

Week B



**STUDENT
BULLETIN**

Monday 6th July 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

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
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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:
“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.”
- Kevin Durant, American basketball player

Example of Compulsory items:



Example of optional branded items from Wear2School



(PE use only)

Example of optional items:



House Point Rewards: Lunch Queue Passes!

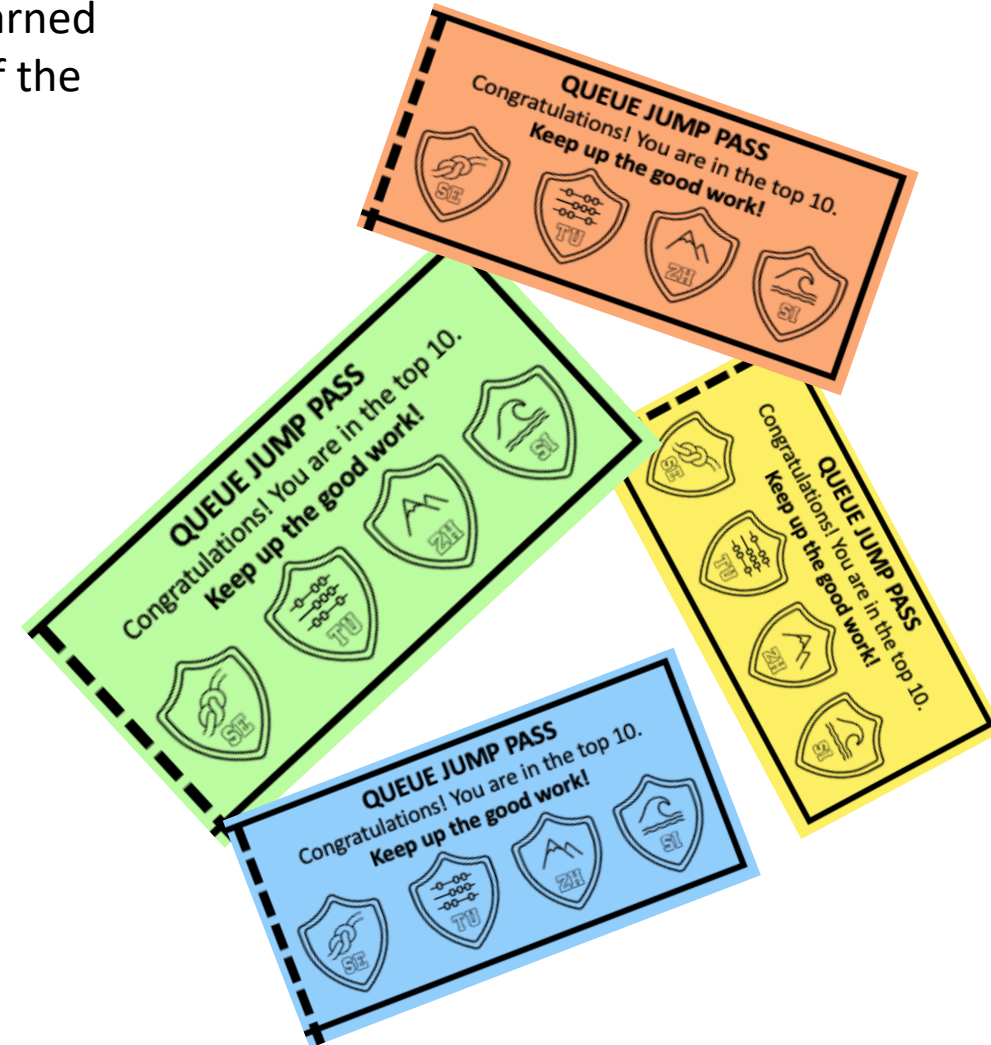
A huge well done to the top house point earners for last week. You have earned a lunch queue pass to skip the lunch queue. Show your pass at the front of the queue and you can even bring a friend with you!

New Yr10

Mateo SE9ABD
Logan SE9SGN
Ariane SE9HEG
Charlie SI9ASD
Janisha TG9IGA
James SI9TGY
Charles SE9SNE
Jack SE9SGN
Emma SI9EFY
James SE9HEG

New Yr11

Esther SI10SBD
Milo SI10JBH
Leoni TG10CCO
Quinn SI10SBD
Florence SE10GBL
Madison ZH10JBS
Bobbie TG10AHS
Daniela ZH10JBS
Ben SE10MBS
Alfie SI10MDS



BOWLING REWARDS TRIP – TUE 7TH July

If you are going on the bowling rewards trip on Tuesday 7th July:

- **Go to the theatre at 12:15pm**
(15 mins early from P3)
- Check which teacher is your travel group leader on the next slide...



Y10 BOWLING TRIP TRAVEL GROUPS

MS HEMMING	
Harley	A
Arion	A
Jack	B
Mateusz	B
Lilia	C-N
Daisy	C
Harry	C
Elif	D
Ellie	D
Sofia	D
Basia	G
James	G
Olivia	G
Flynn	G
Noah	H
Eden Rose	H

MS SAMET	
Aimee	H
Seb	H
James	H
Marley	H
Lara	H
Riley	H
Emma	K
Josh	K
Aiden	K
Ryan	L
Cerys	L
Nathan	M
Isaac	M
George	M
Aidan	M
Jack	M

MR BURGESS	
Rebecca	M
Josephine	M
Juliette	M
Grace	M
Sophie	M
Rosie	N
Claudia	N
Arthur	P
Phoebe	P
Danielle	P
Mia-Louise	P
Harriet	P
Layla	R
Amy	R
Sidney	R
Eilidh	R

MISS GRANSDEN	
Gracie	S
Arabella	S
Patryk	S
Mateo	T
Sofia	T
Brody	V
Jack	V
Kylie	V
Indie	W
Weronika	W
Aila	W-N
Emily	W
Lucy	W

Y11 BOWLING TRIP TRAVEL GROUPS

MR CALLENDER	
Jack	A
Lucas	A
Emma	B
Jamie	B W
Kieran	B
Daniela	B
Charlie	B
Amy	B
Ruby	C
Lucy	C
Harriet	C
Leola	D
Lawrence	D

MS STEELE	
Georgina	D B
Shannon	D
Sanita	D
Leon	D
Fin	E
Connie	F
Raef	F
Alice	H
Luca	H
Chloe	H
Gabriella	H
Hana	I
Dylan	J-S

MS HARDING	
Niamh	L
Alice	M
Christie	M
Tegan	M
William	M
India	M
Oscar	M
Sophie	O
Esther	O
Leoni	P
James	P
Luci	P
Tommy	P
Charlie	P

MR GERRARD	
Amelia	P
Ellie-May	S
Halle	S
Harvey	S
Jake	S
Zac	S
Megan	S
Erin	S
Keira	S
Lucas	T
Katherine	T
Ella	V
Joshua	W
Layla	Z

This week is Y11 'World Ready Week!'

- 'My Career Journey' Assemblies
- 'Careers in the Curriculum' activities
- Careers Conversations
- Unifrog Tutor Sessions
- Taster Sessions
- Oxbridge / Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary workshop
- Apprenticeship workshop

This will help you *look ahead* to your future career!



Work Through the Unifrog Activity Ladder in Tutor Time!



Taster Sessions

Be clear about when & where your sessions are taking place! [Sign Up Sheet](#)

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
P1 - Medical Science (S3)	P1 - BTEC Sport (A82)	P1 - A-Level PE (A81)	P1 - Fashion & Textiles (C1)	P1 - Geography (B22)
P2 - Health & Social Care (A68)	P2 - Travel & Tourism (B21)	P2 - Media (A66)	P2 - Early Childhood Development (A67)	P1 - Maths (M8)
P3 - DT (D44)	P3 - Law (F2)	P3 - Art (D32)	P3 Film Studies (E12)	P2 - UPS (Public Services) (A66)
P5 - French (B16)	P4 - Physics (S6)	P4 - Music (A76)	P4 - Drama (DRS)	P3 - Psychology (F1)
	P5 - English (C8)	P5 - Photography (D29)		P4 - IT (C2)
		P5 - Biology (S5)		P5 - Politics (B19)
		P5 - History (B2)		

DofE Notices – New Years 10-11

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

Glowing assessor reports have started to come through the system - fantastic! Well done to participants who have completed three month activities and liaised with their assessors. Information regarding online assessor reports can be found on Google Classroom, along with participant lists for Expeditions 1 & 2 in the Autumn term.

Year 11 Silver DofE Award

All activity information for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections needs to be added to your eDofE account before the end of the summer term.



Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced his resignation on June 22, 2026, after two years in office

Although he led Labour to a landslide victory in July 2024, his popularity plummeted due to repeated missteps and "judgment errors". Specific failures included struggling to deliver economic growth, failing to repair public services, and the controversial appointment of Peter Mandelson as the U.K. ambassador to the United States

Starmer acknowledged that the party no longer believed he was the best person to lead them into the next general election. Planned for 2029.

Who is Andy Burnham?

Andy Burnham, who served as the Mayor of Greater Manchester since 2017, won a special election for the seat of Makerfield on June 18, 2026. Burnham's return to the House of Commons was a calculated move with the express aim of challenging Starmer for the party leadership. Following Starmer's resignation, Burnham immediately became the favourite to succeed him.

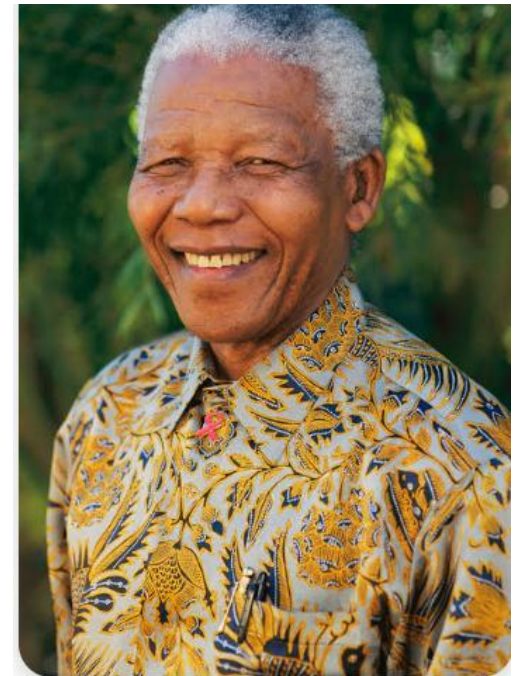


Source: ABC news and The Guardian

Nelson Mandela Day - 18th July

This day shines a light every year on the legacy of a man whose monumental achievements changed the 20th century and shaped the 21st. His values and determination — a deep commitment to human rights, freedom, and justice — are reflected on, and are a source of inspiration for others.

Mandela advocated for the rightful dignity and equality of every living person, and encouraged engagement and solidarity across all borders. His relentless pursuit for equality was paralleled with his status as the founding father of peace in South Africa.



Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013: An...



Colorado, US

A woman uses a hose to wet grass around the Mountain Shadows mobile home park in the hope of keeping the Aspen Acres fire from reaching homes near Beulah



La Guaira , Venezuela

A father is handed his newborn baby after they were rescued from the ruins of a collapsed building following last week's earthquake. The baby's mother was rescued shortly after.

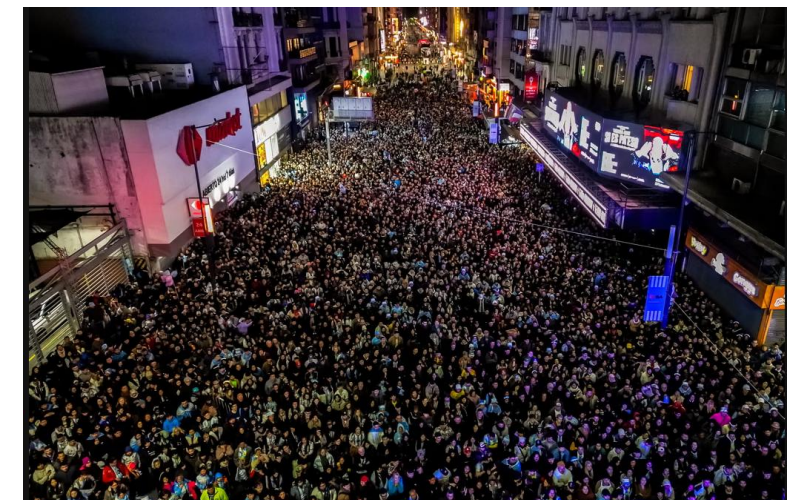
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Football fans watch the Fifa World Cup match between Argentina and Jordan on an outdoor screen



Boca Tapada, Costa Rica

A red-eyed tree frog. Native to the rainforests of Central America, the species is nocturnal and not venomous, relying on its vivid colour and bulging red eyes to startle predators long enough to escape





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