



8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a real pleasure to welcome all our students back to Warlingham after the summer break.

Our new Year 7 cohort have begun their journey with confidence and positivity, already starting to find their place in our community and helping to set a purposeful tone for the year ahead. We have also been delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students, who are ready to embrace the fresh challenges and opportunities that come with life in the Sixth Form, and who will play an important role in shaping and strengthening our school culture.

This week, I had the privilege of speaking to all students in our start-of-term assemblies. The beginning of a new school year is always a valuable opportunity to reflect, reset and refocus. My message this year centred on belonging, recognition and reward, clear next steps and consequences, and the importance of the choices we make each day. I spoke about how the decisions we take not only shape our own character, wellbeing and success, but also the strength and unity of our wider school community. We all have a duty to consider the impact of our decisions on those around us as well as ourselves.

I encouraged students to think carefully about how our core values of Commitment, Courage and Kindness are interwoven into every aspect of school life—how they approach their learning, how they contribute to the culture of the school, and how they treat and support one another. Genuine mutual respect underpins this: respecting ourselves, respecting each other, and respecting the community to which we all belong.

Already, we are seeing many positive examples, students going out of their way to welcome and support new members of our community, students impressing their teachers with resilience, determination and a commitment to doing their best and students showing real pride in wearing their uniforms smartly and correctly. These early signs give us great confidence for the year ahead and demonstrate the positive changes and progress our students are striving towards.

Please do continue to reinforce these messages at home. When we work closely together as the school and families to uphold strong values and high expectations, we create the best possible foundation for every student to thrive, not only in their learning, but also in their personal growth and relationships with others.

Finally, we kindly ask parents and carers to avoid stopping directly at the school entrance at drop-off and pick-up times. Also to avoid parking on zig zag lines or yellow lines when waiting to collect or drop off. Collecting students a little further away at an agreed point helps to reduce congestion and ensures the safety of all members of our school community. Also I want to draw attention to the fact that there is a specific point by the entrance at the end of the day where myself and one of my deputies stop traffic to support the students getting across the road safely.

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Please check your child knows to do this and doesn't cross at a more dangerous crossing point. If your child is waiting outside the gate in the morning or in the afternoon, please remind them that we do this behind the white line so that no one in our school or local community has to step into the road to get past – most significantly the primary children from Hamsey Green.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely evening.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Foster', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mr Foster

Headteacher