



# Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

5 May 2023

I write to you this week with an update of how we are progressing as we reach the mid point of term 5 at school.

## Mobile phones, bullying and behaviour

We continue our procedures surrounding the use of the one way system and our ban on mobile phones. I would like to thank all of our students for their observance of the one way system as it has really embeded at school, and we have seen a distinct improvement in the conduct of students around the school site. The same can be said for mobile phones. As always there have been some teething issues putting this in place, however on the whole students have observed the ban and we have been able to hold wonderful conversations and deal with incidents before the inevitable social media spread of gossip and rumour. As a result the school has become a quieter and more productive place of work.

The red button has been relaunched on our website for any parent or student that wants to report an incident of bullying, or for any concerns for their child or themselves. Please do continue to report incidents that you are concerned about to us. We will always act on what we know, unfortunately if we aren't aware it is difficult for us to help. You will have seen that the safeguarding team has been developed an updated. We are working on ensuring all of our students feel safe at school, the feedback we have received so far this that students have begun to enjoy school again, they feel they can talk to staff and their concerns are being resolved without escalation.

You can find the safeguarding information here: [Safeguarding - Walderslade Girls School \(sflt.org.uk\)](http://www.sflt.org.uk)

The red button can be found here: [Report a Concern via the Red Button \(office.com\)](http://www.sflt.org.uk)

## Year 11 Exams

The exam season is upon us. Year 11 have already taken Photography, Dance, Drama and Art exams. French and Spanish will take place next week and then we head in to an intense period of written exams. I wish all year 11 every luck. Please use every revision session available in this lead up to exams.

## Year 8 Culture day

On Thursday 4 May we held our first culture day. This event was absolutely fantastic. The whole day was really enjoyable and every year 8 we spoke to said that they enjoyed it and would like to carry out further work on other cultures. We aim to get at least one culture day in for every year group moving forwards and we continue our work on diversifying our



curriculum into next year. Please do let us know if you have any contacts that will support us learning and celebrating the diverse backgrounds we have in our community.

### **Coronation picnic**

I'd like to thank every parent/grandparent and carer that gave up time to support us in our coronation picnic today. The students have worked tirelessly this term in arriving punctually, attending lessons, working hard, following the rules and mobile phone ban. This celebration allowed us, for the first time to come together as a full school community and enjoy each others company. I hope we will be able to do this again soon.

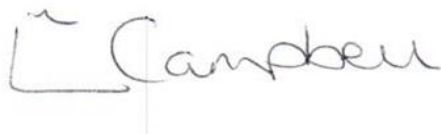
### **Survey**

I would be grateful if you would take 10-15 minutes of your time in completing this survey, as you are aware Ofsted visited in February and whilst I await the report, significant change has been made, however I am interested in how your daughter/ward now feels about school and what we can do to continue improvement for all. I will close this survey on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, if you could complete it before this date.

<https://forms.office.com/e/k1sixtUVNF>

I hope you have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, we will see all students on Tuesday 9 May at 8.30am in full school uniform.

Yours faithfully



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