



Vanguard School



Half-Termly Newsletter - Issue 1

Friday 5th October, 2024

Principal note

Welcome back to Vanguard for this new academic year. We are looking forward to bringing you better and improved communication this year, building on the successes and progress made in 2023/24. This commitment starts with this new half-termly newsletter, replacing my newsletters each term. Here you will find key dates, contacts and stories from across the school from staff and students.

Further commitments will be online Q&A sessions for bespoke topics, such as subject updates and feedback. Science has already delivered one of these for KS4. If you have any ideas or suggestions for communication improvements let us know via your Keyworkers, Tutors or the school office. Lastly, I want to welcome our new SENCO Mrs Polya and school business manager Mrs Pearce - they are great additions to the team!



Dean Atta, author of the acclaimed book *The Black Flamingo* which won the Stonewall Book Award 2020, came in the run a creative writing workshop for Years 8-12 yesterday. Dean Atta's visit is the first of many guests we will be hosting for Black History Month this year.



Art Celebration Afternoon



KEYWORKERS

Keyworkers and parents/carer

Championing the Child

Timetabled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

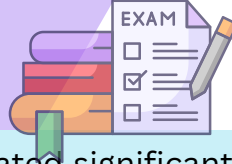
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Results 2024



The Summer examination results demonstrated significant progress on the 2023 outcomes.

The average number of examinations entered tripled, with almost all students passing their examinations.

All students have progressed into further education and some onto University. English outcomes were the strongest with most students achieving a Level 2 qualification. Art saw impressive results too. One Year 11 student passed all qualifications at Level 2.



Black History Month

At Vanguard, we believe Black History should be taught every month. Nevertheless, we have some exciting events happening in October for Black History Month. We have the amazing Patience Agabi coming to run creative writing and poetry workshops for our students. On the 24th October; we will be having a Culture Day. All students and staff will be encouraged to wear or bring in a school appropriate item to celebrate their identity.

Thank you, Mrs Mohamed

The author of 'Black Flamingo' Dean Atta, came in to run a creative writing workshop for Years 8-12. The students enjoyed it so much that they asked me if he can come back!

Dates & Events

- 01/10/24 - Local Governing Body meeting
- 08/10/24 - 6th Form Review
- 09/10/24 - Every Child Every Day Trust Visit
- 09/10/24 - Open afternoon for admissions
- 15/10/24 - Consultant Curriculum Review
- 16/10/24 - CEO Visit, Dr Nicola Crossly
- 22/10/24 - School Improvement Partner in School
- 25/10/24 - Break for Half-Term**
- 04/11/24 - INSET DAY**
- 06/11/24 - Online Parent/Carer forum from 3.30pm
- 21/11/24 - CEO Visit, Dr Nicola Crossly

