



Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

As we come to the end of a particularly warm week, we would like to commend our students for how well they have managed in the high temperatures. They have shown great maturity and resilience, adapting positively to the changes we have made to the school day, including adjustments to lessons and routines to keep everyone comfortable and safe. We are very proud of the way they have continued to engage with their learning throughout.

Today, it became clear early on that the school was going to become too hot for the children to remain comfortable and continue learning effectively and therefore going home earlier than initially planned was the right decision for their wellbeing. I would like to thank parents for supporting our decision today and throughout this week.

Uniform Expectations Next Week

With significantly cooler weather forecast for next week, we will be returning to normal school uniform expectations. However, please be reminded that blazers will remain optional for the remainder of the Summer Term to ensure students continue to feel comfortable.

School Production

Despite the heat of this week, students and staff involved have rehearsed tirelessly, for this term's school production. Last night was the opening night — and what a fantastic show it was!

Our production of 'This Is Not a Love Story' began to a sell-out audience, with a truly electric atmosphere from the moment the curtain rose. The cast delivered an insightful and thought provoking interpretation of a familiar Shakespearean play with energy, enthusiasm and confidence. The impact of their incredible collaboration and teamwork, especially in the conditions of this week was truly impressive. On top of this, they were supported brilliantly by our dedicated backstage and technical teams — a real testament to the hard work and commitment shown by everyone involved.

A huge thank you to all those who came along to support us, especially on what was a very hot evening. Your encouragement meant so much to our students and helped make the night so special. I know, despite the heat continuing for a few more days, they are excited for this evening's and tomorrow's performances, and if opening night is anything to go by, audiences are in for something very special!

Warlstock

We are really excited for Warlstock 4, building on the growing success of this fantastic event over the last three years, and we would love you to come along, enjoy the day and be part of making it another brilliant celebration for our whole school community. Warlstock, is one of our key events, bringing together families, friends and the wider local community for a day full of live music, great food, and fun.

To make it a real success, the school and PTA would be incredibly grateful for as many volunteers as possible. There are lots of ways you can help, whether it's supporting with set-up from 10am (putting up gazebos, decorating, and preparing the bar), helping to run the bar or BBQ, welcoming guests and checking tickets, stewarding the event, assisting with food, or helping with the clear-up at the end. Even if you can spare just an hour, it will make a huge difference and you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the festival atmosphere.

Your support not only helps the day run smoothly, but also raises valuable funds to enhance our children's school experience. If you are able to get involved, please email the PTA Chair at chair@warlinghampta.co.uk to let us know how you can help. Thank you in advance of your support and we look forward to seeing you there and supporting to make Warlstock 4 another amazing success!

Parent Forum

Although the Parent Forum was cancelled due to the weather this week, we wanted to ensure that the questions raised were still addressed. We felt it was important to share this information with the wider school community, as we recognise that the questions asked and the responses provided may be of interest to many families. You will find the full set of questions and answers at the end of this newsletter.

Year 12

Registration Activities w/c 29th 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 participating in their Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July. Encourage your child to check our Padlet site for additional resources: [Warlingham Sixth Form College \(padlet.com\)](https://warlingham.sixthformcollege.padlet.com) and opportunities for their next steps. For any questions, please contact Mr. R. Leay at r.leay@warlinghamtlt.co.uk

...and finally, it was wonderful to welcome so many of our Year 11 students on Monday to their Year 12 induction day and this evening, many members of the school team will join in celebration at their Prom. This special event marks a culmination of years of hard work, friendships forged and memories made. It stands as a formal celebration of their journey through school so far, offering a poignant moment for the whole cohort to come together and reflect on how far they've come and look forward to a future filled with potential and opportunity.

We wish you an 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

Please click on the link below to apply.

[Free School Meals Application](#)

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

Question 1

I feel something need to change with 'isolation'. Missing two periods for what can sometimes be fairly minor issues (uniform) is not productive. Students shouldn't be punished by being removed from lessons. Would be good if this was discussed. My preference would be for lunch/after school detentions. Isolation should be reserved for the more serious issues that require people having timeout from lessons/other students.

We agree with the principle that students should be in lessons wherever possible. Students learn best when they are in class, and our aim is always to resolve issues quickly so they can return to learning.

It may be helpful to clarify that uniform issues on their own do **not** result in a student being removed from lessons. A student with a uniform issue receives a 10-minute detention and staff work with them to resolve the problem immediately. We keep spare uniform in school and, where needed, can provide items so that students can return to lessons very quickly.

RESET is only used when a student **refuses** to follow a reasonable instruction or **refuses or is unable** to resolve the issue after support has been offered. At that point, the concern is no longer the uniform itself but the refusal to follow a clear and reasonable instruction.

Maintaining this distinction is important. Schools develop strong cultures by teaching and reinforcing that reasonable instructions from staff should be followed first time. If we were to normalise students remaining in lessons after refusing those instructions, it would become much harder to maintain the calm, purposeful environment that benefits all students.

We don't believe RESET removes students from learning. It changes the focus of learning. Sometimes the most important lesson a student needs at that moment is not maths or English, but how to follow reasonable instructions, show respect to others, regulate their behaviour and make choices that allow everyone to learn. Those are fundamental life skills, and they are essential if students are to succeed both in school and beyond. Our aim is always to teach those lessons quickly so students can return to their classroom ready to learn.

Our expectation is therefore simple: we will always do everything we reasonably can to help students resolve an issue quickly and stay in lessons. RESET is reserved for occasions where that support has been declined or where a student is refusing to follow staff instructions, disrupting the learning of others or failing to treat those around them with respect. It is used only when teaching life-lessons about genuine mutual respect and following important instructions are needed.

Question 2

40 mins is too long for after school especially for children that get public transport home. With the rise in street crime with gangs and knives would you be happy for your child to be coming home that late.

Student safety is our highest priority, and we carefully considered this before introducing 40-minute after-school detentions.

As part of our planning, we reviewed local transport arrangements and the finishing times used by a wide range of secondary schools. Many schools routinely finish later than ours, either because of longer school days, enrichment activities, revision sessions, or after-school detentions. A dismissal time of 3.50 pm remains well within the normal range for secondary schools and continues to coincide with established public transport services used by students.

We also completed a thorough risk assessment and do not believe that students are placed at additional risk by leaving school at 3.50 pm. Where there are individual circumstances that create genuine safeguarding concerns, these are considered on a case-by-case basis.

We will continue to monitor the impact of the new arrangements carefully and will review them if evidence suggests changes are needed.