

14 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. The achievements of our students would not be possible without the strong relationship we share with our families, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Students will be dismissed to the summer break on **Friday 17 July 2026 at 12:30PM.**

We wish all of our students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

September return to school

Please note the following arrangements for the start of the new academic year:

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| • Staff training days | 1 & 2 September 2026 |
| • Year 7 and Year 12 students (induction day) | 3 September 2026 |
| • Years 7, 11, 12, and 13 students (academic studies day) | 4 September 2026 |
| • All year groups (school resumes as normal) | 7 September 2026 |

Please ensure that your child returns to school on the designated day to re-commence their learning.

End of term safety reminder

West Midlands Police have asked schools to share an important safety message with families ahead of the end of term. In previous years, Birmingham City Centre has seen a significant increase in the number of young people travelling into the city on the last day of term. While many students celebrate responsibly, large gatherings can sometimes lead to anti-social behaviour, safeguarding concerns and increased pressure on public spaces and transport services.

We would encourage all students to:

- Make sensible and safe plans for the end of term.
- Consider celebrating locally with friends and family rather than travelling into Birmingham City Centre.
- Avoid travelling in large groups.
- Be mindful of their personal safety and look after their friends.
- Show respect to members of the public, local businesses, transport staff and the environment.
- Follow the instructions of police officers, transport staff and other officials.
- Ensure that parents or carers know where they are, who they are with and how they will return home safely.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss end-of-term plans with their children, particularly if they are considering travelling into the city centre. Knowing where young people are, who they are spending

time with and how they intend to get home can help keep them safe and reduce the risk of them becoming vulnerable.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming students back in September and wish all members of our school community a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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