



8th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Sponsored Walk

On Friday **18th October 2024**, the whole school community will take part in a 14 km sponsored walk. In conjunction with this event there are a number of students and staff that will be undertaking a sponsored swim. It promises to be a challenging, yet enjoyable activity day which all students can participate. It is expected that everyone joins in this whole-school event. The sense of achievement at the end is considerable and it is good to be part of the community spirit engendered by the walk.

Most of the school's fundraising during the year is for charities. However, the Sponsored Walk is the one occasion when funds raised are used to purchase items for the benefit of students at the school. Previous sponsored walks have funded the purchase of a new school minibus and completely refurbish one of our computer suites to provide our students with an up to date and improved environment for learning.

This year we hope to raise enough funds for PE redevelopment, to update and enhance the facilities we have, offering more opportunities to each and every child at Warlingham School & Sixth Form College. Physical activity enhances wellbeing, by increasing our mental alertness, energy and positive mood and can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety.

If every student were to be successful in raising £15, we will exceed our target figure. The sponsored walk last year was a wonderful event for the whole school community and we hope that all students will show the commitment to collect as many sponsors as possible to enable us to build on our successes of last year.

We will require students to pay their sponsor money during the first week after October half term break. Prizes will be given to the tutor groups and individuals who raise the most in sponsorship. Please note, that whilst students are encouraged to collect sponsorship from relatives and other people known to them or their parents (e.g. through work), we **do not** want students to "cold call" as this potentially puts them at risk and can be frightening for elderly residents.

Payment of Sponsorship

It is preferable if you could please pay sponsorship money via **WisePay**, but if this is not possible, please pay by cheque (made payable to Warlingham School & Sixth Form College) as an alternative option.

We hope that the weather will be kind to us, but please ensure that your child arrives suitably dressed with raincoat and sensible footwear as the route can be extremely muddy.

The walk should take approximately three to four hours. Students are therefore expected to arrive back at school between 12.15pm and 2.00pm. Once the Students have signed out and collected their sponsor form from their tutor they will then be allowed to go home.

Consent forms

These are to be completed online for each student by [clicking here](#). If exceptionally, you do not wish your child to walk then he/she should attend a work programme in school from 8.35 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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Please note that absence from school on this day is not acceptable and would be subject to scrutiny by Attendance/Education Welfare personnel.

Please ensure your child's emergency contact details, medical and dietary requirements that are held on our school system are up-to-date when providing consent. Please use Edulink to provide this information.

Sponsor Form

Students will bring home Sponsor Forms to collect sponsors and they should hand in the completed form to their form tutor **either before or on the day of the walk**. Your child will receive their sponsor form back at the end of the walk.

Packed Lunch/Breakfast Orders

Students should arrive home by late lunch but may wish to bring a packed lunch from home. Should they wish to purchase breakfast or a packed lunch from our school canteen, this would need to be ordered **IN ADVANCE**. There will be no provision for normal food purchasing on the day. Please [click here](#) to place a food order.

Please note that the canteen will be closed after 9.00am on the day of the sponsored walk. Students based in school must therefore either order in advance or bring refreshments of their own. Students will not be able to leave the school premises to purchase food.

Any queries regarding the sponsored walk should be addressed to Mr S Day in the first instance by either emailing s.day@warlinghamtl.co.uk or telephoning 01883 624067.

I would like to thank everyone in anticipation of their efforts in making the sponsored walk a successful event.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Foster
Headteacher