



Warlingham School
& Sixth Form College

The Warlingham Week

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Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

The remaining weeks of the Summer Term are set to be filled with opportunities to welcome new members to the Warlingham School community, while also celebrating those continuing their journey with us into the Sixth Form and those moving on to the next stage of their lives, whether that be university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

This week, we were delighted to welcome over 40 students from primary schools across Croydon and Surrey for our small schools morning. These students will be joining us in Year 7 this September, along with another 200 students from across both boroughs. They spent an engaging morning with us taking part in team-building activities designed to support their transition from primary to secondary school. It was a real pleasure to welcome them all and we were so proud of how they approached the experience.

Next Monday, we will also welcome students for our Year 12 Induction Day, an exciting opportunity to introduce new members to the Sixth Form, as well as supporting our current Year 11 students who have chosen to continue their journey with us into Year 12. During the day, students will have a chance to find out more about the subjects they have chosen, gain information about the wonderful opportunities the Sixth Form can offer and make new friends! We are very much looking forward to welcoming them all.

Alongside this, we have this term's School Production 'This is not a love story' over 3 evenings. The show is almost sold out with just a few tickets remaining which can be purchased via arbor.

In the coming weeks, our Year 10 and 12 students will undertake their work experience placements, while students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part in Activities Week, both in and out of school, including a range of exciting residential trips in the UK and abroad. We also look forward to celebrating our Year 11 and Year 13 students at their proms, alongside other end-of-year highlights.

Young Writer Competition

I am delighted to share some wonderful news celebrating the creativity and talent of our students here at Warlingham School.

Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Caterham invited young people from schools across the CR3 and CR6 areas to take part in the 2026 Young Writer Competition. This year's theme, "Space," offered a fantastic opportunity for students to stretch their imagination and interpret the concept in their own unique way—whether through fiction, non-fiction, prose, or poetry.

The Rotary Club of Caterham said that they were thrilled to see such a wide range of imaginative and thought-provoking entries from students across the local community. The theme inspired everything from intergalactic adventures to more reflective pieces exploring personal space and the world around us.

I am especially proud to announce that Warlingham School achieved outstanding success in the Key Stage 3 category, securing a remarkable clean sweep of all three prizes. This is a truly exceptional accomplishment and reflects both the talent of our students and the dedication of our staff in supporting creative writing.

KS3 Prize Winners:

- 1st Place: Kathrine (7L) – £50
- 2nd Place: Amber (7R) – £30
- 3rd Place: Jaxson (7N) – £20

The judges spoke highly of the quality, originality, and creativity evident in the students' work. To have every prize in this category awarded to Warlingham students is an achievement we are incredibly proud of.

The prizes were presented by members of the Rotary Club of Caterham, providing a special moment of recognition for our winners. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to celebrate their success and be acknowledged for their exceptional efforts. Today I met with all students to personally congratulate them on their achievement. They have represented Warlingham School with great distinction, and we are immensely proud of their achievements. We look forward to seeing many more students inspired to share their voices and creativity in future competitions.

Adjustments to uniform for the remainder of the Summer Term

We would like to remind you that for the remainder of the Summer Term, blazers will be optional, this is due to warm weather over the last couple of days and the prediction that this will continue, with temperatures set to rise. Please be reminded that all other uniform expectations remain unchanged.

Pre-loved Uniform

If your child has outgrown any items or no longer needs them, and they're still in good condition, please consider donating. We would really appreciate any donations of pre-loved school uniform to Student Services as we are currently very low on stock. Donations can be brought into main reception, thank you in advance of your support.

Parent Forum

A reminder that I will be holding the final Parent Forum of this academic year on Wednesday 24th June, 5.15pm–6.00pm. Please come to main reception on arrival. The focus of this session will be a review of our detention system and an opportunity to discuss proposed changes for the next academic year. Currently, students may receive a 20-minute same-day after-school detention. We are considering introducing a 40-minute same-day detention, finishing at 3.50pm.

During the forum, we will explain the rationale behind this proposal, outline how it would operate, and seek your views and feedback. This is an important opportunity for parents to contribute to the development of our behaviour systems and help ensure they remain fair, effective and supportive of high standards for all students.

If you would like to attend, please register using the link below. If you are unable to attend, you can also use the form to submit a question for consideration during the forum. [Parents Forum - Detention System – Fill in form](#)

Year 8

HPV vaccination

The Immunisation Team will be in school on 2nd July. If you have not already done so please give or decline consent visit www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and enter the school code **SR138928**. The portal will close on Friday 26th June.

Year 9

Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (Td/IPV), Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations

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Year 12

Registration Activities

W/c 22nd June Please find attached the registration activities for next week which outlines what students will be doing in tutor time. It has also been set on satchel for students to review in their own time.

Year 12 will be continuing to research about their next steps and supporting our new students in their Induction days. Encourage your child to check our Padlet site for additional resources: [Warlingham Sixth Form College \(padlet.com\)](https://warlingham-sixth-form-college.padlet.com) and opportunities for their next steps. For any questions, please contact Mr. R. Leay at r.leay@warlinghamtl.co.uk

.....and finally, yesterday marked the final day of GCSE, A Level, and BTEC exams. Congratulations to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students on reaching this important milestone. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout your school journey have been truly commendable.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, determination, and kindness you have shown, and we hope you take a moment to feel a real sense of accomplishment. A sincere thank you also to families for your unwavering support during what has been an intense and demanding period.

As this chapter draws to a close, we wish our students a well-deserved and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming many of you back for Year 12 Induction Day, and to seeing those Year 11 students who are continuing their journey with us in the Sixth Form from September. We also look forward to welcoming everyone back on results day.

We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards



Mr P Foster

Headteacher

Changes to free school meals from September

From September 2026, more children will qualify for Free School Meals if their family receives Universal Credit. An email was sent to all parents on Friday 5th June to explain the changes in more detail.

Important information:

- All children must be reassessed under the new rules before September
- You must apply again, even if your child already receives Free School Meals
- If you were previously not eligible, it is worth applying again

If your child is currently receiving free school meals you must reapply for this to continue in September.

Please click on the link to apply. [Free School Meals Application](#)