



Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

This week was full of transitions! We had our Year 13 Leavers' Day and prom on Tuesday followed by the Induction Day for our new Year 7 intake on Wednesday. It certainly felt quite poignant to finish one day with our wonderful students about to head off into the world and then the next day to start with a whole new batch about to go on that same journey! The Year 6s looked like a great bunch and hopefully they will follow in the footsteps of Year 13 and become an outstanding group of adults that we are so proud of!

Then, today, we welcomed back Year 11 for their Sixth Form Induction Day! Year 11 have been an exceptional cohort and we're all looking forward to having them join the Sixth Form. The feedback from teachers was exceptional today.

Year 11 & 13 Leavers' Evening – Wednesday 2nd July, from 6pm

Parents of students in these year groups should have received the invitation email on Monday. Today is your last chance to confirm your attendance, so if you have not yet done so please use [this link](#) to secure your places.

No Mobile Monday – Monday 14th July

As we have been signalling for some time, we will be a mobile free school in September. This means that we will expect phones to be off and away in bags from the start of the day to the end of the day. You will have seen more detailed information about our plans sent out separately.

In order to help the students to prepare, and to test our systems, we will do a trial run on Monday 14th July, with No Mobile Monday. During that day the expectation is that we do not see phones at all and if they are seen they will be confiscated. Our hope is that this day will support the transition to the new system while giving us some time before the summer holiday to address any concerns with individual students and families.

This is a big adjustment for the students, who have never known secondary school without mobile phones, so we want to get this right for all.

Warm Weather Kit

We use 30 degrees as the benchmark for making hot weather adaptations and, given the forecasts, we will allow PE kit for Monday and Tuesday. At present, we plan to revert to normal summer uniform from Wednesday. If the forecasts change, we will send out notifications.



Soulscape Awareness Day – Friday 4th July

On Friday 4th July it will be Soulscape Awareness Day. Soulscape are a fantastic charity who provide significant support for our school community with a range of programmes, projects and interventions that support student well-being and development across all key stages.

In support of the charity, we will be hosting a non-uniform day and we are asking that students make a small donation of £1 via Scopay. This contribution will support all of the fantastic work that they do as well as ensure that all the amazing opportunities that they offer continue to be readily available to us as they make such an important difference. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Summer Concert: 'A Summer Cocktail' – Wednesday 9th July

You are warmly invited to our summer concert which will celebrate the school's 60th anniversary and the talents of its students. A wide mix of music will be performed! The concert will start at 7.00 pm with refreshments served before, and during the interval (so please bring cash for purchases). Tickets can be bought via Scopay (£6 Adults/£3 Children and Concessions). We look forward to welcoming you on the night and joining in the celebrations with us!

Dropping-off and Picking-up at the Gates

When the front of the school was laid out in the 1960s, nobody anticipated the growth in size of the school and the proliferation of car ownership in the following 60 years. It is clear that if the school were built today, the drop-off/pick-up lane at the top of the drive would be considered wholly inadequate for the needs of the school.

To help manage the situation as well as possible, could I please ask that everyone is considerate of others, in particular:

- Please do not park in the lane (it is a public highway with double yellow lines). The lane is for drop-off and pick-ups.
- Please do not block the main road by trying to turn into the lane when it is full. This is particularly problematic if trying to turn right into the full lane, as the traffic on the road then blocks the school's exit, meaning cars already in the lane cannot exit and so everything grinds to a halt.

My thanks for your support this.

Community Announcement: A New Wokingham Orchestra!

We are excited to share news of a new orchestra in Wokingham. The plan is to start rehearsing from September 2025 and they want to recruit musicians of Grade 7+ standard to come and join them. Please go to www.tinyurl.com/WokinghamPhil or email WokinghamPhilharmonic@gmail.com to register your interest. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Have a fantastic weekend!



Best wishes,

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