



Dear Parent/Carer

I wish both you and your child/ren a warm welcome back to WHGS.

I trust this letter finds you well, despite the troubling circumstances that have arisen during the summer holidays. I hope you had time for rest and rejuvenation despite this. I also hope you have found care, compassion and kindness in your own communities and that you and our students have remained safe.

The recent events in our country have filled me with profound dismay. The racist riots and disturbances that erupted across the UK are deeply alarming and disheartening. As a community dedicated to nurturing respect, empathy, and inclusivity, we are very shaken by these developments.

We will be discussing this in our opening assemblies with all students across the school and we remain steadfastly committed to supporting each student and family in any way required. Please do get in touch if you need our help.

Despite all of this, we did have a wonderful two weeks in the summer presenting exam results to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. It has been delightful to see them all and celebrate their many successes along the way. We hope that this year will be just as successful.

In order to continue to work together in the best interests of all students, please find advance notice of our Parent Coffee sessions for this year:

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
16 October 2024, 9am (Primary Hall)	28 November, 2pm (Great Hall)
<b>Spring Term</b>	
25 February 2025, 9am (Primary Hall)	
<b>Summer Term</b>	
30 April 2025, 6pm (Great Hall)	

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding students in our care is of primary importance to us. If you have a safeguarding concern about a student in the school, in the first instance please contact the relevant staff or pastoral team as detailed below. The concern will be assessed immediately, and, if necessary, passed on to the safeguarding team, detailed below:

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Name	Position	Email address
<b>Primary Phase</b>		
Miss Dalton	Head of School	<a href="mailto:leigh.dalton@whgs-academy.org">leigh.dalton@whgs-academy.org</a>
<b>Secondary Phase</b>		
Ms Galloway	Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead	<a href="mailto:sophie.galloway@whgs-academy.org">sophie.galloway@whgs-academy.org</a>
Mrs Likissa	Director of Safeguarding	<a href="mailto:laura.likissa@whgs-academy.org">laura.likissa@whgs-academy.org</a>
Miss Mulvihill	Safeguarding Officer	Employment commences 23 September

### Contacting the Primary Phase:

Name	Position	Email address
Miss Dalton	Head of School	<a href="mailto:leigh.dalton@whgs-academy.org">leigh.dalton@whgs-academy.org</a>
Mrs Emmott	Vice Principal	<a href="mailto:gemma.emmott@whgs-academy.org">gemma.emmott@whgs-academy.org</a>
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Miss Fishwick	Assistant Principal	<a href="mailto:judith.fishwick@whgs-academy.org">judith.fishwick@whgs-academy.org</a>
Miss Khan	Assistant Principal	<a href="mailto:huma.khan@whgs-academy.org">huma.khan@whgs-academy.org</a>
Mr Hancock	Assistant Principal	<a href="mailto:toby.hancock@whgs-academy.org">toby.hancock@whgs-academy.org</a>

### Contacting the Secondary Phase/Sixth Form:

Year	Head of Year	Email address
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9	Mr Bennett	<a href="mailto:xavier.bennett@whgs-academy.org">xavier.bennett@whgs-academy.org</a>
10	Miss Bretherton	<a href="mailto:milaina.bretherton@whgs-academy.org">milaina.bretherton@whgs-academy.org</a>
11	Mrs Ali	<a href="mailto:tahira.ali@whgs-academy.org">tahira.ali@whgs-academy.org</a>
12	Mrs Hilton	<a href="mailto:susanna.hilton@whgs-academy.org">susanna.hilton@whgs-academy.org</a>
13	Mr Steinman	<a href="mailto:luke.steinman@whgs-academy.org">luke.steinman@whgs-academy.org</a>

### Term Dates:

Please find a reminder of the school [term dates for 2024-25](#) to ensure you do not book any trips abroad or holidays during the next academic year. Our updated [attendance policy](#) can also be found on the website.

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Finally, WHGS prides itself on being a respectful and inclusive environment where every culture, religion and characteristic is celebrated. Our students, staff and parents all contribute to this. I am proud to lead such a wonderful school community and will ensure this remains the case moving forward.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

K M Heaton  
Principal

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