

5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn weather arrived this week timed perfectly for the start of this Autumn Term. The rain did nothing to dampen spirits and all of us at Waldegrave are excited about the new school year ahead. Over the summer we celebrated exceptional exam results, significantly above national data and placing Waldegrave amongst the highest performing schools in the country.

Our A level students performed incredibly well, 42% of all grades were A*-A and 78% A*-B. Included in the exciting destinations of our students were five Oxbridge places, a further five progressing to study medicine and one securing a place on the highly competitive Govia Thameslink Engineering Apprenticeship.

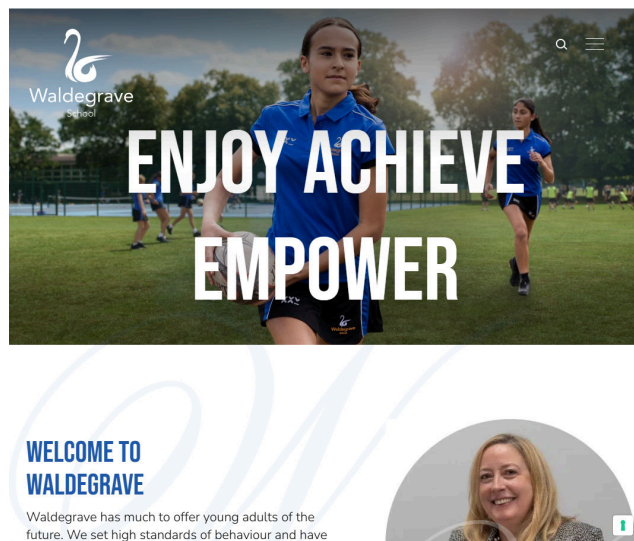
Our GCSE students achieved record breaking results.

- ❖ 94% of students achieved at least 5 GCSEs, including English and Maths at grade 4 and above.
- ❖ 80% of students achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 5 and above.
- ❖ 53% of all grades achieved by students were grade 7 or above.
- ❖ 55% students achieved at least 5 GCSEs at grades 7 to 9.

We are very proud of all the hard work our students put in to achieve their results and wish them well as they move onto exciting next steps in their education and beyond.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Sixth Form students into school for their Induction Day, with Year 7 starting on Wednesday. It was lovely meeting our new students and giving them the opportunity to get settled into school before the whole school returned on Thursday. Throughout the week Waldegrave has been full of happy chatter as students make new friends and old friends have a chance to catch up on their summer news.

Over the summer, some of you may have noticed, we launched our sleek new [website](#). I hope you enjoy exploring this, looking at the interactive school map and finding everything you need easily. All of the students involved in the project were absolutely fantastic and great ambassadors for our school.

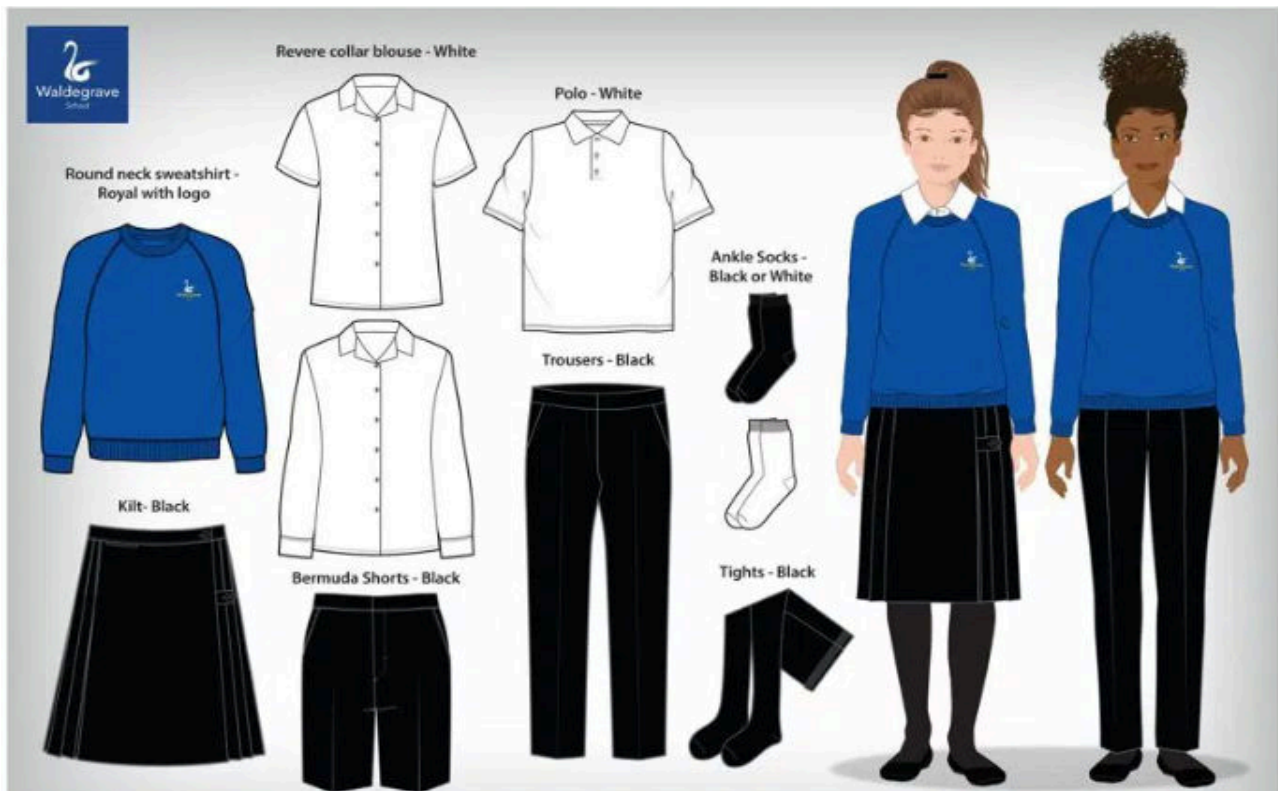


As we settle back into school routines I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed myself and all the teaching staff have been with the smart appearance of pupils wearing their correct uniform, including the correct lanyard every day and not rolling skirts. Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times - please see our website [uniform page](#) for further information and our full uniform policy.

The following items are not permitted to be worn in school:

- ❖ False eyelashes
- ❖ False nails
- ❖ Make-up
- ❖ Smart watches

The only jewellery permitted to be visible is a single pair of stud earrings and an analogue watch. A necklace may be worn but should not be visible. Students have been reminded that they are not permitted to wear multiple earrings, nose or eyebrow piercings. Extra piercings will need to be removed, however recent they are and any jewellery that does not comply with the uniform policy will be confiscated and returned at the next half term break. Please note Waldegrave school is not able to accept responsibility for any items of jewellery worn on to the school property. It is therefore important that students do not wear items of any sentimental or monetary value to school.



We have published next year's term dates on our school website and would like to notify you about a change of date for our Teachers' Planning and Assessment Day, when the school will be closed to all pupils, which is now on Wednesday 19 November 2025, this [term](#).

I hope that everyone enjoys the sunshine this weekend and look forward to a fantastic term!

Yours Sincerely,

Ms E Tongue
Head Teacher