



Warlingham School
& Sixth Form College

The Warlingham Week



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Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of Activities Week 2026, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful week for our school community.

Our students have embraced an incredible range of opportunities throughout the week. For Years 7, 8 and 9, this has included residential visits, day trips and a wide variety of activities both on and off site. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have been undertaking Work Experience placements, gaining invaluable insight into the world of work and developing skills that will support them well beyond their time at Warlingham School.

Throughout the week, our students have demonstrated our core values of **Commitment, Courage and Kindness** in abundance. Whether stepping outside their comfort zones, supporting their friends, working as part of a team or representing the school within the wider community. Activities Week is about so much more than the activities themselves; it is about building relationships, developing resilience and confidence, broadening horizons and raising aspirations – perfectly reflecting our vision of **Wide Horizons, High Aspirations**.

I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of our Year 10 students on Work Experience this week, and the feedback from employers has been nothing short of exceptional. Time and again, employers commented on our students' enthusiasm, professionalism, willingness to learn and growing confidence. It has been wonderful to hear how quickly they have adapted to the workplace and embraced every opportunity. These experiences provide invaluable life skills and help prepare our young people for the next stage of their education and future careers. We are incredibly proud of every one of them.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every employer and organisation that offered a Work Experience placement to one of our students this week. Your generosity in giving your time, expertise and encouragement has provided our young people with an invaluable insight into the world of work. Opportunities like these simply would not be possible without the support of our local businesses, organisations and community partners. Thank you for investing in the next generation and helping our students develop the confidence, skills and aspirations that will stay with them long after this week has ended.

To our parents and carers, thank you. Around 1,000 students have taken part in Activities Week, and your support in preparing, encouraging and trusting us with your children has been greatly appreciated. A week of this scale is only possible because of the strong partnership between home and school.

As with any event involving so many students, staff, venues and travel arrangements, there can occasionally be challenges. Earlier in the week, a small number of issues relating to accommodation and catering were brought to our attention. As soon as these were identified by our trip leaders, we worked closely with the travel provider to resolve them and make adjustments. Throughout this, our students showed remarkable resilience, maturity and adaptability, making the very best of every opportunity.

I would also like to thank the many parents and carers who contacted us directly to share information, offer support or simply express their appreciation. We have received so many thoughtful emails recognising the opportunities that Activities Week provides and acknowledging the enormous amount of work that goes into making it happen.

Those messages of encouragement mean a great deal to our staff and are a wonderful reminder of the positive partnership we share in supporting our young people. Your kindness, understanding and willingness to work with us reflect the values we strive to instil in our students every day.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to our incredible staff. Activities Week is the result of months of planning, organisation, risk assessments, logistics and communication. Many members of staff have given up time with their own families to supervise residential visits, lead activities and support students from early morning until late at night. Their commitment, care and dedication go far beyond what is expected, and they do so because they genuinely want every student to experience something memorable, challenging and inspiring. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and dedicated team, and I know you will join me in thanking them for all they have done this week.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a full list of the fantastic employers and organisations that supported our Work Experience programme this year. They all deserve a huge shout-out and our heartfelt thanks for making such a positive difference to the lives of our students. We are incredibly grateful for their support and hope they will continue to inspire future Warlingham School students for many years to come.

If you have missed any of this week's highlights, please do follow us on Facebook and Instagram, where we have been sharing photographs and updates throughout the week. It has been wonderful to showcase so many smiling faces, new experiences and memorable moments.

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[Instagram](#)

Thank you once again to everyone who has played a part in making Activities Week 2026 such a success. We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved this week. We hope they return home not only with wonderful memories, but with new friendships, greater confidence, broader horizons and aspirations that will help shape their futures.

Waitrose Community Matters Charity

Last week, we told you about our successful application to the Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants Programme in support of the Warlingham School Lunch Hub. This week, we are delighted to share even more good news – Warlingham School has also been selected to take part in the Waitrose Community Matters scheme.

The Warlingham School Science Club has just been chosen as one of Waitrose's community matters charities. If you are in Sanderstead Waitrose you'll see the collection boxes for green tokens at the door. Please grab some from the pot at the self-checkouts and post them in the Science Club box. The more tokens we get, the more money we get. Car parking at the store is easy, so you can pop in, treat yourself and help Science Club at the same time! Please spread the word to students, friends and family - thank you!

Uniform Expectations W/C 20th July

With the weather expected to remain above average into next week, we will be making some temporary adjustments to support the health, safety and wellbeing of our students. All students will be permitted to attend school in their **full school PE kit** or relaxed school uniform (no blazer, tie and shirts untucked).

Please note:

- Students must wear the correct Warlingham School PE kit.
- Students wearing incorrect kit, may be placed in RESET or asked to return home to change.
- Students must continue to bring all books, equipment and resources required for their lessons and remain ready to learn.
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Thank you for your continued support as we take these measures to ensure students remain safe and comfortable during the period of hot weather.

Year 12

Registration Activities w/c 20th July Please find attached the registration activities for the final 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 having a celebration assembly to end the term. We hope students have a fantastic summer and use the time to consolidate their learning and research their next steps. 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@warlinghamtlt.co.uk

and finally a reminder.....

Early Closure on Thursday 23rd July 2026

As is tradition on the last day before the Summer Break, students will be dismissed earlier than usual. Students will be dismissed from the school at 12.30pm via the single point of entry and exit gate. On this day, there will be no lunch service. Break service will be as normal so that students can still obtain food, students should collect any food that they require for lunch, at break time.

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 emailed 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.

Work Experience Placements 2026

Lamp Factory London	Cousins Group	Savills Investment	Buzzwell Ltd
Birchley London Ltd	Patrolstore.com	Management	The Arc Centre
The Dog Retreat	Logik Property Management	Bond Street Underground	Portia's Partnership Savings
Avalon Aero Technical	Limited	Station	Club Ltd
Services	Tatsfield Primary School	JC Carpentry Services Ltd	Snappy Snaps Beckenham
Hotter Homes	Tatsfield Aquatics & Reptiles	BB Flooring Surrey Ltd	Passion Bakery Ltd
Surbiton Glass LTD	Biggin Hill Airport	Cook	Jamies Gymnastics Academy
A.S. Biz Empire Ltd	Sparkles Preschool	Waitrose	Sky
Altonwood	Styled by Susie	Warlingham Service Centre	Kapasi Auto Parts
Virtus Contracts Ltd	Dunamis Consultancy Ltd	RBD Flooring	Pipers of Danbury Limited
Publicis Sapient	JP Building + Carpentry	Chaldon Champions	Rowdown Primary School
Crown Prosecution Service	The Bull Inn	Hillcroft Primary School	Kinderland Day Nursery
Amazon Web Services	Warlingham Village Primary	BJM Construction Ltd	American International
St John Ambulance	Simply Lunch	RSH Electrical Contractors Ltd	Group UK Ltd
Irresistible Studios	Ryan Neuro Therapy Centre	Computer Solutions	Leading Financial Solutions
22 Bishopsgate	Warlingham Day Nursery	De Stafford Sports Centre	Home Office
Investec Bank	Go-Ahead London	Stak Scaffolding	TBXH
Miller Insurance Services LLP	Vizion Electronics	Linea Home Design	Global Solution Services
Delva Patman Redler	NA of Shopfitters	Hazard Heaters	Totstars The Playbarn
Mace Construction	Oonasdivers	D Doherty Roofing Services	Harris Primary Academy
Aidan's Budgens	Folkestone & Hythe Council	Ltd	Benson
Vivid Broadcast	The Beauty Spa	Charlotte & Co Beauty &	Courtwood Primary School
RTS Electrical Services Ltd	The Scoop Company	Aesthetics	Ridgeway Primary School &
Surrey Hills Radio	Holt Farm Equestrian	Kat Gardens	Nursery
Xelent Ltd	DW Electrics Ltd	Forestdale Primary School	Castle Day Nursery
Keystone Employment	Farleigh Golf Club	Whyteleafe Primary School	William Murray
Nationwide Fire Damper	Waitrose	KPH	Sussex Police
Inspections Ltd	MelPilates	Windmill Farm Coulsdon	Guildmore Limited
W. B. Simpson	AVG Inter-Consultancy Ltd	Acorns Nursery	The Pioneer Academy
Boss Dog Graphics	SW Nicholls	Hamsey Green Primary	Rachael Reynolds School of
21 Century Combat Ltd	New Era Scaffolding	School	Dance
Bletchingley Village Primary	Indian Dining	M Group	Miller Moves
School	Great Kids Childcare	Croham Hurst Golf Club	Bailey CW Ltd
Munich Power	Renault Croydon	Croydon Libraries	Oasis Academy Coulsdon
Benchmark Reprographics	Purley Children's Nursery	Selsdon Veterinary Centre	Green Globo Construction
The Kerala	Cube Branding	Selsdon Primary & Nursery	Virgin Atlantic
Brooklands School	Caterham Chinese	School	London Square
Countryside Wardens	Champs Consultants	London Fire Compliance Ltd	Professor Puzzle
Lingfield Pet and Exotics	Marden Lodge Primary	The Olive Branch	Thornley and Lumb
Oxted School	Caterham Cafe & Bistro	The Hair Boutique	Partnership Ltd
Arp Aga Services	Rainbows Nursery	Nothing But Flooring	WarhurstBourne
	Royal Mail	South London Electricians	Mokbel King Limited t/a
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			Skanska UK PLC Ltd
			Woodlea Primary School
			BoldPrint Studios
			Dumfries Museum