

Week A



**STUDENT
BULLETIN**

Monday 1st June 2026



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Safeguarding



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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.

Email:

safeguarding@vandyke.org.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.org.uk

☎ 01525 636700 <https://vandyke.beds.sch.uk/>

If you do not feel safe or need 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 school safeguarding team.



Mrs H Sides
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs C Powell
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



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Mrs C Williams
Head of Year



Mrs E Gaskell
Head of Year



Mrs Y Mileham
Head of Year

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.

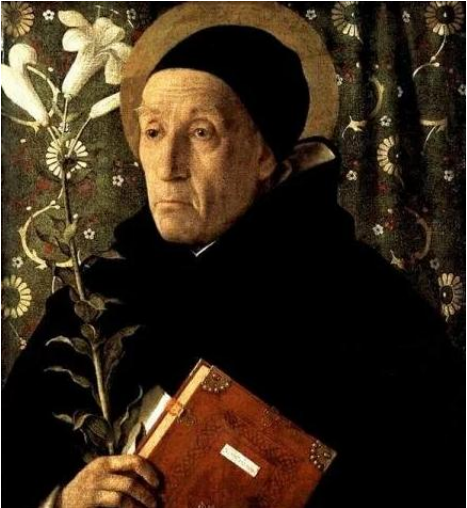
Uniform and equipment check

Your tutor will now do a uniform and equipment check.

If there are any issues with your uniform, 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:
“Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.”
- Meister Eckhart,
German philosopher

Example of Compulsory items:



Example of optional branded items from Wear2School



(PE use only)

Example of optional items:



House Point Rewards: Lunch Queue Passes!

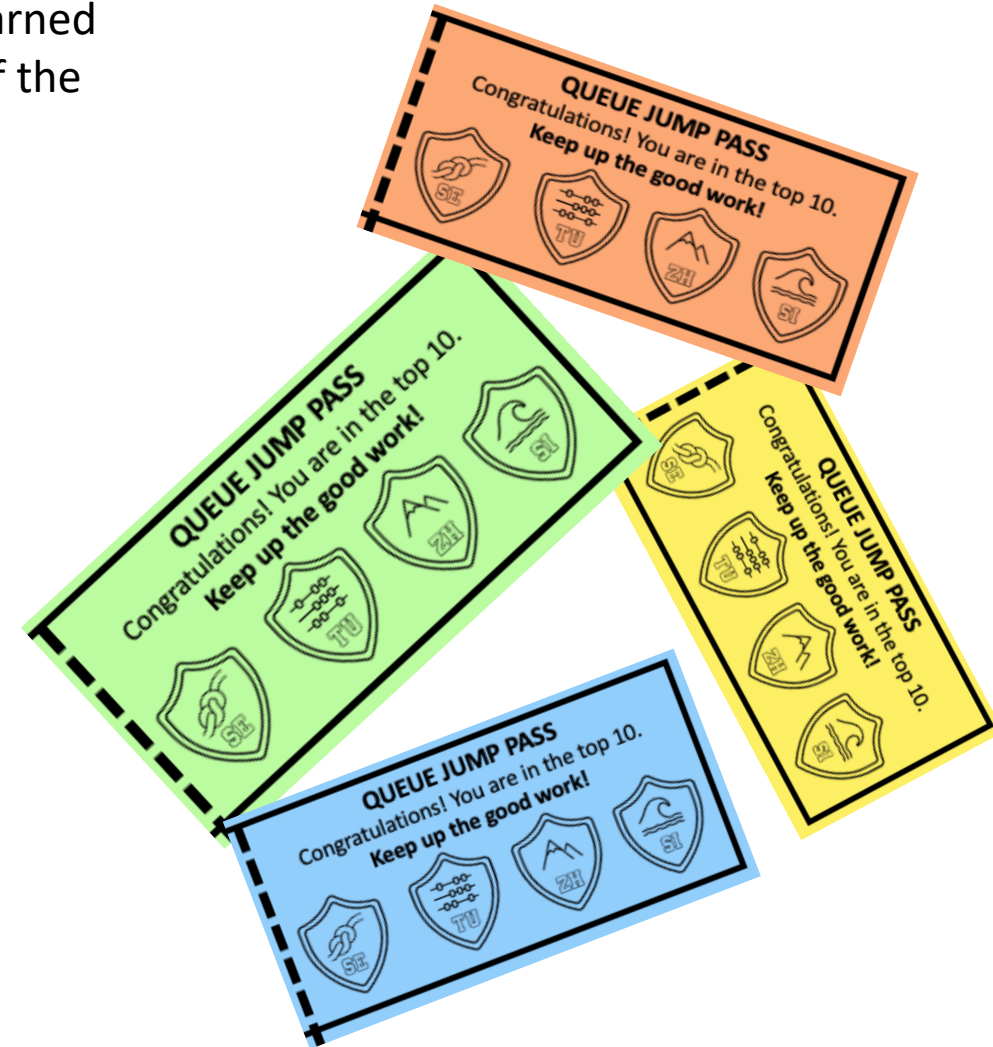
A huge well done to the top house point earners for last week. You have earned a lunch queue pass to skip the lunch queue. Show your pass at the front of the queue and you can even bring a friend with you!

New Yr10

Aiden ZH9MWE
Mia-Louise ZH9RMV
Claudia SI9ASD
Aimee ZH9RMV
Annabelle SE9SNE
George ZH9MWE
Phoebe SI9TGY
Jack SE9SGN
Millie ZH9MWE
Brody SE9SGN

New Yr11

Jack SE10RPE
Dylan SI10MDS
Poppy SE10RPE
Leoni TG10CCO
Caelan TG10AHS
Halle SI10LMD
Bobbie TG10AHS
Bea TG10CCO
Hayden ZH10JBS
Fin SE10RPE



Public Services Student of the Week from Mr Brown

All the Y10 Public services classes
have been working really hard
towards your exam.

We are very impressed with your
work ethic and attitude to learning.

You are all our student of the
fortnight!



DofE Notices – New Years 10-11

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

If you started an activity section at the start of March, and have been completing weekly one hour sessions, you will complete your three month time commitment in June. A meeting will be held in the theatre on Friday 26th June at lunch time to give you information about getting your assessor's reports completed.

Year 11 Bronze DofE Award

We look forward to celebrating your achievements at Awards Evening on Wednesday 10th June. There are two sittings:

5:30pm for surnames A to G.

6:45pm for surnames H to Z.

Year 11 Silver DofE Award

Following official registration this week, please log into your eDofE account to input your activity information for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections.



Happy Pride Month!

- June is Pride month, a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBT+ communities around the world.
- Pride is usually celebrated with parades and marches, and sometimes when people use the term 'Pride', they are referring to one of these events.
- June is the month chosen to celebrate Pride as it was the month of the Stonewall riots - more on these later.



The Stonewall Riots

Pride has a long history, rooted in the **political activism** of LGBT+ communities around the world.

Through the 1950s & 60s, LGBT+ people faced **legal discrimination** and were sometimes **raided** by police in their community spaces.

For example in the UK **male same-sex affection was illegal until 1967** and could have resulted in **arrest and imprisonment**.



The Stonewall Inn in 1969

Pride in the UK today

As rights and freedoms for LGBT+ people have improved over time, **Pride has increasingly become about celebrating the LGBT+ community**, their lives and their achievements.

Alongside this, Pride is also a key time for **local LGBT+ communities and organisations to come together** and push for further change to **improve the lives of LGBT+ people in the UK.**



Pride in the UK today

Pride in the UK today still has its political roots and Pride parades with floats, music and entertainment are **still often organised around contemporary LGBT+ issues.**

UK Black Pride (top right) and **Trans Pride in Brighton** (bottom right) foreground the issues that face parts of the LGBT+ community while **creating safe, inclusive spaces for everyone to celebrate Pride.**



Head to your local Pride event!

Pride is a welcoming celebration **for all LGBT+ people, allies, their friends and families** and you should go check out your local pride this month!



Date

5th June 2026

Time

17:00-21:00

Location

High Street, Leighton Buzzard

Admission

FREE!





Throughout Pride month, you will be completing some Pride themed activities such as quizzes and zine making during your tutor time.



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