



28th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and rewarding summer break. As we prepare to welcome students back to school next week, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our families—especially those joining us for the first time in Year 7 and Year 12.

The Autumn term will begin on **Thursday 3rd September for Year 7 and Year 12 students**, to allow for a smooth and supportive transition into their new school environment.

- **Year 7** will be in school throughout the school day, with the single point of entry and exit gate opening at 8.15am and with the school day starting at the usual time of 8.35am and finishing at 3.10pm.
- **Year 12** will be in school, with the single point of entry and exit gate opening at 8.15am and with the school day starting at the usual time of 8.35am and students being dismissed at 1.00pm.

For all other students, term will begin on Friday 4th September.

We will spend Friday 4th September welcoming students back, checking in on their wellbeing, and revisiting key routines and whole school approaches. To support this process, we would like to remind you of the following timings for the school day on Friday 4th September, which were shared with you at the end of July.

- **Year 7** - 8.35am - 3.10pm
- **Year 8** - 8.35am - 2.00pm
- **Year 9** - 9.35am - 3.10pm
- **Year 10** - 9.35am - 3.10pm
- **Year 11** - 8.35am - 2.00pm
- **Year 12** - Independent Learning from home
- **Year 13** - 8.35am - 1.15pm

All students will attend full time from Monday 7th September, when our normal curriculum timetable will begin.

All students including Year 12 & 13 must enter and exit the school via the single point of entry and exit gate. Year 12 & 13 must not enter/exit via the Sixth Form gate.

A few reminders

As we approach the start of term, I encourage all parents and carers to use this time to ensure that students are fully equipped for learning. This includes checking that they have the correct school uniform, equipment, and any other essential items required for their studies. You may find the links below useful.

Please [click here](#) to access the full uniform policy.

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Mobile Phone Arrangements

A reminder that our mobile phone arrangements will continue to support a calm, focused and distraction-free learning environment.

From September 2026:

- Years 7 and 8: Students will only be permitted to bring a basic "brick" phone to school. Smartphones are not permitted.
- Years 9, 10 and 11: Students may continue to bring a mobile phone to school. However, phones must be placed in the secure storage boxes during morning line-up and will be returned at the end of the school day. It is a requirement that phones have a suitable protective case.
- In line with the Department for Education Guidance from June 2026, students in Years 12 & 13 who have phones/headphones visible outside of the Sixth Form block will be required to hand these in for collection from the Sixth Form office at the end of their day. Sanctions will apply.

Same-Day After-School Detentions from September 2026

As communicated to families at the end of the summer term, from September any after-school detention issued will be completed on the same day and will conclude at **3:50pm**. As we prepare for the start of the new academic year, we would like to remind parents and carers of this approach and the rationale behind it.

At Warlingham School, we want students to understand the clear link between their choices and the outcomes that follow. Completing a detention on the same day provides an opportunity for reflection, supports students in taking responsibility for their actions, and allows them to start the next day with a fresh focus on learning.

Regular daily detentions also provide greater consistency and predictability. Students have told us that they prefer knowing exactly what a detention relates to, rather than receiving a sanction several days after an incident has occurred. Parents similarly recognise the value of timely consequences that are fair, clear and consistently applied.

To support this approach, families should assume that students may be required to remain in school until **3:50pm** should an after-school detention be issued. Students who have not received a detention will continue to leave school at the end of their final lesson at **3:10pm**.

Any incident resulting in an after-school detention will be addressed and completed on the same day, concluding at 3:50pm. As this change to our detention system was communicated at the end of the last academic year to ensure parents/carers and student were informed with significant notice, requests for detentions to be moved, delayed or not completed due to alternative arrangements will not ordinarily be considered.

This approach forms part of our predictable outcomes framework, ensuring that students experience clear, consistent and reliable responses to their behaviour while supporting the calm, respectful and purposeful culture we strive to maintain across the school.

Important Information for Parents

- Parents will normally be informed of a same-day after-school detention by **2.00pm**.
- In the rare event that a student is removed from Period 5 for disruption, the school will telephone home to advise that a detention has been issued.
- Where a parent has an unforeseen and exceptional need for their child to leave earlier, they must contact the school by email at detentionadmin@warlinghamtl.co.uk before **3.10pm**.

- Regular clubs, transport arrangements or other routine commitments will not normally be accepted as reasons for non-attendance.
- Where exceptional circumstances are agreed, the detention may be postponed by **one school day only**.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to maintain the highest standards of behaviour and create a calm, respectful and purposeful environment in which all students can thrive. We look forward to welcoming students back and to a successful start to the new academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing all our students back in school and welcoming all new joiners, ready to learn and thrive.

Kind regards

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

Mr Foster

Headteacher