

Year 8 Update

28/09/2026

Dear Parents,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the amazing year 8 students who gave up their time to help out at Junior School Open Evening last week. They were amazing, I was so proud of them and you should be too!

Parents information evening will be taking place **Tuesday 13th October 6pm-7pm**. We would like all parents to attend this event for essential information about the year ahead for your child.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Damian Brooks

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding the top social media platforms and messaging apps most frequently named in Childline counselling sessions regarding online sexual abuse, grooming, and extortion (sextortion). Please [click here](#) for further information.

VLT Support Staff Vacancies

Please [click here](#) for the list of support staff vacancies across the VLT sites.

Canteen Reminders

Can I remind parents that the school canteen works in the following way:

All students have an automatic daily limit of £6.50. This includes their free school meal (FSM) allowance. Please speak to your son / daughter to make them aware of this allowance. They should not be regularly buying food for their friends as this may mean they themselves run out of money. We have the ability in school to adjust this daily allowance individually per child. Please email kwilliams@vynersschool.org.uk if you would like it adjusting either up or down.

Students in year 7 - 11 will not be able to use a normal contactless card to buy food. Using such a card removes any visibility you have, as parents, about what they have been purchasing. You cannot see a purchase unless it is made via ParentPay.

The FSM allowance is £3.02 per day. This is enough to enable a child to buy a full hot meal and drink at lunchtime. It will not be enough to cover a breaktime snack, and you may wish to send them in with something. The hot meal is the best value item - please make sure your child is aware this is a good choice for them to make.

If your child is FSM eligible, their allowance is spent first. Any purchases over £3.02 will need to be funded by you. Please top up the account in the normal way if you would like your child to have

extra purchasing power. Any unspent FSM allowance does not roll forward and disappears from the system at the end of the day

It is the responsibility of parents to make sure there is sufficient funds on parentpay to enable a child to buy food. There is an emergency system of 'pink slips' in place for those occasions where there has been a 'glitch'. Students should not regularly be asking for these slips though and the school will be contacting parents if a student regularly comes to school with no packed lunch or money on their account.

Any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me kwilliams@vynersschool.org.uk

Miss Williams
Business Manager

Autumn Term Key Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Monday 14th September	Year 7 Co-curricular Fayre
Wednesday 16th September	Year 7 Parent Information / Cheese & Wine Evening
Thursday 17th September	Awards Evening
Wednesday 23rd September	Junior School Open Evening
Monday 28th September	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 29th September	Year 9 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 30th September	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Friday 2nd October	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 6th October	Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 7th October	Year 13 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 13th October	Year 8 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 20th October	Sixth Form Open Evening (applications open)
Friday 23rd October	Year 8 and Year 13 reports issued
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
Friday 6th November	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 13th November	Year 10 reports issued
Wednesday 18th November	Governance Day
Thursday 19th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Friday 20th November	Staff Conference (school closed to students)
Monday 23rd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 27th November	Year 12 reports issued
Friday 27th November	FOV Quiz Night
Tuesday 1st December	Year 11 & 13 Trial exams start
Thursday 3rd December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Wednesday 9th December	VLT Christmas Concert
Friday 11th December	Year 9 reports issued
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Vyners Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December	Year 7 reports issued
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)