



Year 8 Update

27/02/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome Year 8 back after half term. We hope students were able to enjoy a good rest, spend time with family and friends, and return feeling refreshed and ready to engage fully with their learning again. A strong start back sets the tone for the rest of the term, and we have been encouraging students to refocus on routines, organisation and consistent effort in lessons.

In this morning's assembly, we turned our attention to social media. This is an area that plays a significant role in young people's lives, and it is important that we continue to educate students about both its benefits and its risks. The assembly explored how social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, the impact this can have on wellbeing and self-esteem, and the importance of thinking carefully before posting, sharing or commenting online.

We also discussed digital footprints, respectful communication, the dangers of comparing ourselves to unrealistic online portrayals, and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Students were reminded that what they post or share can have long-term consequences and that kindness and good judgement should extend to their online interactions just as much as their face-to-face ones.

We would really value your support in continuing these conversations at home. Asking your child about how they use social media, what platforms they are on, and how it makes them feel can make a significant difference. Encouraging healthy boundaries around screen time and reinforcing the importance of respectful behaviour online helps us work together to keep them safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a focused and productive half term ahead.

Mr Abraham
Year 8 Leader

'School Wars' Posts

We are aware of recent social media posts circulating on TikTok concerning so-called 'School Wars'. The school community has been very calm since our return, and we are keen to avoid unnecessary hype caused by inappropriate and potentially dangerous social media posts. Please be assured that the Metropolitan Police are closely monitoring the situation and are maintaining regular contact with schools across several London boroughs. This has included officers attending schools at the end of the day as a precautionary measure. They are committed to responding swiftly and effectively to any reports of violence or disorder, ensuring the safety and well-being of all young people. However, I would like to stress that there is currently no evidence of any group or individuals acting on these posts.

If you become aware of any relevant information, please report it to the police by calling 101, as well as informing the school. Your vigilance plays an important role in keeping our communities safe.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher

School Communications

Further to the successful move to Arbor last spring, the school is preparing to migrate its communications package. At the moment, a second piece of software - Edulink - is used to send emails and text messages home. This was needed because our old Management Information System (SIMS) did not include a communications module.

Arbor has this functionality built in, and we will be using it exclusively to communicate with you from 23rd March 2026. In preparation for this change, there will be a short period of 'double running'. Some emails you will be getting from us twice. This 'double running' enables our staff to become familiar with the new system, and also for us to confirm that you are receiving everything we send out.

Apologies for the extra messages into your inboxes for the next few weeks - and thank you for your support during this period of transition.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding online safety. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information.

School Production

A reminder that there will be performances of the Vyners School Production '**Addams Family**' on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information on how to book tickets.

Friends of Vyners

Please [\[click here\]](#) for details of the Friends of Vyners Quiz Night on Friday 13th March.

Spring Term Key Dates

Friday 27th 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)