



Warlingham School
& Sixth Form College

The Warlingham Week

Edition 5

Date 2nd Oct 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

Once again this week, I had the pleasure of welcoming hundreds of parents, carers and prospective students to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was wonderful to see so many young people from Warlingham, our local community and beyond taking the opportunity to explore what our Sixth Form has to offer, speaking with our staff and students, asking thoughtful questions and gaining a real insight into life at Warlingham Sixth Form College.

The evening showcased the very best of our school community. Our Year 12 and 13 students were outstanding ambassadors, sharing their experiences with confidence, honesty and enthusiasm, whilst staff were on hand to offer guidance and expertise as students begin to consider their next steps.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. Events such as these highlight the supportive, ambitious and inclusive culture that sits at the heart of Warlingham. It was a pleasure to see so many families engaging with the exciting opportunities available and looking ahead to the next stage of their educational journey.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming over 100 prospective students, parents and carers to Warlingham for our Open Morning Tours.

Whilst our Open Evening provides an opportunity to learn more about the school and hear from staff and students, the Open Mornings offer families a chance to experience Warlingham on a typical school day. Visitors will see lessons in progress, observe the calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school, and gain a genuine insight into what it means to be part of our community.

These tours provide an opportunity for families to see the enthusiasm of our students, the dedication of our staff and the high-quality learning experiences that take place every day. There is no better way to understand what makes Warlingham special than by seeing the school as it is on a normal working day.

Thank you in advance to our students and staff, who I know will once again be exceptional ambassadors for the school. I look forward to welcoming our visitors and sharing the warm, ambitious and inclusive culture that sits at the heart of everything we do at Warlingham.

Sponsored Walk Update

Our annual Sponsored Walk takes place on **Friday 16th October**, and excitement is already building across the school community. This much-loved Warlingham tradition brings students and staff together for a rewarding day that celebrates resilience, teamwork and community spirit.

Every pound raised goes directly towards improving the experience of our students. Thanks to the incredible support of our families and wider community in recent years, we have been able to invest in enhanced toilet facilities, improved ICT provision and other projects that have made a real difference across the school. [\[](#)

This year, we are continuing our investment in student toilet facilities, building on the improvements already made. Our aim is to raise **£15,000**, and if every student secures just a small number of sponsors, we will be well on our way to achieving this target.

Students have been provided with a sponsorship form and achievement card, including a QR code to make collecting sponsorship quick and easy. Sponsorship can be made via:

- The QR code on the sponsorship form
- Arbor Pay
- Cheque (payable to *Warlingham School & Sixth Form College*)



As always, we are incredibly grateful for the support of our families. The Sponsored Walk is one of the highlights of the school calendar and a wonderful example of the Warlingham community coming together to make a lasting difference for both current and future students.

For full details about the event, including timings, arrangements and sponsorship information, please refer to the letter shared with parents and carers last week.

Absence Notifications and Contacting the School

We have noticed an increasing number of parents and carers advising tutors directly of student absences via email. Whilst tutors are the first point of contact for many day-to-day matters, **all student absences must be reported directly to the Attendance Team.**

If your child is absent, please notify the Attendance Team **before 8.30am on each day of absence** by either:

- Calling **01883 624067** and selecting **Option 1** for the Absence Line.
- Emailing **attendance@warlinghamtlt.co.uk**.

Please include your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and anticipated return date. Absences of **five school days or more** should be supported by appropriate medical evidence.

Medical and dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. Where an appointment must take place during the school day, please notify the Attendance Team in advance. Students leaving school for an appointment must sign out at Student Services and sign back in on their return.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

Careers - Project Route Next Step Challenge

Date: Thursday 8th October

Time: 5pm

Venue: Online, Zoom

Project Route is a national programme endorsed by the Department for Transport that helps young people discover the wide range of data, digital and technology, careers available across transport. Students can take part in free online career challenges and a live data futures careers event, meet transport professionals, develop valuable workplace skills and receive a certificate of completion. The activities take place outside school hours via Zoom. Follow the link to register - [Read more](#)

We wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher