



1st May 2025

The Warlingham Week

Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

It has been a vibrant week of celebration, performance, and competition across the school, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights. From our Prize Giving to the Spring Concert, Maths Challenge and a series of exciting interform events, students have fully embraced opportunities to get involved and shine. Across all of these occasions, they have demonstrated our core values of courage, commitment, and kindness in abundance.

This week's inter-form and house football and netball fixtures were highly competitive and showcased excellent effort and sportsmanship from all participants. Students from different forms and houses took part enthusiastically, creating an exciting and energetic atmosphere. Well done to all those involved!

The year 7 inter-form football competition takes place next Tuesday 5th May on the astro from 3:30 to 4:45pm.

Football Results		Netball Results	
Year 8	8A - Winner	Year 7	7R- Winner
Year 9	Sharman - Winner	Year 8	Johnson - Winner
Year 10	Chichester - Winner	Year 9	Chichester - Winner
Year 11	Johnson - Winner		

Prize Giving Ceremony

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to host our annual Prize Giving event – a truly special occasion that celebrates and showcases the achievements of students across the whole school.

The evening recognised a wide range of accomplishments, with awards presented for subject excellence, Head of Year and Deputy Head of Year nominations, Music Colours, Music and Choir participation, Maths Challenge and Geography Seneca achievements, as well as the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We were also especially proud to present our special awards in honour of former students and staff, recognising those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, courage and kindness in the face of adversity.

We are incredibly proud of every student who received an award on the night. Their dedication, hard work and positive contributions to school life are truly commendable, and it was a privilege to celebrate their success together.

A huge thank you goes to all of our performers, whose talent added so much to the evening, as well as to our excellent comperes who led the event so confidently. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our guest speakers Sam Westley and Sarah Fanchetti for their inspirational presentations and staff for their commitment in bringing the event together, including the significant amount of work that takes place behind the scenes to ensure such a memorable evening.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and for your continued support of both your child and the school. Your encouragement plays a vital role in our students' success, and we are grateful to be able to share these moments with you.

Spring Concert – A Celebration of Music and Community

Last night's Spring Concert was a truly outstanding evening, showcasing the exceptional musical talent across the school. With over 30 performers from all year groups, the audience was treated to a wonderful range of instruments, musical styles and performances. From first-time performers to our more experienced musicians, every student contributed to an evening full of energy, confidence and genuine enjoyment of music-making.

There were so many memorable moments throughout the concert and the sense of teamwork, encouragement and mutual support among students was particularly special. It was a real privilege to witness such accomplished performances and such a positive, uplifting atmosphere.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the performers for their talent, hard work and dedication, to the audience for their fantastic support and encouragement throughout the evening, and to all staff both front-facing and behind the scenes for their time, commitment and tireless effort in making the event such a success.

We are extremely proud of everyone involved and deeply grateful to all who helped bring the evening together. It was a wonderful celebration of music and community.

Maths Challenge

On Wednesday some of our year 7 and 8 students sat the Junior Maths Challenge. They showed great resilience in tackling the problems set. Practising these problem-solving skills will help them prepare for the longer questions that students will start to see in GCSE questions in future years. Well done to them all. We will find out their results in the next couple of weeks and those students who achieve a bronze, silver or gold certificate will receive these in a special assembly.

Wear Something Green Day – Mental Health Awareness Week

To support Mental Health Awareness Week, our school will be taking part in "Wear Something Green Day" on Thursday 14th May. This is a great opportunity for everyone to come together, raise awareness, and show support for mental health in a simple but meaningful way.

What should you wear?

Students are invited to wear a green top of their choice, such as a t-shirt, or jumper. Please note hoodies are NOT permitted. This can replace your usual school shirt or blazer for the day.

You can also show your support by adding small green accessories, such as:

- Badges
- Ribbons
- Hair accessories
- Ties or other subtle items

Uniform expectations

All other aspects of the school uniform must still be followed:

- School trousers or skirt must be worn as usual
- School shoes are required
- No blazers are needed on this day
- Tops must be appropriate for school (no offensive language or images, no cropped tops or tops with spaghetti straps). Clothing should be suitable for a normal school day

Contribution

We kindly ask for a £1 contribution from students who take part, which is payable via arbor. All money raised will go towards supporting a number of mental health awareness charities and student wellbeing, as nominated by the student wellbeing ambassadors.

This event is about showing support and helping to start positive conversations around mental health. Whether your green top is bright or subtle, taking part helps make a difference. We look forward to seeing everyone wearing green and supporting this important cause.

Reminder - Early Closure for Parents Evening on Wednesday 6th May

We would like remind you that on Wednesday 6th May students will be dismissed from 2.35pm, with the Year 7 parents evening beginning at 3.30pm.

Please be advised that after school clubs, including the home learning club in the LRC **will not** run on this day.

Leaving school before the end of the day – medical/other appointments

If your child has a medical or other appointment that requires them to leave school before the end of the day, please remind them that they should hand their phones into Student Services **before** their line-up. This will ensure they are safely stored, until they are returned to your child when they sign out to leave the school site.

Year 12 & 13

Registration Activities

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 researching their next steps whilst **Year 13** should be preparing for their real exams (1 more week to go until they start!). Encourage your child to check our Padlet site for additional resources: [Warlingham Sixth Form College \(padlet.com\)](#) and opportunities for their next steps. For any questions, please contact Mr. R. Leay at r.leay@warlinghamtl.co.uk

And finally... We are incredibly proud of the students who took part in and successfully completed the MCS Mini Marathon last Saturday. Their resilience, commitment, and team spirit were fantastic to see, and they represented themselves brilliantly throughout the event. It is a significant achievement to complete such a challenge, and we hope they are feeling proud of their efforts and the positive energy they brought to the day.



There is still time to support the fundraising efforts of Emily and Josh, who are raising money for the RSPCA.

Any donations, big or small, will make a meaningful difference to animals in need. <https://shorturl.at/hdzHu>



Josh S, Emily S & Mia

We wish you an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

Mr P Foster

Headteacher

Thinking about a career in teaching?

We've recently received a number of enquiries from members of our local community who are interested in becoming teachers. At Warlingham School & Sixth Form College, we are always keen to support talented and committed individuals who wish to begin a rewarding career in education. We know how important it is to train teachers locally — not only to meet the needs of our school, but to ensure that our young people are taught by the very best educators.

Warlingham School & Sixth Form College offers a direct postgraduate route into teaching through the South-East Learning Alliance (SELA) Training Hub, based right here in the Warlingham area. This provides a local and highly personalised training experience for those wishing to train to teach close to home. Unlike a traditional university-based PGCE, this route allows trainees to spend significantly more time in school, gaining practical classroom experience from the very start. It also means we can provide extensive, hands-on support and mentoring throughout the year. For eligible subjects, bursary funding is available.

For those with more experience, we also offer employment-based training routes, including the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship, which enables trainees to earn a salary while they train. Each route into teaching has specific entry requirements, so we encourage interested candidates to get in touch to discuss which pathway might suit them best. If you, or someone you know, is interested in pursuing a career in teaching and would like to learn more about how to train locally, please don't hesitate to contact us via Rob Watkins, Senior Professional Learning Mentor r.watkins@warlinghamtl.co.uk. We are always happy to help guide the next generation of teachers on their journey.