

15th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw close to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of all staff for your continued support. Our whole school community has worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to provide the highest level of educational as well as personal support for all of our pupils and families.

Our wonderful pupils, committed staff and supportive parents

Our pupils have worked hard this year. This is a result of staff and parents supporting and nurturing our young people. Despite the turbulence of Covid-19, especially between November and February, this year we have been able to organise and run extra-curricular activities including workshops, educational visits and trips. We know how invaluable these opportunities and experiences are for our pupils. The rich, hands on experiences provides our children with lasting memories and new learning.

Parent Voice

Senior leaders and staff at the school are always striving towards providing excellence for all of our pupils. Parent voice and feedback is a crucial part of our school improvement and for this reason, a parent questionnaire has been sent to you. If you can kindly find a few minutes to complete it, it will help our future work.

Secondary Phase Uniform

Many of you will be aware that the Government has published new statutory guidance on uniform. The main aim is that uniform is more affordable for parents. Over the years, we have simplified our uniform and removed all branding from items to enable families to source the basic items from many retailers. We always provide the child's first tie for no cost as well as the first scarf for any girl who wishes to wear one.

Government guidance also highlights the need for schools to ensure that arrangements are in place to make second hand uniform available to parents. If your child has outgrown his/her uniform or finished the end of their secondary years and you wish to donate this to school, please forward all items to main reception. Please aim to wash all items of clothing before they are handed in. Details of how to purchase second hand uniform will be shared with you in September.

Wearing school uniform smartly and with pride is a very important part of our high standards

Please ensure that your child complies with the following:

- All students will be expected to wear full school uniform including their lanyard from the first day back to school.
- PE kit will also be worn for PE lessons from your child's first PE lesson.
- Please see the school website for further details about our school uniform.

We have sometimes had to apply our rules about uniform because of actions taken during holiday periods. I would like to respectfully remind all pupils, parents and carers that:

- 1. Piercings- other than one ear stud, all other piercings are not allowed including nose piercings. We have had an increase of pupils wearing nose studs and pupils will be required to remove piercings if they wear them in school.**
- 2. Hair dying and tram lines in hair: any colours and tram lines outside of what is accepted are also not part of our school dress code.**

End of Summer Term

The last day for pupils will be Tuesday 19th July, school will end at 12:15pm for all primary pupils and 12:30pm for secondary and sixth form pupils. Pupils who normally receive a free school meal will be provided brunch. Pupils who normally have a packed lunch should bring in a mid-morning snack/light lunch.

Farewells and Greetings

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to some staff who will be moving onto a promotion or a new phase in their lives. I would like to thank in particular Mr Cain, who started his career at Waverley School over seventeen years ago. During his time here, he has shown dedication and commitment to the school. On behalf of all the staff, we thank all staff leavers for their work and contribution towards Waverley School.

In September, we welcome a number of new staff, who have already served an induction day and are excited about joining our school.

Arrangements for the New Academic Year

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September will be teacher-training days and therefore school will be closed to pupils.

We will welcome pupils on a staggered start from Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Please see the below grid for further information on your child's start day and time:

ARRIVAL DATES & ARRIVAL TIMES	Wednesday 7 th September 2022	Thursday 8 th September 2022
Year 7	08:25	08.25
Year 8	Not in School	08.25
Year 9	Not in School	08.25
Year 10	Not in School	08.25
Year 11	10.25	08.25
Year 12	10.25	08.25
Year 13	10.25	08.25

The school day ends at 3:15pm for all pupils on 7th and 8th September 2022

Medicines in School

If over the summer break, your child/children have been given medication which is either prescribed or off the counter and required in school, please can you bring medication/s to school on Wednesday 7th September. Medication etc. should be in its original packaging and if prescribed it should have your child's name on it. Please see the school nurse, Ms Redpath for a consent form to be signed in order for medication to be administered in school.

Exam Results Days and Sixth Form enrolment

Year 13 students will come into school to receive their Advanced Level results on Thursday 18th August. The Sixth Form Team and members of the Leadership Team will be on hand to provide guidance, advice and support. Year 11 students have been invited into school on Thursday 25th August to collect their GCSE results. Members of the Leadership Team will be on hand to provide guidance, advice and support and to formally confirm enrolment into our Sixth Form.

Final farewell from Mrs Lloyd

I sent a letter to you recently and will summarise some of my heartfelt messages to you:

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you I will not be returning in September 2022. After 12 years of privileged service to the school as a senior leader, and over the last 3 years as Principal for the secondary and sixth form phases I end my journey at Waverley School at the end of this term. I am moving on to a new role of Principal in another school to begin a new journey.

I am deeply emotional to be leaving as I have had the most amazing experience at Waverley School. I can say with complete honesty that Waverley children are the best pupils I have ever met, and my long record here is testament to that. We have children who are full of compassion, who care and live our values every single day. They have made me smile and laugh. They have kept me humble and grounded, and have been at the centre of all my leadership decisions. They make me extremely proud and I hope they will all go on to do great things in life.

I have so many things to be grateful for. Not many Principals have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. Staff work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family.

I have also been surrounded by a leadership team who see my vision and work with me to make it happen. The school deserved to be recognised as a good school by Ofsted in September 2021. Although we do the job for the love of teaching and not for an inspection team, this result is deserving for a community who should be recognised for their hard work and achievements.

To all of the Waverley parents, carers and families, I cannot thank you enough. Without hesitation, you took me in and made me feel welcome from the start in 2010. You have engaged and voiced your opinions, shared your concerns and worries, passed on messages of thanks, and I hope that you have found that I have taken the time to listen and take on board what you have said. I will never say I get everything right as I am always learning but I have strived to do my very best.

Finally, enjoy the summer break with your loved ones. Please remain safe, look after one another and have a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lloyd
Principal

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