

Year 8 Update

10/07/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week.

First, I want to say a huge thank you for your support with Wednesday's Year 8 team building activity day. The feedback has been entirely positive and the students made us incredibly proud with their good behaviour - it really showed how fantastic the year group is.

With the final week of the summer term right around the corner, students are understandably feeling tired and the heat certainly adds to that. However, we have unfortunately seen a rise in some challenging behavior during break and lunch times. This has included students throwing water over each other, initiating arguments, and forming large crowds to egg each other on.

This behavior is not acceptable and it takes away from the positive atmosphere we want for the end of the year. Please speak with your child about maintaining their focus and making smart choices next week. We want every Year 8 student to finish this year on a high note.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

Mr Abraham

School Communications

Warm Weather Uniform Update

Whilst we were expecting slightly cooler temperatures next week, there has been a change in the forecast over recent days which suggests that temperatures will again be in the region of 30 degrees celsius during most afternoons. Given this forecast, it has been agreed that students will be permitted to wear their PE kit to school through to the end of the summer term. As previously stated, this should be Vyners branded shorts or skorts along with the Vyners branded polo shirts. Items such as non-branded jogging bottoms or shorts should not be worn. It should be remembered that students do not need to wear their PE kit. They have the choice of wearing their school uniform with ties and blazers at home. I would encourage children and families to consider wearing standard school uniform items on some days, particularly to ensure that PE kit is regularly washed and odour free. If parents and carers have any questions regarding uniform during the final week of term they should contact their child's Year Leader in the first instance.

Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Having had a quick review of offers locally, it is clear that many businesses are taking this opportunity to offer excellent discounts to children and families.

As part of this campaign, the Government has launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

I hope that all families are able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Gary Mullings

Headteacher

Vyners School Open Evening

Vyners Open Evening will be on Wednesday 23rd September and families with children who will be in Year 6 (or Year 5 with an EHCP) in September 2026 are welcome to **book tickets from Monday 13th July at 8am**. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information on our website and details of how to book the tickets. This information is being shared with our current families and local primary schools to give advance notice of the Open Evening and to allow tickets to be booked early.

Safeguarding Snapshot

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

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May – Half Term	
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)