



Year 8 Update

23/01/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another positive week with Year 8, and it's been great to see students continuing to settle into their routines so well. Their focus and engagement in lessons have been excellent, and it's encouraging to see them demonstrating responsibility both in the classroom and around the school.

This week's assembly focused on learning things the hard way and how parents, teachers, and other adults in their lives are trying to help students live life the easy or smart way, rather than learning how it works the hard way.

A key takeaway from this was the quote:

"You're allowed to make mistakes. But you don't have to make every mistake yourself."

Parents and teachers have made many mistakes that they have learned from and want to help students learn from, without them having to go through the situation themselves.

Please do take an opportunity to talk with your child about this.

We're looking forward to a productive few weeks ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Abraham

Stakeholder Feedback Survey

Vanguard Learning Trust is committed to ensuring that all students feel safe, supported and able to thrive in our schools. Your views are incredibly important to us and we would be grateful if parents/carers could complete a short survey [[click here](#)] this term on the theme of safeguarding. Your child will also have the opportunity to complete a version of the survey in school designed for students. **The deadline for responses to this survey is 4pm on Friday 6th February 2026.**

Enrichment Options Brochure

[Brochure](#) Please don't forget to have a look through this brochure with your child in regards to their enrichment choices

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot [[click here](#)] contains information for parents/carers on understanding the dangers of vaping.

Spring Term Key Dates

Friday 13 th February	Year 8 reports issued
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half Term	
Friday 27 th February	Year 8 enrichment options form deadline
Wed 4 th , Thur 5 th & Fri 6 th March	School Production
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (3pm finish)

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 14 th May	Year 8 parent consultation evening (online)
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Friday 3 rd July	Year 8 reports issued
w/c Monday 13 th July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)