



HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm sure you will join me in wishing our Year 11 students all the best in their GCSE exams that started two weeks ago and carry on after the half-term break. They have been fantastic so far and I know that their efforts will be rewarded in the summer with the grades that they deserve.

Of course, other students do not escape and we have assessments across all year groups over the next month or so. It is incredibly important that they get used to revising for and taking formal examinations, as this is how they are now assessed for GCSEs, with very few non-examined elements remaining. You can help by ensuring they have a quiet space to study and encouraging them to use a little and often approach, rather than trying to cram at the last minute.

However, once exams are out of the way, we look forward to an exciting range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities, including a number of residential trips such as the Year 7 France trip and Year 10 going to Pencelli. As always, I'd like to again extend my gratitude to the hard-working staff who take the time to organise and run these to enhance your child's experience at the school.

On that note, I would ask you to look out for information about our next amazing musical production at the start of July, which this year is the excellent Rock of Ages. I hope you can make it to one of the performances, even if your child is not involved – it really does give the youngsters a boost to play to full houses!

Year 10 Work Experience

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents who have helped to encourage their child to organise work placements. The whole process is a good learning experience – even contacting a company to ask for a place is a scary prospect for some and it is great to see that our students have risen to the challenge. We wish them all the best with the placements and hope they get a sense of the skills and attributes needed to flourish in a work environment.

Of course, it has proved very difficult for some youngsters to secure work experience. We have got plans to ensure that those that are left have access to some interesting and useful careers activities in school.

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SIMS Parent App

Thank you to parents and carers who have taken the time to sign up to this app, which will make it far easier to give you the information that you need, such as:

- School term dates & staff training days
- Progress Reports
- Access to update your contact details and information regarding your child/children

Of specific importance is the fact that this is going to be the preferred method of sending you Progress Reports towards the end of this academic year. If you are unable to sign up for some reason, or having problems doing so, then please contact our Data Team via email:

datateam@warnefordschool.org

You may find that the original email link has expired – if this is the case then please also email as above.

Equipment

It is this time of year when some of our students' pencil cases start to become a little bare. There is still plenty of learning to come over the next couple of months, so it is vital that students are organised and turn up to lessons with the correct equipment. This includes:

- Pens and pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Casio scientific calculator
- Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
- Whiteboard pen
- Glue stick
- A reading book

I know that our young people should be able to keep on top of this themselves but a quick check at your end on occasion would be much appreciated. Anything missing can be purchased from our excellent stationery shop based in the Library.

Upcoming Calendar

5/6/23	GCSE and KS3 Exams continue Y7-10 House Matches this week
7/6/23	Y7/8 Cheltenham Science Festival trip
13/6/23	Start of Y10 exams (run for two weeks)
14/6/23	Trustees' Meeting – MAT Consultation final decision
15/6/23	Y9 Cirencester College trip Y7 Online Parents' Evening (invitations will be sent at the start of the new term)
21/6/23	Y7-10 Vaccination Catch-Up session
23/6/23	Y11 Prom
26/6/23	Staff Training Day 5 – students not in school Y11 Awards Ceremony
28/6/23	Y10 Photography trip to Bowood House
29/6/23	Y6 Induction Day and Parents' Meeting
30/6/23	Y7 French trip to 3/7 Y10 College Experience Day
4/7/23	Sports Day

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6/7/23	School Musical – Rock of Ages (runs for four performance over three days)
7/7/23	Y10 Art trip to Lacock
10/7/23	Y10 Work Experience Week
	KS3 House Award assemblies
16/7/23	Y10 Pencelli Residential to 21/7
21/7/23	Last day of term (12.35pm finish)

We are aware that we have to rearrange the Year 8 parents' evening and will let you know as soon as a date has been fixed.

I hope you and your family manage to spend some quality time together over the break – it looks like it might be good weather throughout!

Yours faithfully,



Andy Steele
Headteacher