

Dear Student,

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form at Vandyke. As you are aware, we have an Induction programme in the Summer Term to start you on your A Level and Btec courses.

Details and information about the Induction programme are outlined below.

The Sixth Form Induction Programme:

For the majority of students the Induction Programme will take place from Monday 2nd July to Wednesday 4th July. For some however, attendance on Thursday morning may be required due to restrictions on staff availability, so please ensure you are able to attend school for all days if necessary. Notices of where to go will be displayed in the school foyer on 2nd July and full instructions for the week will be given out on the day. You need to be in school on Monday 2nd July by 8.40 am and there will be an assembly at 8.45 am.

Must I attend the Induction Programme?

The short and simple answer is YES. Please make sure that you arrange leave from any part-time employment. If you are unable to attend the Induction Programme please see us in advance. Like all employers and Further Education establishments we also expect commitment from our students.

Why is the Induction Programme so important?

It gives you the opportunity to gain an understanding of the academic and vocational demands of your choices. It therefore allows you to confirm your choices or change courses (providing you choice of courses fits the timetable blocks and there is space within these courses). You will also be given work in each subject to prepare for September.

Induction Tasks

Each subject will set you a task to complete for September. It is a good idea to start these during the induction week. You are encouraged to use the Library and Study Centre during the week, but also in the weeks following induction. Do not leave them until it is too late to access help if you are struggling! There will be a review at the end of the first full week of term in September to check that all students have completed these to a good standard. This will enable us to see whether you have the necessary commitment for Level 3 courses.

What will I need to bring/wear on the Induction Programme?

Please bring the necessary equipment for your chosen subjects – in almost all cases a pen/pencil/ rubber etc. Please look like Sixth Form students; we do not have a dress code for Sixth Form students. However, there are guidelines as to what constitutes acceptable dress. We do not allow:

- Badges or slogans which cause offence
- Torn or dirty clothes
- Items of clothing which fail to cover inappropriate areas (e.g. stomach, shoulders etc)
- Extremes of hair colour or piercings

After the GCSE Results

Results are published on Thursday, 23rd August. If you are staying on into the Sixth Form you need to report immediately to Clare in the Sixth Form Office to confirm your Sixth Form place and courses. For most this will be a formality, for some, a discussion with Mr Downey (Director of Sixth Form) or Miss Silkstone (Head of Year 12) will be required. An Independent Careers Advisor (4YP) will also be in school to support any student who has not achieved the necessary grades for Sixth Form study at Vandyke. Staff will also be available on Friday 24th August from 10am - 2pm for discussions about courses etc.

What if I cannot attend Induction?

In that case, you need a letter from home explaining why you are unable to attend and you need to arrange a meeting with a member of the Sixth Form Team, to give you the information and holiday tasks you need to complete for September.

Students who wish to withdraw their Sixth Form application must contact us either by phone or by coming into school. We want to be sure before term begins that we are aware of exactly who is returning to the Sixth Form and what courses they are intending to follow.

Information about the start of term arrangements for September will be sent out later this term.

We look forward to welcoming you on Monday 2nd July.

With our very best wishes,

The Sixth Form Team,

Mr S Downey Miss R Silkstone

Miss M Hamilton

Mrs C Fahy