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School

Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

1 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Our new **Year 7** and **Year 12** students will begin their school year on **Wednesday 3 September 2025**.

All other year groups will begin their school year on **Thursday 4 September 2025**.

Our school gates will open at **08:25am** (which is slightly later than last year) and students are expected to be in school by **08:30am**. The school gates will close promptly at 08:35am.

Results

We are proud to share a significant improvement in our GCSE results this year. We are celebrating a 2% increase in the number of grades between 7-9 and improved outcomes in 12 subjects across the school, particularly in Languages and Humanities.

We are particularly proud of:

- JS who achieved an incredible set of results with 3 grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry and Religious Studies and 5 grade 8s.
- ER and JM who both achieved grade 9s in both English Language and English Literature.
- KM achieved 7 GCSE grades between 7 – 9.
- FH achieved 10 GCSE grades 7 – 9 with grade 9s in Computer Science and English Literature.

We wish our leaving students the very best for the future and look forward to hearing of their future successes.

Attendance

Our attendance to school improved significantly last year, but it is not yet at the level that we know our students need to be successful. All children should aim to attend school at least 97% of the time. This means they can miss no more than 5 school days per year.

We know that students who are absent in the first week of school are significantly more likely to be **persistently absent** for the remainder of the school year. Your child should be prepared and ready for the start of year.

We believe that every parent/carer should know that:

- Each day of absence in secondary school is statistically linked to a loss of £750 per year in future earnings by the time your child reaches the age of 28.

- Students who are **persistently absent** (19 or more days absence per year) could earn £10,000 per year less by the age of 28.
- Students who are **severely absent** (less than 50% attendance) could earn £20,000 less by the age of 28.
- Students with near-perfect attendance are **twice as likely to achieve a grade 5 in English and Mathematics**. Missing 10 days per year reduces your child's likelihood of achieving these grades by 50%.
- Children **in our school** who have a higher rate of absence do not achieve as well as those who attend school consistently.
- **Absence (except for those instances that are unavoidable) is disrespectful to others within our education community**. Teachers must take additional time away from other students, prepare additional resources, and provide extra sessions to help every child who has missed a day. This makes it harder for them to help others.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day.

Seeking support for your child

We have a large pastoral team to support your child during their time at school. Your child will have a Head of Year/Achievement Co-ordinator and a Form Tutor. All adults in our school are trusted adults. We strongly encourage your child to speak to a member of staff should they be worried or concerned.

We also have an online self-referral system which your child can use to report a worry or concern. This report is sent to key adults in the school who are trained to respond appropriately and discreetly. We will teach your child how to use this system during their form-time programme.

Should you become concerned for your child, please contact the school. The contact details on our website are kept updated and you can view them [on our website](#).

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school shortly and we wish them a successful year.

Yours faithfully,



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

Autumn Term – Key dates

School events

1 September 2025	–	Staff Training Day – school closed to all students
2 September 2025	–	Staff Training Day – school closed to all students
3 September 2025	–	Year 7 and Year 12 induction day
4 September 2025	–	All students return to school.
17 September 2025	–	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
30 September 2025	–	Year 10 & Year 11 Parent/Carer Forum
1 October 2025	–	School Open Evening. Early closure for all students.
13 October 2025	–	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examinations begin
23 October 2025	–	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examinations finish
24 October 2025	–	Staff Training Day – school closed to all students
27 October 2025	–	Half-term holiday
3 November 2025	–	All students return to school
19 November 2025	–	Year 8 Parent/Carer Consultation evening
3 December 2025	–	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
5 December 2025	–	School reports shared with all parents/carers.
19 December 2025	–	Last day of term. Early closure for all students.

Themes of the week/celebrations

Week beginning	Themes and focus
1 September 2025	Onboarding Setting goals for the year
8 September 2025	Attendance and punctuality Roald Dahl Story Day
15 September 2025	Resolving conflict Behaviour and expectations Youth Mental Health Day
22 September 2025	Respecting our school. MacMillan Coffee morning International day of European Languages
29 September 2025	Transitions in the school World Mental Health Day National Poetry Day Black History Month (commences)
6 October 2025	Attendance and Punctuality Black History Month World Mental Health Day
13 October 2025	Resolving Conflict International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
30 October 2025	Rewards and recognition Celebration and reward events
Half-term	

Week beginning	Themes and focus
3 November 2025	Reboot National Stress Awareness Day Social Media Kindness Day
10 November 2025	Attendance and punctuality Remembrance Day Anti-bullying week
17 November 2025	Resolving conflict Anti-bullying week Children in Need Oceans of plastic
24 November 2025	Respecting our school Road safety week
1 December 2025	Transitions Attendance, punctuality, and rewards
8 December 2025	Resolving conflict Human rights day
15 December 2025	Rewards and recognition Christmas party Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day