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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

23 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and thriving school term, I am writing to share some important updates regarding our senior leadership team.

At the end of this term, Mr Leese, Vice Principal, will be leaving Waverley School to take up a headship position at another school. Since joining us in February 2023, he has led our Student Wellbeing Team with great dedication. On behalf of all students and staff, we thank him for his service and wish him every success in the future.

In addition, Ms Alexander, Assistant Principal for Inclusion, has now commenced her maternity leave. We wish her well as she embarks on this wonderful new chapter with her family.

Mrs Edmonds, recently appointed as Vice Principal for Culture & Behaviour, will be assuming Mr Leese's responsibilities. After the Easter break, we will also be welcoming Ms Dowds and Ms Piperdy to our senior leadership team.

Below is an updated list of our senior leaders and their areas of responsibility:

- Mr H. Derry — Principal
- Mr J. Crawley — Vice Principal, Curriculum & HR
- Mrs R. Edmonds — Vice Principal, Behaviour & Culture
- Ms N. Dowds — Assistant Principal, Pastoral
- Ms S. Piperdy — Assistant Principal, Inclusion
- Mr D. Gallagher — Assistant Principal, Quality Assurance
- Ms H. McAuley — Assistant Principal, Teaching & Learning
- Mr G. Nandra — Assistant Principal, Assessment & Reporting (KS3–KS4)
- Ms J. Chester — Assistant Principal, Careers and Head of Sixth Form (KS5)

Our school SENDCO is Ms M. Dowling, supported by Ms K. Lloyd, Head of Resource Base.

End of term arrangements

School will close to staff and students on Friday 27 March 2026 at 12:30pm. Students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a lunch pack to take home.

School will reopen to students on Monday 13 April 2026 at 8:30am.

During the Easter break, additional tuition will be provided for students in Year 11 and Year 13. Further details will be shared in a separate email.

Culture Day – Thursday 26 March 2026

We are delighted to remind parents and carers of our upcoming Culture Day, a vibrant celebration of the many cultures represented within our school community. This special day offers our students a chance to dress in cultural attire and take pride in the diversity that enriches Waverley School.

You can read more on our website. [Waverley School - Culture Day](#)

When the break arrives, I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr H. Derry
Principal
Waverley School – Secondary & Sixth Form

Summer Term – Key dates

School events

22 April 2026	-	Year 7 Consultation Evening
4 May 2026	-	May Bank Holiday
5 May 2026	-	Year 8 Parent Forum
11 May 2026	-	KS4/KS5 Exams commence
22 May 2026	-	End of half term
1 June 2026	-	Start of Summer 2 term
10 June 2026	-	Compass Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
22 June 2026	-	Yr12 Work Experience commences
24 June 2026	-	Compass Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
14 & 16 July 2026	-	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Production
17 July 2026	-	Last day of term

Themes and focus

Week beginning	Themes and focus
13 April 2026	Re-boarding World Art Day
20 April 2026	Attendance & punctuality International Earth Day
27 April 2026	Resolving Conflict National Walking Month
4 May 2026	Respecting our school Deaf Awareness Week Mental Health Awareness Month
11 May 2026	Transitions National Numeracy Day
18 May 2026	Rewards and recognition Equality (KS5)
Half-term	
1 June 2026	Reboot New half term expectations
8 June 2026	Attendance and Punctuality Pastoral
15 June 2026	Resolving conflict Clean Air Day
22 June 2026	Respecting our school World Refugee Day
29 June 2026	Transitions Plastic Free July
6 July 2026	Resolving Conflict Pastoral
13 July 2026	Rewards and Recognition