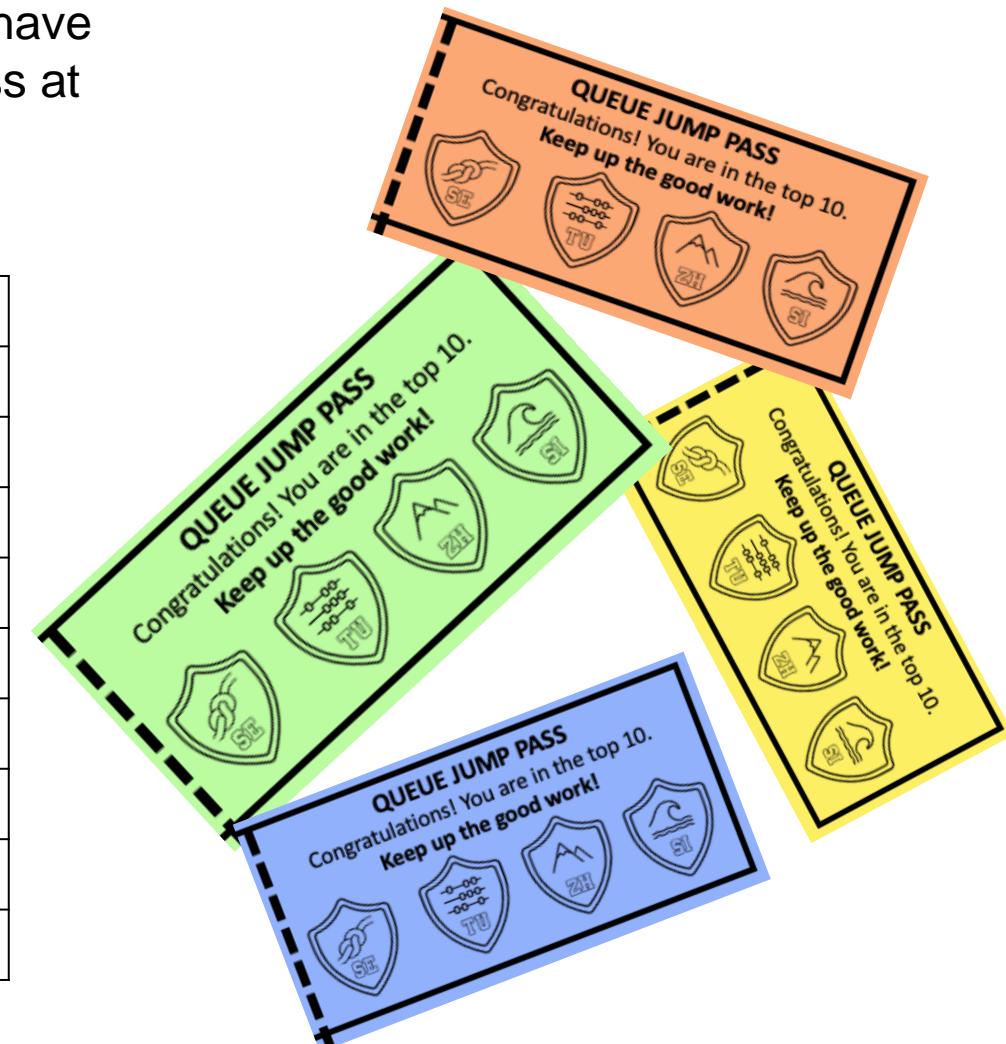
Charlie SE11KGS

Leo SE11KGS

Zara SE11CCR

Patrick SI11NOL

Lily SI11SHS



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DofE Notices – Years 10 and 11

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

Congratulations to Olivia C for completing her three activity sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills). The countdown is on – six weeks until the target completion date! Refer to Google Classroom for further information and guidance.

Year 11 Silver DofE Award

When you have finished a three or six month activity time commitment, ask your assessor to complete an online report. Refer to Google Classroom for more details.



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For Year 10, 12 and 13 Drama Students



We have our theatre trip to watch *Dear England* at Milton Keynes Theatre on Wednesday 21st January.

Year 10 you need to be in full school uniform for this. On Wednesday you need to leave lesson 4 early and meet us in the Drama Studio at 1.15pm.

Please see Miss Green before Wednesday if you have any other questions.



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A message for Year 10 students on the John Muir trip

Students on the John Muir geography trip in March, need to attend a short briefing in B21 at breaktime on Monday 19th January to organise rooming requirements.

Please attend at the start of break.

Miss Hart



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All year groups - Vandyke Future Opportunities Event

Date: Thursday 22nd January

Time: 3.05-6.30pm

Venue: Sports Hall

Interested in finding out more about careers? Come and speak with colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers plus our very own Sixth Form.

This is a fantastic opportunity to investigate what could await you in the future. Every student is welcome, and you are free to bring your parents and siblings too. We look forward to seeing you there!



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YEAR 11 MAXIMIZE FORTNIGHT SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 19 th	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st	Thursday 22 nd	Friday 23 rd
MAXIMISE YOUR REVISION SESSION 1	MAXIMISE YOUR REVISION SESSION 2 WALKING TALKING MOCK: PHYSICS Band 2 P3	MAXIMISE YOUR REVISION SESSION 3 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING (CORE ONLINE)	MAXIMISE YOUR REVISION SESSION 4 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING (OPTIONS IN PERSON)	MAXIMISE YOUR REVISION SESSION 5 WRAP UP ASSESMBLY P5 20mins – Band 2 20mins – Band 1



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Y9 Photography Club – New club starting Thursday 22 January!

Are you interested in exploring the art of photography? Come and learn new skills, discover creative techniques, and capture the world around you!

This club will take place on Thursdays 3:05-4:00pm in D29 with Miss Marshall.

Sign up today by adding your name to the sheet at the entrance to the Art Department. **Spaces are limited**, so be sure to sign up early!

If you have any questions, ask your art teacher for more details.



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Starting after the Christmas term as an
after school club!

Location: Activity Hall
Day: Monday After School

Any keen darts players, come and **sign up**
outside the PE department or
find Mr. Burgess



LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD CLUB



LEARN A FEW WORDS
IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

THURSDAYS
LUNCHTIME

FROM THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER B16

Every Thursday Lunchtime in B16

Obrigado por ter vindo

NEXT SESSIONS:

تعال لتعلم اللغة العربية

22nd Jan - Arabic with Mme Ogun

29th Jan - Turkish

Use this code to join the google classroom:
a2yt4aed



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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

✉ safeguarding@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk
✉ tellme@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

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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Designated
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Mrs C Powell
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



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Sixth Form Manager



Mrs C Williams
Head of Year



Mrs E Gaskell
Head of Year



Mrs Y Mileham
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The Governor responsible for Safeguarding at Vandyke is Mrs Nia Haines

All staff and visitors should be wearing an ID badge, please alert the nearest trusted adult if you see a visitor without one.

Current Affairs: What is happening in Iran?

Iran is a country in West Asia.

Iran is a **theocracy**.

A theocracy is a country that is ruled by religious leaders

This means the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, **exerts ideological and political control over the country**.

He has been in power **since 1989**.



Nationwide protests started in the capital, Tehran, on 28 December, and quickly spread to other cities across the country. While the protests were initially triggered by the economic crisis, protesters grievances include broader political repression and they are calling for the downfall of the Islamic Republic and systemic change.

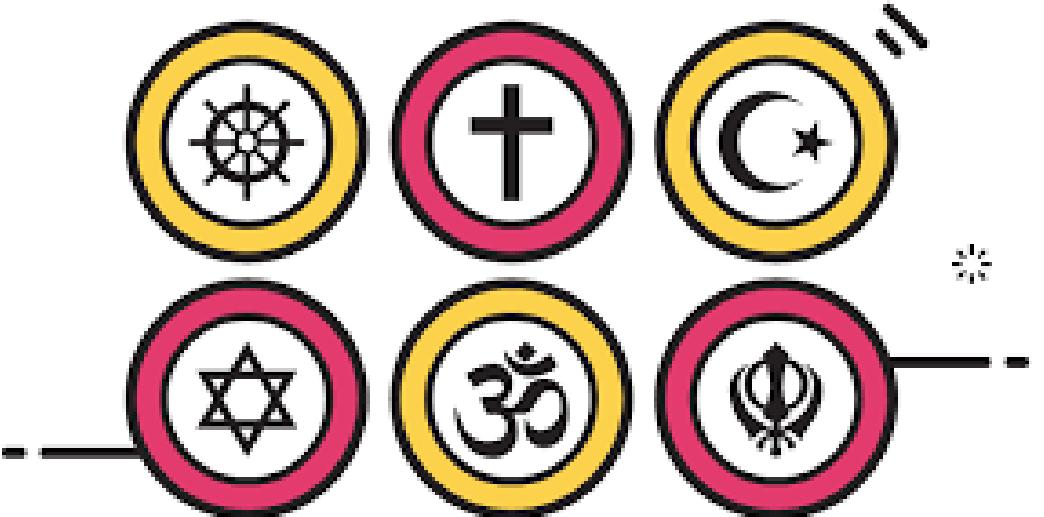
Source: Amnesty International, Al Jazeera and BBC

[What's happening in Iran? - BBC Newsround](#)

These are the largest protests since the Woman Life Freedom uprising of September-December 2022, when security forces unlawfully killed hundreds of protesters and bystanders and injured thousands of others, with total impunity. The authorities have unleashed the same pattern of repression against these latest protests.

World Religion Day 18th January

World Religion Day is a day dedicated to acknowledging and respecting the various religious traditions and beliefs practiced around the world. It encourages individuals to learn about different religions, engage in interfaith conversations, and work towards a more harmonious and inclusive society.



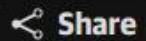
Photos of the week:

Colombia

Pasto, Colombia

Revellers take part in the Black and White Carnival, a Unesco-recognised cultural event symbolising racial unity and cultural diversity

Photograph: Iván Valencia/AP

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London, England

Larry, the Downing Street cat, gets in the way outside No 10

Photograph: Leszek Szymański/EPA

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Lhoknga, Indonesia

An aerial view of surfers riding a wave at Lhoknga beach in Aceh province

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