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Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to record a message for parents today and perhaps a few more in the coming days, just to celebrate some of the things that have been happening in school.

Firstly, last Monday, I went to the Year 13 Prom at Woldingham Golf Club. It was fantastic to spend an evening with a fine group of young people, who have, after seven years of secondary education, largely at Warlingham with managing the challenges of the pandemic as part of that time, come together as a community. They celebrated a fantastic school experience and are looking ahead to a wide range of exciting futures. They are a real credit to you.

At school last Tuesday, we held a celebration evening and it was fantastic to see so many you, parents and families at that evening, in support of your son or daughter.

We decided to move the event to the evening, to enable more parents to be able to be part of these celebrations and it was fantastic to see so many of you there. It was my pleasure to be able to shake their hands and reward and recognise those well-deserved prizes for hard work, showing character, courage, commitment and kindness, and a fantastic achievement both inside and outside of the classroom.

Also last week on Thursday, we had Sports Day, which was again a wonderful school event, a real sense of pride in our school community and belonging to different House groups. Students from Years 7 to 9, cheering each other on and taking great pride in representing their tutor groups and their Houses. It was a fantastic day and a great reminder of all the benefits the House system provides. Although we are changing our pastoral structure and moving to a Head of Year and Deputy Head of Year model, we absolutely intend to keep the House system and all the benefits of this.

This week I have also received an impact report from Sparx Maths telling us that over the course of this year, Warlingham School students have answered 1,046,341 questions correctly on Sparx Maths and completed 18,716 hours of personalised maths practice. That is a tremendous testament to their hard work, but also as a parent, with your encouragement at home, to engage with Sparx Maths. So thank your contribution and I know that will bring tremendous benefits to their learning.

Particular congratulations are awarded to William, Linus, Rohan, Peter and Anastasiia, who I visited in lessons this week to give a star badge for having achieved the most points in Sparx Maths during the course of this year. It was great to recognise and celebrate those statistics and their contribution to it.

Looking ahead, we have the School Show from tomorrow evening, where I hope to see more parents here in support of those students performing.

We have work experience for Year 10 and 12 next week, something that some schools no longer run, but something we feel is really important to do. I want to thank all parents who have been part of helping to provide work experience placements for students, either in Year 10 or Year 12, as we do think it is such a great

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opportunity for them to practise the kind of personal skills that are so important in the workplace and to learn about the workplace environment to inform their future choices.

We also have activities week next week, which is another great opportunity for students to develop the kind of relationships and community spirit, both with their peers and with staff, that will help secure success moving forward and in the future.

Next Saturday is Warlstock, our School summer Music Festival, where there will be live music from all members of the school community and performances from a wide range of students and those connected to the school, including staff. I hope to see students, parents, families and staff, all come together at this fantastic event.

This evening England face the Netherlands in the European Cup. Let us hope that England give us something to celebrate as well.

I hope you have a pleasant evening and I look forward to sending further messages later this week.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher