

Year 7 Update

25/9/2026

Year 7 have had another fantastic few weeks, continuing to impress us with their enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive attitude across all areas of school life. From engaging classroom discussions to active participation in co-curricular activities, it's been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and building strong friendships along the way. Staff have commented on their excellent behaviour, resilience, and teamwork, qualities that are becoming a real strength in this year group. We're proud of how well they are settling in and look forward to more exciting weeks ahead!

The journey to and from school

Please be mindful when dropping off and picking up your children, especially around the school entrance and Warren Road. Where possible, avoid driving directly into Warren Road and use the surrounding roads, even when it's raining, to prevent congestion and improve safety. Without a designated crossing traffic congestion and cars parked on both sides of the road create a dangerous hazard for students crossing, as it reduces visibility and increases the risk of an accident. We urge you to take the safety of the school into consideration. Park at a reasonable distance from the school, ensuring you do not block any driveways or perform turns that inconvenience residents. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this matter. We are a community that values respect, tolerance, and consideration. Let's all work together to uphold these standards for the benefit of everyone.

Year 6 Open Evening

A particular highlight was their involvement in the recent Year 6 Open Evening. Many of our Year 7 students volunteered to support the event by helping out in subject departments, guiding prospective students and their families, and sharing their own experiences of starting secondary school. They were fantastic ambassadors, polite, friendly, and enthusiastic and received lots of praise from staff, visitors, and parents alike.

Smart Phones and Watches

Please be reminded that smartphones and smartwatches are strictly prohibited for all Year 7 students while on school premises. If a banned device is seen, it will be confiscated immediately, triggering an automated notification to parents and carers requiring an adult to collect the item from the school office. As a new update starting this week, you will now also be able to view any confiscation logs directly on your child's Arbor profile. Thank you for your co-operation in maintaining a focused, distraction-free learning environment for our students.

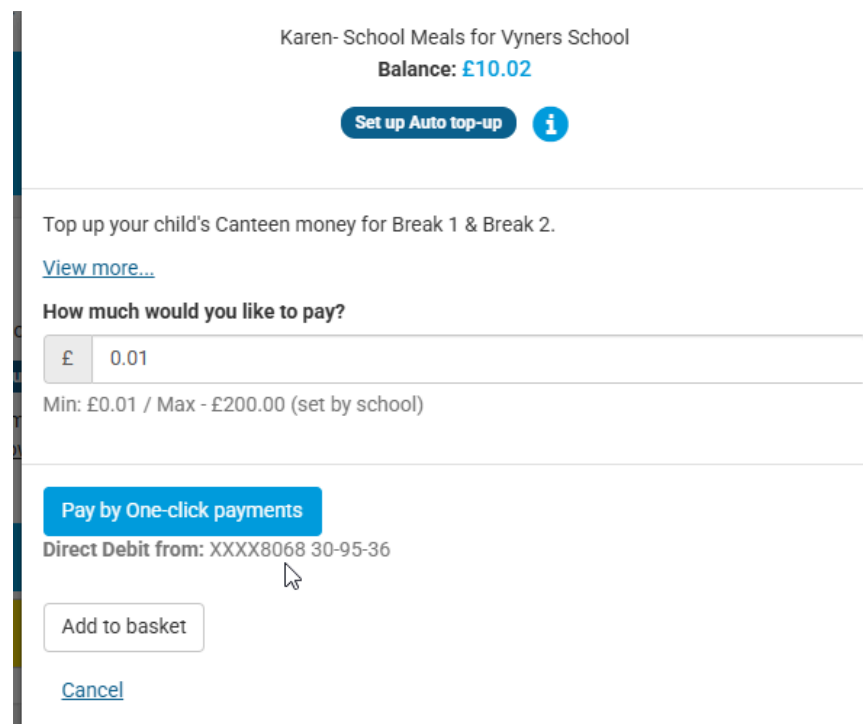
Safeguarding Snapshot

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.

Parent Pay- Making Payments to School

A number of parents have experienced problems making payments to the school since the start of the academic year. This includes topping up lunch money for students.

We believe the problem may stem from the use of the 'one click payment' option advertised on the system.



Karen- School Meals for Vyners School
Balance: **£10.02**

[Set up Auto top-up](#) [i](#)

Top up your child's Canteen money for Break 1 & Break 2.
[View more...](#)

How much would you like to pay?

£ 0.01

Min: £0.01 / Max - £200.00 (set by school)

[Pay by One-click payments](#)

Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

[Add to basket](#)

[Cancel](#)

Payment made using the 'one click' option can take between 5-7 days to reach the school. This seems to be resulting in some payments failing on the system, resulting in children not having enough lunch money, or missing out on a trip.

There is also an option to pay via credit / debit card. These payments should make it through to us straight away

To use this option, add your purchase to the basket (see above). Check out the basket as you would for any online store. When you get to the checkout page, select 'other payment method' (see below) - this takes you to a screen where you can add in credit and debit card information

Order summary

Items:	£10.00
Pay by Parent Account credit:	-£0.00
Left to pay:	£10.00

Payment method

Pay by One-click payments

Direct Debit from: XXXX8068 30-95-36

Other payment method

[Cancel](#)

Anyone experiencing problems with the online system is encouraged to get in touch with us at an early stage so we can help resolve the issue

Miss Williams
Business Manager

VLТ Support Staff Vacancies

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

Autumn Term Key Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Friday 2nd October	FOV Quiz Night
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term	
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	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
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)