



Dear Parents & Carers

The first half term of the year had been productive and fulfilling. We have welcomed our new Year 7 students to the school, who have positively started their 7 year journey and already started to build strong relationships with staff and peers which are excited to see develop and will support them throughout their time at the school.

We have welcomed hundreds of potential new parents and students to the school across our main school and Sixth Form Open Evenings. I am so proud of the efforts made by staff and students who gave their time to support the school and demonstrated their courage, commitment and kindness which was received so positively and we thank parents and carers for supporting our student helpers and enabling them to be part of this important event.

This year has started well in terms of uniform expectations, while we transition to our new uniform policy. We are delighted to see that the majority of students have returned to the school this half term wearing their uniform smartly and with pride, we would like to remind students that when they arrive to school, they are expected to be wearing full school uniform and although the weather has, and will continue to get colder, hoodies are not permitted. Skirts should be worn at a suitable length, blazer sleeves are not to be rolled up and all jewellery must be in keeping with the school uniform policy.

With the cost of living increasing, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have a significant amount of 'pre-loved' uniform. This is uniform that has been used before but is in good condition, at a fraction of the cost of new. We would also like to ask you to check if you have any uniform that is no longer worn, including PE kit that you would be happy to donate. If so, we would ask that students bring this to our student services team so that they can make these items available to other families.

The Schools uniform policy can be found by accessing the link below:

<https://www.warlinghamtl.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=183&type=pdf>

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in highlighting the importance of good attendance and punctuality for students following my assemblies this week. We have already seen a positive impact upon lesson and school punctuality as a result and would appreciate you reinforcing the need to start after half term with the same high standards.

Next term is looking very busy, with lots of activities across the school including:-

- Year 12 attending a 'Safe Drive' Event 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 7 Parents Evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November
- MFL Film Trip 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Year 12 Music Students working with ACM Dorking - ongoing
- Christmas Concert 13<sup>th</sup> December

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Please also take a look at the Schools news page and the Autumn Newsletter which gives an interesting insight into activities around the school.

<https://www.warlinghamtl.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=62>

I was very excited to meet with a group of parents this week to begin planning the launch of a Warlingham Parents and Teachers Association (PTA). We have big plans for a launch in initial AGM in the next half term. If you are interested to be involved please email: [N.Smith2@warlinghamtl.co.uk](mailto:N.Smith2@warlinghamtl.co.uk) and please watch out for further details and communications to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you with advanced notice that the inset day planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 has been moved to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful and relaxing half term break. I look forward to welcoming the students back to build on a really successful start to the year so far.



Mr P Foster

Headteacher