

**Week B**



**STUDENT  
BULLETIN**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026



VANDYKE UPPER SCHOOL

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Mrs L Ferguson-Moore  
Headteacher



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Deputy Headteacher



Mrs C Fahy  
Sixth Form Manager



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.

# Changes to the timings of the school day

To accommodate GCSE and A level exams, we will change to a 2-1-2 lesson structure, starting today.

This means *lunch will be earlier* and you will have 2 lessons after lunch instead of just 1.

Please see a reminder of the changes below in yellow:

Tutor lesson (as normal)	8:45 – 9:05am
Period 1 (as normal)	9:05 – 10:05am
Period 2 (as normal)	10:05 – 11:05am
BREAK (as normal)	11:05 – 11:25am
Period 3 (as normal)	11:30 – 12:30pm
LUNCH	12:30 – 1:00pm
Period 4	1:05 – 2:05pm
Period 5 (as normal)	2:05 – 3:00pm/3:05pm



# 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:**  
“I don't think any of us like to be reduced to just one label.”  
- Riz Ahmed, British actor and rapper

### 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!

## Yr9

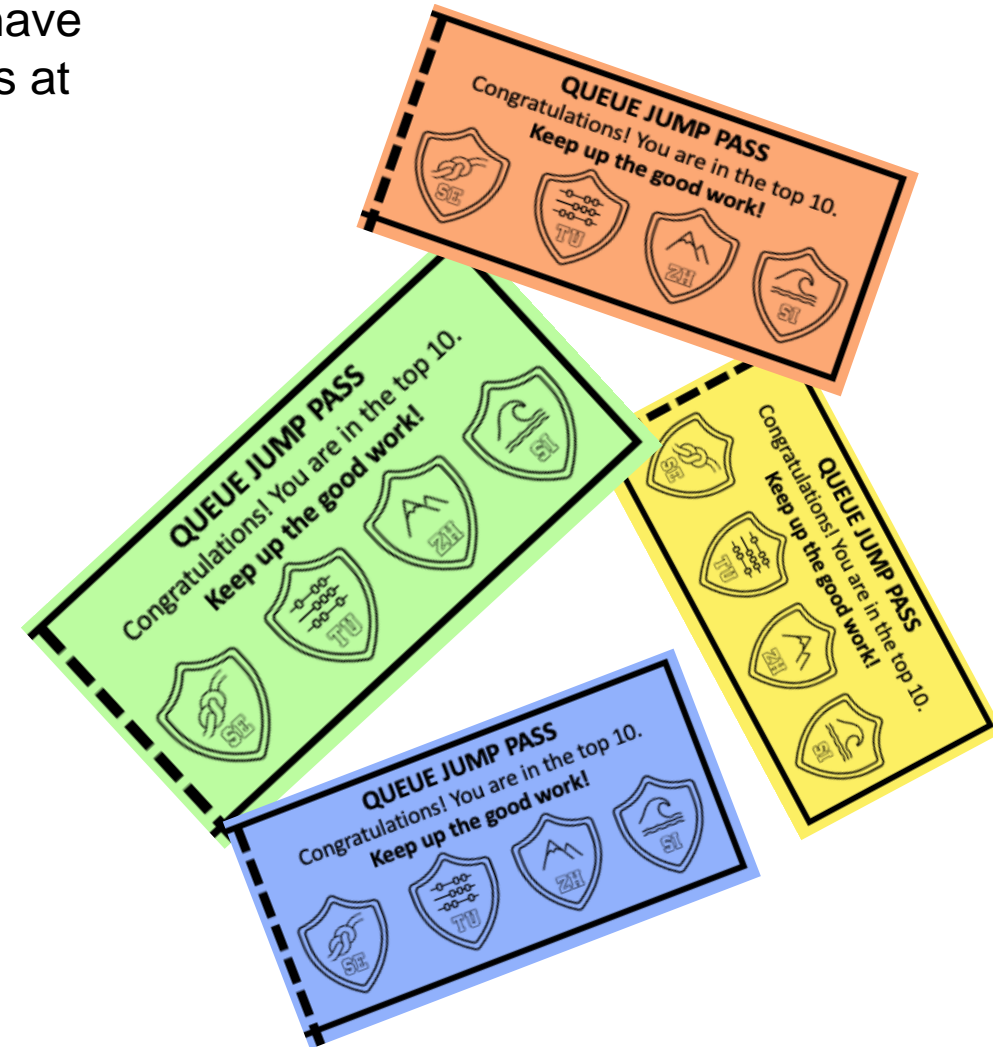
Flynn SI9EFY
Weronika TG9KSS
Basia SI9ASD
Claudia SI9ASD
Ryan ZH9MWE
Elif TG9JMH
Emily ZH9RMV
Charlie SI9ASD
Maimouna SI9ASD
Mateo SE9ABD

## Yr10

Sophie SI10JBH
Lucas SI10JBH
Emma TG10AHS
Ella SE10KRD
Niamh ZH10AGN
Bobbie TG10AHS
Kieran SI10LMD
Phoebe SE10RPE
Jacob SI10MDS
Edith SI10LMD

## Yr11

Taylor SI11NOL
Charlie SE11KGS
Leonard ZH11EPE
George ZH11EPE
Daniel ZH11BRN
Alfie TG11KMY
Olivia TG11KMY
Oscar TG11KMY
Veronica TG11BRG
Leo TG11LWR



# DofE Notices – Years 9-11

## Year 9 Bronze DofE Award

Well done to everyone who has accessed their eDofE account, entered activity details and started working towards their goals! Please check Google Classroom for updates on a regular basis.

## Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

Congratulations to Ben G-F and Freya P for completing three activity sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills).

All expedition assessor reports have now been issued, so if you have completed the three other sections, your award has been submitted for verification.

Silver Award registration forms need to be handed into the finance department by Friday 8th.

## Year 11 Silver DofE Award

Congratulations to Jacob C and Beau H for completing three activity sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills).

Refer to Google Classroom to complete your expedition information in eDofE. Expedition assessor reports will be issued in due course. The expedition section can then be submitted for approval.



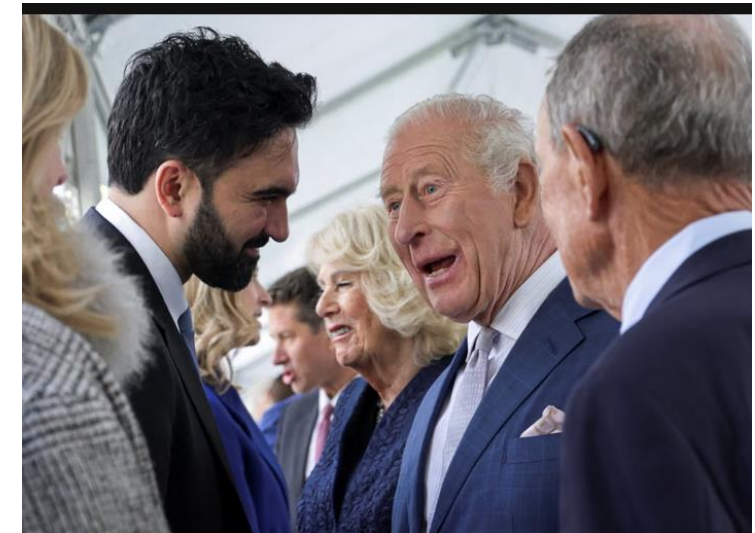
# King and Queen visit the US

**At the White House:** King Charles and Queen Camilla were honored at **a state dinner hosted by President Donald Trump** and first lady Melania Trump. It was the first formal white tie event there since President George W. Bush **hosted Queen Elizabeth in 2007**.

The visit came at a fraught time in US-British relations, with the White House and Downing Street at odds over the war in Iran, straining a relationship both governments insist remains unshakeable. The reviews following the King's appearances at the White House, in Congress and in New York were warm across the political divide.

The King's comments in Congress and at the White House's lavish banquet on Tuesday - mixing humour with history and a call for unity - also were widely praised. Some saw them as a subtle rebuke of President Trump.

For months, Donald Trump - a committed Anglophile and avid fan of the Royals - repeatedly told reporters that he was excited for the King's visit.



Source: BBC and CNN

[Fascination and wonder: How the US reacted to King Charles'](#)

# 9th May - 15th May Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event where there is an opportunity for the whole of the UK to focus on achieving good mental health. It is all about starting conversations about mental health and the things in our daily lives that can affect it.

[England Players Reveal How They Deal With Anxiety | Mental Health Awareness Week | England](#)



## Puzhehei, China

A view of Qiubei county. In recent years, the environment of the Puzhehei scenic area has steadily improved



## Antioch, US

Community members record a federal immigration agent during immigration operations in Tennessee



## Donetsk, Ukraine

Soldiers Andrii and Vasyl give each other a hug after returning from six months on the frontline



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