



## Year 8 Update

27/03/2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy term, it has been a pleasure to see Year 8 continuing to work hard and engage with school life.

Our assembly this week focused on **Tick Bite Prevention Week**. This was an important session aimed at raising awareness as the weather gets warmer, helping students understand how to stay safe while enjoying the outdoors and what to look out for to protect their health.

On a more serious note, we have recently seen an increase in "gossip" and unkind comments circulating on social media within the year group. We would strongly encourage you to monitor your child's social media activity over the break. Staying aware of their online interactions helps us work together to ensure that all students feel safe and respected both in and out of school.

We hope the students enjoy a well-deserved rest and come back refreshed for the new term. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Easter break.

Kind regards,

Mr Abraham  
Year 8 Leader

### **Policy Update**

Earlier this year we wrote to parents and carers outlining our updated behaviour policy with specific references to student mobile phone use at Vyners. As part of that communication we stated that it is our intention to continue to strengthen the policy over the coming academic year in line with the updated guidance from the Department for Education ([click here](#)). We support the DfE's guidance given the overwhelming evidence regarding smart phone use and children's mental health and wellbeing, their ability to develop social skills away from technologies as well the disruption to learning that we experience from time to time.

At our spring term local governing body meeting, the decision was taken to adopt the strategy for the new Year 7 cohort for September 2027 to be smart phone free and that the only phones that they will be able to bring to school will be **non-smart phones** with the ability for calls, texts and tracking. This will then be rolled out year-by-year until the school becomes smart phone free. This strategy has been successfully trialled within the Trust at Ruislip High School and we will be communicating this week to parents of Year 6 children who are due to start at Vyners in September.

With regard to students in the current cohorts at the school, we will be consulting on potential changes to the policy during the summer term with the view of finalising the policy for 2026-27 at the local governing body meeting in June. We will be in contact with parents and carers (and students) ahead of that time to gain their views. In the meantime, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with regard to this matter.

Gary Mullings  
**Headteacher**

### Timetable for the end of Year Exams

Year 8 WB - 18/05/25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	RE	Science	English	CATCH UP SESSION	CATCH UP SESSION
2	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
3	Maths	Geography	History	CATCH UP SESSION	CATCH UP SESSION
4	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
5	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson

### Summer Term Co-Curricular

Please click this [\[link\]](#) to find the summer term co-curricular activities that have been set up.

### HPV Vaccine

Year 8s had an assembly recently regarding the HPV vaccine. Attached in this [\[link\]](#) is all the information for parents.

## School Communications

Safeguarding Snapshot

Please [\[click here\]](#) for this week's safeguarding snapshot.

VLT News

Please [\[click here\]](#) for a Trust Update letter from Dr Lecky, VLT CEO.

Please [\[click here\]](#) for information on staff vacancies across the Trust.

Information Received

Please [\[click here\]](#) for a leaflet from Premier Kickboxing with information about the classes they offer.

## Spring Term Key Dates

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Spring Term (3pm finish)</b>
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## Summer Term Key Dates

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