

Waverley School
311 Yardley Green Road
Bordesley Green East
Birmingham
B9 5QA

Tel: 0121 566 6600

Fax: 0121 566 6601

Email: enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk

Web: www.waverley.bham.sch.uk



**Waverley
School**

Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

3rd April 2022

END OF SPRING TERM LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- **We close for the Easter holidays on Friday 8th April 2022 at normal time.**
- **We re-open to all students on Monday 25th April 2022 at the normal time.**
- **On Monday 2nd May 2022 the school will be closed as it is Bank Holiday Monday. We re-open at normal time on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this end of term letter finds you all well. As I write to you, I reflect on the busy term that has gone by and the many achievements and successes that have taken place for our students and our school community. From theatre visits to the Globe Theatre through to meeting employers from industry in school, whilst we are still working our way through the tail end of the pandemic, it has been great to implement and return to face-to-face activities such as performances and extra-curricular visits, which add to a rich learning experience and bring us together as a community. We have missed these events during the toughest and more restrictive stages of the Pandemic and now it feels like we can return fully to enabling curriculum enrichment and character-building opportunities for our students.

A flavour of some of the events that have taken place over the spring term:

- Year 7 Barclays Life Skills Session
- Behaviour Rewards Trips
- Weekly Sports clubs attended by over 200 students
- World Book Day Super Learning Day
- Year 10 Globe Theatre Visit
- Wembley Stadium Visit
- Sixth Form University Visits
- Year 11 wellbeing advice sessions

Charitable Giving – Comic Relief/Sports Relief fundraising on Friday 25th March 2022

I am always very proud to serve the school and the trust when I see how generous students, parents, carers, families and staff are in giving to charitable causes.

Thank you to all our students and our families for your continued support for others. Our efforts this term have helped to support Comic Relief/Sports Relief. Thank you for the wonderful support that families give to their child to support charity events and for your encouragement for their fund raising, enabling them to demonstrate our school value of humanity in action and service to others, even in

these challenging times on household budgets. **We raised £1,061.99 on the day as a Trust of 2 schools- an admirable amount.**

Year 11 and 13 Easter Holiday Master and Booster Classes

Year 11 approach to preparing for exams

We are running Easter revision classes by invitation during the Easter holiday over both weeks starting on Monday 11th April 2022.

Your child will be personally invited by their class teacher or a subject lead.

A member of the senior leadership team and a first aid trained member of staff will be on site during sessions.

Please check with your year 11/13 child over the next few days what sessions he/she may have been invited to and also please check parentmail as some sessions will be communicated about via this forum, including the 'Impress the Examiner' master class sessions in English, Maths and Science.

We look forward to working with invited pupils during this Easter Revision programme, to provide that extra support that will go towards achieving the best possible grades.

Study support: all year 11 and 13 students have been provided with a range of support to undertake their own study and revision over the 2-week Easter period, which may include exam questions, website links, Teams work, revision guide work, exercise book work, online subscription work and revision exercises.

All pupils in year 11 and 13 should consider the Easter holiday as a 'working holiday' by planning sufficient time to study and also to switch off to be ready for the hard work to come in the final stages of learning from the 25th April 2022 (first day of the summer term) leading to the terminal public exams in May and June 2022.

Some reminders of our key policies to maintain high standards:

Uniform Standards

It is a priority that the school's uniform expectations continue to be met. Please note the following are not acceptable uniform: -

- 'Skinny' trousers
- Nose studs
- Black Trainers (appropriate black school shoes must be worn)
- Heavy Makeup (discreet makeup is only permissible in Year 11 and sixth form)

All uniform should be labelled clearly so that it can be identified if it has been lost. Please ensure all pupils arrive to school with the correct uniform.

Attendance and medical appointments

At Waverley School we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality is the key to success.

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year and we always promote 100% attendance and 100% punctuality.

At Waverley School we are committed to supporting families to improve attendance and punctuality. Pupils will be placed on a Fast Track Programme (Spotlight) to improve attendance.

We advise and highly encourage parents to make medical appointments (doctors, dentist, etc.) out of school hours where at all possible. However, when this is not possible, please bring your child into school to obtain their registration mark and then collect them before their appointment.

We appreciate hospital appointments cannot be changed, but we seem to be having a high number of children going to the dentist, doctors etc. Collecting children for appointments or children arriving after appointments disrupts the whole class. Please note, the office staff will need to see appointment cards/letters to authorise absence and please notify the school at least 24 hours in advance.

We are receiving a number of requests for extended leave where families have already booked tickets. Authorisation cannot be given in retrospect, and this will be classed as unauthorised absence and appropriate legal action taken. Your child's place at Waverley School is put at risk if you take holidays without authorisation.

Mobile Phones

A reminder to parents and students- mobile phones are not permitted to be in used on site. If a child brings a phone into school, it must be handed into his/her Achievement Coordinator and/or the pastoral administrators for safe keeping until the end of the day. If a student is discovered to have a phone on their person without permission, it will be confiscated, and our Mobile Phone Policy will be applied. Please refer to the mobile phones policy on our website.

School Year Dates Remaining 2021-22

Summer Term Dates	Return to school after the Easter Holiday: Monday 25th April 2022 (at normal time) Summer Term 1: Monday 25th April- Friday 27th May 2022 (Finish at normal time) Summer half term Holiday: Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June 2022 Summer Term 2: Monday 6th June-Tuesday 19th July
--------------------------	---

Grand Iftaar Event on 28th April 2022

On 31st March the three principals of the trust's schools wrote to you to invite the community to the Grand Iftaar event. Please refer to the parentmail letter for more information. We are looking forward to this special occasion.

Thank you to all our pupils and parents for your support and kindness this term. The spring was a challenge for us all until February in terms of increased student and staff absence. This situation has very much improved and we hope that it continues despite the national increase in Covid-19 cases. Your continued messages and feedback have been a great source of encouragement and support for all at Waverley School.

I wish all our families a happy and safe Easter holiday. During this holy month of fasting, I wish all our students, parents, carers and families who are fasting Ramadan Mubarak.

Very warm wishes,



Mrs A Lloyd
Co-Principal - Secondary & Sixth Form Phases