



A Partnership with Parents



One of the most important factors determining the educational progress of a child is the quality of the relationship that exists between home and school.

At Waingels that partnership is at the foundation of much of what we do. We work hard at establishing it well before your child joins us in September and for the seven years they remain with us. In numerous cases that relationship has been built up over family generations with many of the parents of our current students having been children at Waingels themselves.

Assessment for learning

An important part of our support for students and partnership with parents is the careful monitoring and reporting of student progress. Every child at Waingels is set challenging, but realistic attainment targets based on their past performance. Progress towards these targets is carefully tracked and a report provided for students and parents every term. Potential underachievement is quickly spotted and appropriate action agreed with individual students, their parents and their teachers to address it quickly and effectively.

Communications – written, verbal and electronic

We strive for excellence in all aspects of communication. Our rapidly developing use of the Internet and email systems means that information is delivered quickly and efficiently straight into the home.

Our half-termly on-line newsletter, 'Inform', provides an attractive and informative mechanism for celebrating the many sporting, cultural and academic successes of students as well as keeping parents and others up-to-date with recent developments locally and nationally.



“I was very impressed by the careful preparation for my son’s start in Year 7. What could have been a difficult time has been a great success”

Parent of Year 7 Student





Staff at the College are encouraged to operate an 'open door' policy ensuring a quick and ready response to parental requests and concerns. Our website (www.waingels.wokingham.sch.uk) also contains easy links to the email addresses of all staff as well as providing information about courses and homework.

Homework

We regard well-structured, regularly set and quickly assessed homework as an essential part of the educational provision at Waingels.

Parents receive a copy of their child's homework timetable at the start of the year and our developing use of the Internet means that increasingly parents will be able to access the tasks set and monitor their completion. Every student also receives a professionally printed and bound Homework Diary in which to record homework set.



“Students enjoy their lessons and respond with enthusiasm and commitment to their work. Students are motivated and make very good progress”