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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

20 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first half-term of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement. It has been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and we are proud of the progress and achievements across our school community.

Please note that the **last day of half-term is Thursday 23 October**, and school will finish at the **normal time of 3:00pm**. School will be closed to students on Friday 24 October, as this is a staff training day.

We would like to celebrate the hard work of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are currently completing their first mock examinations of the year. Their focus and determination have been impressive, and we look forward to supporting them further as they prepare for their exams.

We are also pleased to share an exciting development from our Primary School: the launch of a free-of-charge **Stay and Play** provision, hosted at Waverley Studio College and supported by students from our Sixth Form. This initiative offers a welcoming space for families with young children to play, learn and connect. A leaflet with sign-up details is attached, and places are limited, so we encourage early registration. The next session takes place on **Friday 7 November 2025**.

In addition, we are sharing a letter from West Midlands Police (attached) with important guidance for families over the half-term break, particularly in light of the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations.

To all those in our community celebrating Diwali this week we wish you a happy and blessed time. May the festival of lights bring joy, peace and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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
- 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