14th November 2025

The Warlingham Week

Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

I am delighted to share some of the wonderful activities our students have been involved in over the past week or so. I have already shared how proud I was of our students during our Remembrance Ceremony, but I would like to reiterate that pride once again. Their respect, maturity, and sense of occasion were deeply moving, and it was a powerful reminder of the strength of our school community.

I am pleased to share with you a video that captures the feeling of the ceremony. It's not professionally made, so please excuse the quality, but I hope it gives you a sense of the event. Please click <u>here</u> to access the recording.

Alongside this, it has been an incredibly enriching and inspiring time for our students as they have taken part in a range of experiences.

Last weekend, 14 of our Philosophy and Ethics students travelled to Rome for what proved to be a fascinating and memorable visit. The group explored the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where they were able to see some of the world's most famous works of art, including Raphael's *The School of Athens*. They also visited the Christian Catacombs, which provided valuable insight into their Afterlife topic and studies of symbolism. On Sunday, they enjoyed a tour of the Colosseum, learning about its remarkable structure and the historical context of ancient Rome. From an early start on Friday to a late finish on Sunday, our students were a real credit to the school—showing great respect, curiosity, and a willingness to embrace a different culture. My thanks go to the staff and our fantastic admin team for organising such a successful trip.



Earlier this week, on Tuesday 11th November, our A-Level Politics students visited Tandridge District Council to see Politics in action. They heard from a range of speakers, including the Vice Chair of the Council, about how local government operates and the many career pathways available in public service. The students spent the day in the council chambers and took part in a mock debate, presenting persuasive cases for why particular projects should receive government funding. Their behaviour, engagement, and confidence were exemplary throughout—

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it was a pleasure to see them so immersed in the experience. There are certainly a few future councillors among them, so watch this space!



It's wonderful to see our students making the most of such valuable opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Reminder - Parent Forum Wednesday 19th November, 5:15pm - 6:00pm in the Main Hall

We would like to remind you about our next Parent Forum, where you will have the opportunity to raise any questions you may have and engage with our school community. If you wish to attend, please complete the form via the link below. If you cannot attend but still have a question, please include it on the form and we will respond to you directly. In attendance at this half term's forum will be Mr Chotai, Head of Sixth Form and myself.

Parents Forum (6) - Fill in form

Community Safety Alert – Safeguarding Reminder

We have been made aware that earlier this week, a student walking home near Whyteleafe Park was approached by two older youths who asked for their phone. The student was not physically harmed and the phone was returned.

While the student is safe, this incident highlights the importance of personal safety when travelling to and from school. We strongly encourage all families to remind children to:

- Avoid walking alone through the park and use main roads where possible.
- Stay aware of their surroundings and trust their instincts.
- Report any concerning behaviour to a trusted adult or the school immediately.

We take the safety and wellbeing of all students seriously and appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages.

Stars In Our School - Nominate a Star- Friday 28th November 2025

We are delighted to announce this years "Support Staff - Star in our School" organised by Unison. A special acknowledgement of the incredible contributions made by our often unseen but deeply impactful support team. Every day our support staff, from our administrative team, site and catering staff, pastoral support, teaching assistants and beyond, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our students learn, feel safe and valued, and our school community thrives. Submit your nomination by clicking on the link below and let us know who you are nominating and why they are a star. Entries close on Friday 28 November 2025.

https://www.unison.org.uk/nominate-a-star-2025/

PTA AGM

We would like to advise you that this the annual PTA AGM will be held at the school on Thursday 20th November at 5.45pm. If you would like to attend please email n.clark@warlinghamtlt.co.uk

Year 7

Music Concert - Thursday 20th November

Parents and carers of Year 7 students will already have received an invitation to our upcoming Year 7 Music Concert, taking place on Thursday 20th November in the Main Hall.

This exciting event will showcase the incredible talent and teamwork of our Year 7 students, featuring a tutor group singing competition and solo performances with live band accompaniment.

There will be two sessions to ensure everyone can attend comfortably:

- Session 1: 7W, 7A, 7R, 7L Doors open 6pm, Concert begins 6.10pm, approximate finish time 6.45pm
- Session 2: 7N, 7G, 7H, 7M Doors open 7pm, Concert begins 7.10pm approximate finish time 7.45pm

Students should attend in full school uniform. No tickets are required, but **voluntary donations** on exit are welcome to support our Music Department. We look forward to welcoming families for what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and celebration!

Year 12 & 13

Registration Activities w/c 17th November

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 will be having their mock interview whilst Year 13 should be researching their next steps. 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@warlinghamtlt.co.uk

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I wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for being part of our supportive school community.

Kind regards

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