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Re: July 2025 update

HEADTEACHER: Mr T Hardcastle

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As another school year comes to a close, I want to say thank you for your continued support and the trust you place in us. Here at Wickersley, we're always looking for ways to get even better. "Good enough" simply isn't in our vocabulary, we won't settle for anything less than the best - it's in our DNA. That's why **'high expectations'** isn't just a phrase; it proudly sits on our school logo, front and centre. We truly believe that this commitment to being the best, every single day, is the right way forward.

We know that working together isn't always easy; strong partnerships take continuous effort and mutual trust. Our long history of success shows what we can achieve when school, students, and home combine - the results are simply unbeatable. Every decision we make is genuinely in your child's best interests. While some conversations or choices might feel tough initially, rest assured they are always about helping students be the best version of themselves.

What a year it's been, full of achievements and positive change, here are a few important updates:

Saying goodbye, saying hello and celebrating success

Bringing the summer term to a close is always bittersweet. While we've said farewell and wished our departing Year 11 and 13 students the very best after their celebrations, our focus has quickly shifted to welcoming new faces. It's been a pleasure getting to know our incoming Year 7s, and our Sixth Form Induction Day in June was a fantastic success.

A big well done to all students who received awards in our end-of-year assemblies and sports presentation; seeing so many of you shine truly captures the spirit of The Wickersley Way. Congratulations also to everyone who performed in our recent productions, Peter Pan and the Summer Music Concert, and to those who have excelled in recent sporting events.

Getting the basics right, routines for learning

This year, we've continually shared the same crucial message with our students and yourselves: routines are absolutely vital for learning.



They provide a predictable structure that helps children focus, manage their time effectively, and feel more confident in their daily school life. When children understand what to expect each day – for instance, a regular time for homework or reading – they can settle into their work more easily, which in turn reduces stress and helps them develop essential skills like organisation and independence. Next academic year, our core messages will remain consistent: a focus on excellent attendance, maximum effort both ***inside and outside of every lesson***, and good manners. While these messages will not be new to you or our students, we will continue to embed and strengthen them.

Results days 2025

- Year 13 students can collect their results on Thursday 14th August 2025 from 8 am from the Main Hall.
- Year 11 students can collect their results on Thursday, 21st August 2025, from 10 am from the Main Hall.

If your child can't collect their exam results in person, someone else can pick them up. They must email examoffice@wickersley.net from their school account, including the collector's name. The collector will need to show a photo ID on results day.

Introducing a new House System for sixth form

New for September 2025, Wickersley Sixth Form is introducing a House System. Students will join one of four houses – Carbo, Chalybs, Ferrum, or Vitrum – named after Rotherham's industrial heritage (coal, steel, iron, and glass). Each house has its own identity and values, reflecting the wider Wickersley Way ethos. They'll be healthy competition throughout the year with events and rewards for effort and attendance. Which House will be our first ever trophy winners?

If your Year 11 son or daughter has decided they would like to continue their studies in our Sixth Form next year, it's not too late, email us at sixthform@wickersley.net

We're already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in six weeks, including so many of our Year 11 students as they transition into Sixth Form. See you all on Tuesday, 2nd September.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T. Hardcastle
Headteacher