



28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## The Warlingham Week

Dear Parents & Carers

### All year groups

#### Lockdown Drill

Please be aware that the school will be conducting a lockdown drill next week. This is a test and forms part of our regular safety procedures. The drill will last for a few minutes and students will be fully briefed in advance to ease any concerns, particularly for our more vulnerable students. We thank you for support with this practice.

#### Student Leadership

Last week, we were delighted to welcome 5 members of the student leadership group to present at the weekly senior leadership meeting. They put together a wonderful presentation explaining who they were and what they wanted to achieve, how the group has evolved and what their hopes are for the future. There were several areas identified for discussion and I am pleased to share that following feedback from the student leadership group, we have implemented a change to the toilets available for students in B block. 3 of the toilets will now be specifically for boys and 3 specifically for girls with new signage. Gender-neutral and accessible toilets are available on the ground and first floor. This change has been shared with students, along with asking all students to respect these communal areas by keeping the areas clean, being mindful of noise and disruption to nearby classrooms and with the encouragement for students to use the toilets at an appropriate time during the day to avoid the use of them being an excuse for being late to lessons.

We look forward to hearing more about their plans to support and improve the school in the coming months.

#### RAG Week

Please be aware that the Sixth Form students will be running a range of events taking place from **1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April** as part of their Raise and Give week. The events taking place are advertised on the attached powerpoint. Students will need to bring cash to participate and to help raise as much money as possible for our chosen charities Young Minds and Strep B Support.

#### Students that are not in receipt of free school meals

Parent/carers are now able to check free school meals eligibility online. To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals please use the online checker below. [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](#). It's a quick and easy application process that takes minutes to complete and the result is instantly available. **If your child is already in receipt of free school meals please do not reapply.** Please contact Nicola Mathie if you have any questions/concerns, [n.mathie@warlinghamtl.co.uk](mailto:n.mathie@warlinghamtl.co.uk)

## Support Sign Language Week 2025! 🇬🇧

Last week, our school took part in Sign Language Week (March 17-23, 2025) by joining a free online British Sign Language (BSL) lesson with the British Deaf Association. This event celebrated BSL as an indigenous language of the UK and encouraged more people to learn this beautiful visual language.

We are still collecting £1 donations via ParentPay or cash to support the BDA's campaign for free BSL access for deaf children and their families. If you haven't donated yet, please consider contributing to this important cause.

Thank you for your support! Learn more at <https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

### Resources to support young people

This week, we wanted to share some important resources and insights to help support young people.

📖 We have provided access to three helpful guides:

- [\*Navigating Depression and Low Mood: A Practical Guide for Young People\*](#)
- [\*Social Anxiety: A Factsheet for Young People\*](#)
- [\*An Online Safety Guide\*](#)

These resources offer practical activities and advice to help young people manage their mental well-being and navigate the online world safely. 💬 Additionally, we'd like to raise awareness of some commonly used emojis and their meanings, as they can sometimes reflect hidden online trends, including those linked to toxic or harmful ideologies. A brief overview:

🔴 **Red Pill** – Often linked to misogynistic ideologies

💣 **Dynamite** – A symbol of radicalisation in certain online spaces

🕳️ **Black Hole** – Represents feelings of depression or hopelessness

💯 **100 Emoji** – Associated with the idea that 80% of women are only attracted to 20% of men

🐸 **Frog Emoji** – Sometimes linked to extremist online culture

There are also different meanings behind **heart emojis**:

❤️ Love | 💜 Lust | 🟡 Interest | 💖 Interest without sex | 🧡 Support

As always, we encourage open conversations with your children about their online interactions and mental health. If you have any concerns or would like further resources, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Warlingham School & Sixth Form College PTA Quiz Night

Come along to Warlingham Quiz Night!

This is a wonderful chance to meet and chat to other members of our amazing school community (parents, staff, governors and friends) in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Tickets can be purchased below either including food or just entry and there will also be a range of drinks and snacks available on the night. Food available from 7pm and quiz starts at 7.30! So gather a team, grab a friend, bring your partner or let us do the work and put you in a team (just email the PTA and we'll sort it [chair@warlinghampta.co.uk](mailto:chair@warlinghampta.co.uk)). The choice is yours - it's an evening not to be missed!

[Buy tickets – Quiz Night – Warlingham Secondary School and Sixth form College](#)

The PTA will also be holding a raffle in collaboration with the Student Leadership Team to raise funds for gym equipment and science books. The raffle is designed to raise funds that will directly benefit our children's education and extracurricular activities. To make this event a success, we are seeking donations of items such as gift vouchers, merchandise, or any item that you consider could serve as a raffle prize. Every donation, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. We kindly ask you to consider donating an item or voucher that we can raffle off to our school community. If you are able to contribute or have any questions, please contact the PTA via email at [chair@warlinghampta.co.uk](mailto:chair@warlinghampta.co.uk). We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating the success of this event together.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance please use the link below.

[Buy tickets – Raffle – Warlingham Secondary School and Sixth form College](#)

### **Easy Fund Raising**

Thank you to everyone supporting Warlingham School & Sixth Form College on #easyfundraising – they've had a great month! 🎉 If you haven't already, sign up today and start raising free donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 retailers. The best part? It won't cost you a penny extra! 🙌 Make every purchase count – sign up now and support them for free: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/warlingham-school-pta/v81x2n/s2s/UZLGDpHZ/CE989/sharetray/37.65%7C0%7C33>

### **Year 8**

#### **HPV vaccinations**

The Immunisation Team will be visiting on 6<sup>th</sup> May for the first HPV vaccination session. To give or decline consent please visit [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) and enter the school's unique code/URN number SR138928. The form must be completed by 12 noon on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Other sessions for this vaccination will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team on [fchc.immunisation.team@nhs.net](mailto:fchc.immunisation.team@nhs.net)

### **Year 12 & 13**

#### **Registration Activities w/c 31<sup>st</sup> March**

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 students should be preparing for their upcoming mocks after Easter and running their RAG week activities along with Year 13 who will also be recording their Advance Award and Destinations Questionnaire. Encourage your child to check our Padlet site for additional resources: [Warlingham Sixth Form College \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com) and opportunities for their next steps. For any questions, please contact Mr. R. Leay at [r.leay@warlinghamtl.co.uk](mailto:r.leay@warlinghamtl.co.uk).

We wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards



Mr P Foster

Headteacher