



Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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I hope this letter finds you well and you have settled into 2023 in good health.

I am writing to you to update you on how the students have settled back in since we returned from Christmas and to keep you informed on the progress of the change needed at School since September.

I am pleased to say that uniform is looking the best it ever has, students are arriving in their skirts with appropriate footwear and their blazers. It is so important to look smart for school. I often remark on students who achieve the best results and attendance are always the ones that also put the most effort into their smart attire. I ensure that I lead by example and encourage staff to do the same by dressing in professional attire including jackets and blazers where appropriate for their subject.

Students should be congratulated for this improvement in uniform, we will continue to keep our standards high.

There has been some discussion surrounding attendance of late. After two years of closures and partial openings it is really important for both staff and students to get back to outstanding attendance. That number sits at 97%. Whilst I appreciate we are still battling COVID-19, Strep A and a winter of Flu it is so important that your daughter attends every day. Many students are doing this and attendance is lifting, however every student needs to be in to get the education they deserve. I appreciate those parents that send their daughter in with a sniffle. Praise should be given to those who attend even when they are feeling under the weather, as adults we have to contend with feeling poorly, especially when working jobs with children of our own. Thank you for supporting your daughters in this life skill, resilience is a hard skill to master.

I must also commend students as I have seen an improvement in the number of students getting to school before 8.30am. This is fantastic. The school doors open early and we welcome students in right up until 8.25am when they go out to the playground for line up. We will begin a breakfast club from the 23rd January, starting at 7.30am where students can purchase breakfast items from the canteen and sit inside to enjoy them until line up.

If your daughter would like to come in to school early and complete revision, homework or extra work, we will also be starting a before school all years class in room G12. This will be open from 7.45 – 8.25 am and supervised by staff. Please do send your daughters in. We would love to see them early.



You will shortly receive a club's schedule. There has been some discussion by students and parents about students not accessing the school hall at break and lunch. Unfortunately, unless the weather is raining the hall will remain closed at break and lunch. This is largely to encourage students to get some fresh air. However, I do appreciate that some students would like to remain indoors. To enable this to happen the canteen has ample seating, but also a year group room has been set up for every year group across the school. Your daughter may access this at lunchtime. In order to do so, she just needs to sign up in student services before 8.25am each morning to receive a pass.

We will shortly be inviting Year 11 parents in for parents evening, this will then follow with our second mock exam period as the exam season creeps closer to us. This mock period will simulate exactly how the exams will work, so all students must be in school by 8.30am to go through the exam process. If your daughter has a 9am exam, she must attend the drama studio by 8.30am. Being later than 8.30am will cause a delay to the start of the exam and so delay the finishing time.

In my next letter I will be canvassing parents to set up a parent forum, this forum will be formed of a maximum of 20 parents from across the year groups who would like to work together with the school to see change and continued improvement. It is so important that students, parents, staff, the community and the governors and trustees of Walderslade Girls School all have a say in how it moves forward. If you would like to be a part of this group, please do email me on camp1313@sflt.org.uk or alternatively email the office or call and leave your details and what year your daughter is in. If there is too much interest I will select names at random and ensure there is an even representation across the school. The parents forum will meet once every 6 weeks from 5-6pm on a Thursday. Further details will be sent when a group has been selected.

I would like to finish by saying how proud I am of the students that have returned after Christmas in correct uniform, punctual for school and attending lessons ready to learn. Thank you to all parents who have supported your daughters in making this happen.

I have enjoyed being welcomed into your school community, we move towards Easter together as one school, improving daily.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Campbell

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