

5 September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the start of this very important and exciting year at Waldegrave for your child. I hope your child is settling into Year 11 well and is ready for a positive and productive year ahead. I was impressed by the way the vast majority of students worked and conducted themselves as members of the year group and the wider community, engaging in lessons and getting involved in school activities and opportunities last year. I was particularly impressed by the maturity shown during work experience and towards preparing for the Year 10 assessments. I feel confident that all our students in the Year group will continue to build upon these foundations during this final year of Key Stage 4 and enjoy and achieve success as a result.

We are pleased with the students' achievements across a broad range of skills and activities to date and also pleased that our students are happy and enjoy school. Once again, we ask that they get involved in after school activities so that their school life is much more than exam results alone. Our aim is to enable your child to enjoy learning and fulfil their potential.

Your child is a valued member of Year 11 and can expect a personal level of pastoral support and care from their tutor, the Key Stage 4 Hub and the Year 11 leadership team: Mrs Porteous, Head of Year 11 and Mrs Dhir, Head of Key Stage 4. We also work closely with a range of specialist services, from external agencies and the local borough, to offer students support, including counselling and mentoring where needed. Please feel free to contact me for further information on these services or any other queries or concerns regarding your child's pastoral needs. You may do so by emailing me via [KS Four](#) or by telephoning the school. If your child has additional needs they may also be supported by our Inclusion department which is led by Ms E Salisbury, SENCo.

I hope that your child will feel safe and empowered at Waldegrave to make the most of the opportunities available to them. Tutor activities and whole house events have been planned to ensure students are fully supported to develop into well rounded and confident students, prepared to face the challenges ahead of them. I believe this can be achieved by us all working together. Waldegrave students are tomorrow's leaders: our ethos for Year 11 is "Do your best and embrace each other's differences".

Please engage with our Parent Bulletins which will outline Waldegrave news as a whole, but will also present you with year group specific information too. In order for you to further keep abreast of Waldegrave events, I would encourage you to also visit the school website; and follow the school on Twitter @WaldegraveSch.

We would also encourage you to register, if you have not done so already, on the website <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> and give your views about the school as this gives the school valuable information.

Important dates for you and your young person are listed below.

Event	Dates
Year 11 Managing revision (for parents)	15 October 2025
Waldegrave Sixth Form Open Evening	16 October 2025
Year 11 Mock Exams *	November 2025 (starting 3 November)
Year 11 Monitoring	December 2025
Year 11 Parents Consultation Meeting	10th December 2025
Year 11 Core Mocks	February/March 2026
Year 11 Monitoring	March 2026
Easter Revision Sessions	In the Easter Holidays Dates/Times of specific sessions TBC
Year 11 Dress Up Day	5th May 2026
Year 11 Final Day Celebrations	6th May 2026
Year 11 Prom	Thursday 25 June 2026

Please note that more specific details of these events will follow in due course. Including exam timetables etc.

Our school policies may be found on the website, in particular the school's behaviour for learning policy and homework policy. Our first rule is **'Respect and value learning, each other and our environment'**. Please encourage the rule to be embraced in all aspects of school life, and encourage homework to be completed as close to the day it is set. If there are issues related to homework then the Head of Department for the subject should be contacted in the first instance through [info Mailbox](#) or by telephoning the school. We would also love to hear or be made aware of any of your child's out of school achievements, no matter how small, so that we are able to celebrate them through different forums.

Please do get in touch if the need arises but in the meantime I wish you and your child an enjoyable and positive year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Porteous
Head of Year 11

Mrs A Dhir
Head of Key Stage 4

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