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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

3 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you had a restful break and your child is ready for the exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Attendance and outcomes

Good attendance is one of the most significant factors in achieving strong academic outcomes. Students who attend school regularly benefit from consistent learning, stronger relationships with peers and staff, and greater confidence in their progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our morning gate times. The school gates open at 08:25am and close promptly at 08:35am. Any student arriving after 08:35am will be marked as late. Punctuality is a key part of good attendance, and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives on time each day.

Considerate parking and community safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate when parking near the school during drop-off and pick-up times. Please avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school, as this is not permitted and poses a safety risk to our students. We have sadly received complaints from our neighbours who have been disrupted by vehicles parked across driveways or using their private property as a space to collect or drop-off students. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and respectful environment for our neighbours and our wider community.

Lockdown Procedure Practice – Wednesday 5 November 2025 at 09:30am

We will be conducting a lockdown procedure practice at 09:30am on Wednesday 5 November. During this time, the school will be temporarily unresponsive to phone calls and other communications for approximately 15 minutes.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students and staff, we practice our lockdown procedures just as we would practice our fire evacuation drills. These drills are a part of our safeguarding strategy and help ensure that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. While such situations are rare, being prepared helps us respond quickly and effectively should the need ever arise. We approach these practices with sensitivity and care, and our aim is to build confidence among our school community should the need arise for us to respond to an emergency.

Students and staff have been fully briefed on the lockdown arrangements. However, we understand that some students may feel nervous or have questions about the process. We encourage you to speak with your child and reassure them. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please contact their Head of Year or Achievement Co-ordinator (details available on our website). Students can also speak with their form tutor or make a self-referral through the Student Portal.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, punctual, and high-achieving school environment.

Yours sincerely,



Hugh 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 and focus

Week beginning	Theme 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 Lockdown practice drill – Wednesday 5 November 2025 – 09:30am
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