



# WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please let me begin with an official welcome to our families who have students who have joined us this September. Our students have returned to us impeccably dressed, happy to return to school (even if reluctant to admit it) and our new additions are settling in well. I have been particularly proud of our older West Hill boys who have supported our younger years, escorted them to lessons and made them feel at ease. Your sons have been a credit to you on their return.

Over the summer, 45 boys enjoyed a week-long multi-activity trip to Dorset, at Rockley Adventure. They took part in a host of activities, such as abseiling, zip-wire, kayaking and sailing, as well as having a day out at Dorset Adventure Park, completing the Mud Run and Inflatables Lake. It was a fantastic time away, developing their confidence, teamwork and communication skills, working alongside their friends and also students they had not met before. We have another trip booked in August 2025, which was recently launched to boys in form time, and there is a parent/carer information meeting in the school hall 6pm-7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September to share further details. All are welcome.

As predicted in the summer term, September sunshine has continued. Therefore, we will be allowing boys to wear tailored shorts through until October half-term. Upon return from October half-term, trousers should be worn by all boys – largely for their own warmth as we are an open site with lots of time spent outside within the day.

At West Hill, we continually look to better the everyday experiences of our school community. Over the summer, we have invested in renovations of our school canteen (it was much needed) alongside a re-design of our SEND and Learning Support Unit to ensure it is a warm, calm and inviting space for our school community. Additionally, we have made changes as per our student and parent/carer feedback such as additional water fountains, air conditioning etc. Over the course of the year, we plan to ensure that all toilets are renovated across the school to better the daily experiences of the boys. Our school vision has been revisited and updated too, reflecting our onwards journey as a school community. Alongside bettering their environments, we are also focusing on our curriculum. Our staff are working tirelessly to review and ensure that ambition is at the heart of our taught curriculum – as much as it is in our co-curricular opportunities. As our co-curricular timetable begins next week, please encourage your son to attend lunch time or after school teams and clubs, learning new skills and character. Our website will be updated under our 'School Life – Co-curricular' tab for you to be aware of the offer.

With this being the start of my second year as the Headteacher, I look to further collaborate with staff, students and yourselves to establish how we can drive our school forward even further. I am seeking to increase the Trustee Board (Governors) at West Hill and would heavily encourage parents and carers to express an interest and apply to join our Trustee Board when further details are sent next week. I am looking for passionate parents/carers to help better the experiences for our student and staff community. Communication to follow on this.

Also, please let me offer a reminder to follow our West Hill School social media accounts (listed on our letterhead) for keeping abreast of current events and images of what we do here. Additionally, our Friends of West Hill Parent Association are always keen to have more families on board to plan events or offer support to better our school community and wider community. If you would like more information about joining this group of supportive and pro-active parents and carers, please email our admin email address also within our letterhead.

Here is to our celebration of an excellent year ahead,

Ms C. Cronin  
Headteacher