



26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to share just how immensely proud of our students this week we have been, They have been incredible ambassadors for the school and whose dedication and enthusiasm really shone brightly throughout our recent open evening.

So many prospective parents came to me and shared their heartfelt praise for the way that our students represented the school, highlighting their warmth, knowledge and genuine kindness. One parent expressed how their child, who has ADHD and anxiety, was made to feel calm and confident by a compassionate Year 8 student who guided them. This personal connection allowed them and the family to explore the school comfortably, with the student introducing them to friends, teachers and even some of the sixth form students that gave them a warm welcome. Another parent commended the tour guides for their politeness and helpfulness. noting how attentively they listened to their interests and provided really detailed information, especially about subjects like history. The guide's ability to engage with visitors and answer questions thoughtfully, left a really lasting impression on that parent. Parents also praised the staff for their positivity, passion and enthusiasm and that of the students as well that they met. They noted a real strong sense of community and support within our school.

The genuine passion of our teachers and the welcoming atmosphere created by our students contributed to a really memorable and reassuring experience for those prospective families. Those are testimonials that reflect the dedication and pride that the students take in representing the school and we're grateful for their contributions to making the open evening this week such a success. They are a real credit to you, their families and to our school so thank you for supporting their help on the evening.

On a different note, just on road safety, for everyone's safety, please encourage your child to cross the road only where a member of the Senior Leadership Team, including myself, is on duty. We deliberately do it in the safest place to cross and have the ability to stop traffic to do so. It is why we're there dressed in that unmissable high-vis clothing. A few students have also recently taken to cycling to school, which is great. We absolutely want to encourage that. However, they must have a helmet. If a student cycles to school without one, we cannot knowingly allow them to cycle on the roads home without one. Please ensure that if your child wants to cycle to school, that they do so with a helmet.

I mentioned what fantastic ambassadors our students can be. Please can you also remind your child that this extends to all their actions in the local community. Their uniform represents us all, as does the respect and kindness that they show. Can I particularly ask you to reinforce this if your child queues for either the 685, 409 or 403 buses at the end of the day, as a few have not managed to do that so well recently. Finally, a reminder that our Sixth Form Open Event is happening this Wednesday the 2nd of October from 5.30pm to 8pm.

I would like to invite students and parents currently in Year 10 and Year 11 to come and tour the Warlingham 6<sup>th</sup> Form to meet staff and current students to learn more about the different possible courses that are available at 6<sup>th</sup> Form and to get an insight into the life of a Sixth Form student here, at Warlingham. Whether you're just

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exploring your options or already thinking ahead, it's a great opportunity to ask questions and get a genuine feel for what our 6<sup>th</sup> Form can offer.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher