

## Year 8 Update

12/10/2026

Dear Parents,

This week, our school community proudly celebrated World Mental Health Day by taking part in YoungMinds' **#HelloYellow** campaign, with students invited to wear an item of yellow to show that no one has to face their mental health alone. Embracing this year's theme "*Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change*" the main school assembly focused on the power of open communication and active listening. Students were given practical tips on how to talk about their own emotional well-being, as well as how to listen to and support others. We encourage you to ask your child about what they learned in assembly and keep these positive conversations going at home!

Please don't forget 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.

Just a reminder that next year students will be selected to attend the annual rewards trip. To be eligible they cannot get more than 3 negative points, no lesson removals, no internal and external exclusions or detentions and they should have very good attendance. Please encourage your son/daughter to avoid negative behaviour points.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Damian Brooks

### Safeguarding Snapshot

As part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our students and school community, we are sharing details about World Mental Health Day (10th October) and Mental Health Awareness activities across our school. This year's official theme, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change." Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information

### VLT Support Staff Vacancies

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

### Information Received

#### **2nd Ickenham Scouts Quiz Night**

Come along to our adults-only Quiz Night and help raise funds for 2nd Ickenham Scouts. Saturday 17 October, 7.30pm – 10pm, £15 per person  
Get your team together:



Teams of 2–6 people



Bring your own food and drinks



Prize for the winning team



Coming on your own or with a mate? We can match you up with a team on the night.

Spaces are limited, so book up quickly! [\[click here\]](#)

All money raised goes towards supporting 2nd Ickenham Scouts and the new Scout hut.

### Autumn Term Key Dates

| Autumn Term 2026                                      |                                                   |
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|                                                       |                                                   |
| 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                |
| <b>Tuesday 13th October</b>                           | <b>Year 8 Parent Information Evening</b>          |
| Tuesday 20th October                                  | Sixth Form Open Evening (applications open)       |
| Friday 23rd October                                   | Year 8 and Year 13 reports issued                 |
| <b>Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term</b> |                                                   |
| 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                  |

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| 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                      |
| <b>Friday 18th December</b> | <b>End of Autumn Term (12.20pm finish)</b> |