

Wide Horizons High Aspirations

5th September 2025

The Warlingham Week

Dear Parents & Carers

All Year Groups

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 & Year 12 students this week and I am delighted to welcome our new parents/carers to the school and to also welcome back, existing parents/carers as we start this new school year.

The way in which the Year 7 & Year 12 students have started at Warlingham has been fantastic so far. Over the last 2 days I have been really impressed with how they have shown real commitment, courage and kindness and I am looking forward to see how they flourish in the coming weeks.

As I did last year, I will continue to share updates and insights throughout the year, about what we are doing in school and why. My aim is to keep you informed as parents, so that together we can provide the very best school experience for your children.

For today, I wanted to draw your attention as parents and carers to some upcoming events and how you and your child can support the school. Firstly, we have an active and enthusiastic PTA at Warlingham that need members and supporters to help organise and run fundraising events for the benefit of all students at Warlingham. Their first meeting of this year is at the Horseshoe pub in Warlingham at 6.30pm on 11th September and all are welcome, particularly any new parents who would like to learn more about the PTA and what it does for the school.

Secondly, we have our Main School Open Evening on Wednesday 24th September. This means we will close early on Wednesday at 1.15pm and open late on Friday 20th at 9.35am to support setting up and clearing away, for what is a really important event for the school. Your child can support the event by acting as a guide for prospective students and their parents, or department helpers – please talk to them about this as it is a great way to show their pride in the school and if they would like to get involved please respond to requests for your consent when they are sent to help the smooth running of the evening.

Our Sixth Form Open Event is on the 1^{st} October. Again the school will close at the earlier time of 1.15pm on the 1^{st} and will open at the slightly later time of 9.35am on the 2^{nd} .

Plea for donations of uniform

We would be very grateful for donations of any uniform you no longer need. Offering pre-loved uniform for sale is a highly valued service that many of our families access. From this year, we are offering a buy-back service for blazers where we will buy your good quality second hand blazer for £10. Please bring, or ask your child to bring, any donations to student services.

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Vacancy for Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in applying, please email Catriona Sanderson, Clerk to Governors, at c.sanderson@warlinghamtlt.co.uk by 12pm on Friday, 12th September.

Parent Forum/Feedback & Messages

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined our Parent Forum on Wednesday evening. It was a real pleasure to welcome you, hear your feedback, and engage in open discussion about the changes being introduced this academic year, as well as a range of other important matters.

We have also received further feedback by email and phone regarding our move to become a smartphone-free school.

To ensure our whole school community is fully informed, we have attached a document that brings together the key questions and answers from the forum, along with additional answers to questions submitted via email and phone over the past few days.

Year 7

We are delighted to invite parents/carers with students in Year 7 to a SEND Team Event on Wednesday 10th September, 5.30–6.30pm in the main school hall. This will be a valuable opportunity to meet our SEND team, learn more about the support and provision we offer and ask any questions you may have and we look forward to seeing you there.

As we approach the weekend, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the new term, and I look forward to the weeks ahead.

Kind regards

Mr P Foster

Headteacher