



Dear Parents and Carers

29th August 2024

I am delighted and proud to be able to write to you today as the new Principal of Woodcote High School. Woodcote is a truly great school and I am privileged to lead it and to work with such exceptional students and colleagues. I am committed to ensuring that together - and with the support of the Collegiate Trust - we can ensure that the school continues to build on its strong foundations; to meet the ambition of excellence for all.

I am an experienced senior leader having worked in three other community schools. I firmly believe in a comprehensive education where every student is valued as an individual and has ambition to achieve. A school is the beating heart of its community, and I will be working with all stakeholders to ensure that we continue to offer the young people of this community the best experience possible for the seven years we hope they are in our care.

As parents and carers, you have a vital role to play in supporting the school and your children to be successful. Success is a team sport; we aim to work in partnership. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time, in correct uniform and properly equipped for the day ahead.

We are excited to welcome students back to school at the following times:

Tuesday 3rd September

Year 7 students from 8.30am until 1.05pm

Year 12 Students from 9.30am until 12.30pm

Wednesday 4th September

Year 7 students arrive at 9.00am

Year 8-11 students arrive at 9.20am

Year 12 and 13 students arrive at 10.15am

For all year groups the school day will finish at the normal time of 3.05pm

The school day will revert to normal on Thursday 5th September (8.25am until 3.05pm)

Please support your child by ensuring that uniform is correct. Any student not in correct uniform will be isolated until we can rectify their uniform and so it is vital that every student arrives correctly attired and ready to learn. Our uniform expectations are attached to remind you of the requirements. Please remember that students must now wear full uniform to school every day and that PE kits must be brought separately on days when students have PE or a club.

Please note some changes for this year. Firstly, we are not expecting students to remove outdoor coats in school buildings as has been previously communicated. These will need to be removed before they enter a classroom.

Secondly, we will now be using Classcharts to record homework for students (replacing Show My Homework). Students and parents have access to their homework via the Classcharts app meaning that homework, timetable and behaviour information are all in one place. It is easy to use, and students will be shown how to access it in school next week. We will update you soon with more information about all the platforms we use in school, in the interim user guides for Classcharts can be found [here](#).

I welcome feedback and hope to meet you at our upcoming curriculum evenings which will give you the opportunity to understand the curriculum and opportunities for your son or daughter in the exciting year ahead.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have anything you wish to discuss. I hope to meet you soon and am looking forward to getting to know your children.

Yours faithfully

Ms Kate Marrill
Principal