

Wide Horizons High Aspirations

10th July 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Good Evening

A quick few messages from me this evening.

Firstly, I wanted to congratulate students across Years 7 to 9 for the huge amounts of courage, commitment and kindness that were shown in our sports day events today and yesterday. It was a pleasure, despite the heat to see the students supporting each other and giving their all to competing for their houses on the athletics track this afternoon.

Secondly, I also want to acknowledge the maturity, focus and commitment shown by the Year 10 students undertaking their English language GCSE speaking and listening assessments today.

There are so many great examples of bringing our community together, building belonging and student success at the moment that I wanted to share with parents. Yesterday evening I attended the opening night of our second school show of the year 'Confusions'. The production required such dedication to learn so many lines of dialogue, delivered with tremendous comic timing, as well as wonderful musical and dance interludes. I do not take for granted how hard the cast and crew have worked as an ensemble over an intense period to rehearse and prepare for this show and appreciate all their hard work and commitment. It was great to see so many students involved in the production from sound, lighting, stage management, set design, song-writing and choreography.

I believe there are still tickets available or tonight and Friday evening and I would genuinely recommend you come and see it!

On top of that we have our summer music festival on the Front Lawn 'Warlstock 3' this Saturday – back even bigger and better, with music from students, staff and friends of Warlingham, not to mention fantastic barbeque food, ice cream and a number of stalls all organised by and to raise money for our amazing PTA. It really is a wonderful community event and I look forward to seeing as many of you there this weekend.

Next week we have even more great opportunities to develop the students beyond the academic curriculum and widening horizons with work experience for years 10 and 12 and activities week for students in years 7, 8 and 9.

Finally, a couple of quick notices:

- 1. Students will be allowed to wear School PE Kit (no house colours or non-kit items, or face or body paint) to school tomorrow in light of the high temperatures forecast.
- A number of you have given feedback regarding our exploration of new morning routines and other elements of our approach to support student safety, positive behaviour and learning. Thank you for this. If you have further feedback or questions please do come along to our parents forum on Monday 14th July at 5.15pm in the Main Hall. Your input and support are greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely evening and hopefully see you at Confusions, Warlstock or on Monday!

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Kind regards

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