



## Re: April 2026 update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable break. The return after the Easter holiday marks the beginning of our final term, made up of two very busy half terms. Although spring often represents new beginnings, in school it also signals the final stages for our older students in Years 11 and 13.

While schools are about much more than just exams, it is important to recognise that exams are, of course, the natural endpoint of education. As students in our oldest year groups make their final preparations for the exam season, I would also encourage those in the younger years to take note. Time moves quickly, and it won't be long before they too are sitting their GCSE and A-level exams. The hard work that students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 put in now lays the foundation for success in their future exam seasons.

To help you fully support your child with their education, I would like to outline a few important messages and changes:

### The importance of uniform

Just like exams, uniform is part of school life. At Wickersley, we are very proud of our uniform and believe it helps to create a sense of belonging, sets a shared standard, and supports a focused, purposeful environment for learning.

We know that the majority of our students and parents support the school, and we would like to thank you for your continued reinforcement of *high expectations* around uniform. We really do appreciate your support.

As we return after the Easter break, and as the weather continues to improve, please ensure that your child comes to school in full and correct uniform. A reminder of our expectations can be found [here](#). Where uniform does not meet our *high expectations*, we will work with students to resolve this, which may include time in isolation until the issue is addressed.

### Ties

On the rare occasion a student arrives without a tie, we will provide one so they can meet our *high expectations* for the day. We ask that any loaned ties are returned promptly. If they are not returned, a charge will be added to ParentPay to cover the cost of replacement.

Thank you, as always, for your support in maintaining high standards of uniform.

## **Celebrating success**

Last term, we were also delighted to see students engaging in a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. Highlights have included the recent Movement Festival, which showcased the talent and commitment of students across all year groups, as well as successful trips to Belgium and the ski trip, where students represented the school exceptionally well. We were also pleased to celebrate those students who achieved 100% attendance before the Easter break, alongside strong performances in netball and football finals, and the commitment shown by students in our school orchestra. We are proud of the way our students continue to represent Wickersley with such positivity.

## **Equipment**

Wickersley students arrive at school equipped and ready to learn, it's the Wickersley Way. Being prepared, for example with a rucksack and a well-stocked pencil case, is vital. The start of a new term is an ideal time to double-check that your child has everything they need for learning, including the correct stationery. Please encourage them to check their school bag each evening, ensuring they are fully prepared for the day ahead.

## **And finally...**

There are a range of exciting opportunities and events taking place across the school this term, including welcome events for our incoming Year 7 and Year 12 students, as well as our end of year celebration assemblies.

For our Year 11 students, this is also an important time to be thinking about next steps. Applications for our Sixth Form remain open, and it is not too late to apply. We would encourage any students still considering their options to do so. Contact [sixthform@wickersley.net](mailto:sixthform@wickersley.net) for more information.

As the term progresses, our Year 11 and Year 13 students will also begin their exam season, and we wish them every success as they complete the final stage of their school journey. Further details regarding our end of year celebration assemblies will be shared on our website shortly, so please keep an eye out for updates.

Yours sincerely,



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