

Our Foundation Welcome Back Weekend

Myton Road Campus

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th September 2021



Warwick Independent Schools Foundation

Our school communities have shown remarkable resilience over the past 18 months, finding new ways to learn, connect and support one another. Our Welcome Back Weekend is an opportunity to invite our community back to campus to reconnect in person, celebrate our schools and our links with the local community.

Our schools will host a full weekend of activities for pupils, parents, alumni and friends. There is something of interest for everyone. Guests are welcome to participate in individual activities or join the whole weekend.

All activities are dependent on Covid mitigation strategies in place at the time of the weekend and are subject to change. Please ensure you register your interest to attend so we can keep you updated on latest developments.

To register your interest and book for specific activities, please complete the form at www.foundationwelcomeback.com



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Friday 24th September

Celebrating our family of schools

Friday is an opportunity to commemorate the unique identities of our schools and our shared values as members of the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation.

We will hold a service to commemorate the Foundation, which we hope will become an annual event. Our weekly Friday afternoon activities will be combined across the schools.

At the end of the school day, there will be opportunities for visitors to see music, sports, and academic activities.

10.30am-11.30am

Warwick Independent Schools Foundation Commemoration Service

St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick

The Foundation will hold a commemoration service at St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick, featuring all schools within our Foundation. This is a celebration of our Foundation community and our links with the local area, including music and readings from representatives of our schools. Governors and local civic leaders are also invited to commemorate our links with the wider community of Warwick and Leamington.

For pupils and staff only.

1.30pm-4pm

Combined afternoon activities

A special programme of school activities will be organised, focusing on collaboration across our schools.

For pupils and staff only.

11.30am-6pm

Sixth Form Drama Workshop Day

Sixth Form students of drama from our Foundation schools and other local schools are invited to a drama workshop, led by a professional company.

For pupils only.

4.15pm-5.15pm

Foundation Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal Warwick Hall

The symphony orchestra will hold an open rehearsal in Warwick Hall, featuring some of the finest musicians across the Foundation playing together again after 18 months apart.

Guests are welcome to drop in at any time during the rehearsal.

4.15pm-5.45pm

Encounters

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

The new Encounters programme sees experts in the field visit to talk to pupils and the wider community about their extraordinary lives. Professor Richard Barker will be speaking. Richard is a leading economist who has won teaching awards at both Oxford and Cambridge. His research interests include sustainability and business responsibility.

All Guests welcome.

4.30pm-5.30pm

King's High and Warwick School Year 9 Poster event Shared Sixth Form Centre

Students from Warwick School and King's High will lead a posters event, showing off research they have conducted on topics of their choice.

The projects offer the chance for students to shape their own learning and to grow as independent, creative thinkers who are curious about the world around them. Past topics have included 'Does being multilingual change the way you see the world?', 'What is failure?', 'Do all superheroes wear masks?', and 'Does an artist's original intention matter?'

Guests are welcome to visit at any time during this event.

5.30pm-9pm

'Friday Night Lights' Warwick School rugby match Warwick School Playing Fields and Halse Pavilion

The Warwick School 1st XV will play one of their first matches of the season at home vs Denstone College.

Refreshments and 'street food' available from the Halse Pavilion from 5.30pm. Kick off at 6.30pm. After the match, spectators are welcome at the Halse Pavilion for post-match refreshments. A bar will be open (card payment only).

Guests are welcome to support our players at this friendly match.

Saturday 25th September

Welcome back to campus

Saturday is the first opportunity for many people to visit campus after months away. The day will see school families, alumni and friends participate in a series of events and activities across the campus.

Our aim is for visitors to rediscover the joy of coming back to our wonderful campus, participate in various fun activities, and simply to reconnect with friends.

All day

Campus treasure trail

Visitors of all ages are welcome to explore the campus by participating in a bespoke trail, organised by representatives of Warwick Prep School Association (WPSA).



Download an app to your phone, follow the guided trail, and answer questions to win points as you go.

9am-1pm

King's High School hockey and netball matches King's High School Playing Fields

Members of our U12 and U13 hockey and U15 and U16 netball teams will be playing visiting school teams throughout the morning on the AstroTurf and new netball courts. *Spectators are welcome to watch our teams in action throughout the morning.*

9am-1pm

Aquathlon 2021 Warwick School Sports Centre and Playing Fields

We look forward to hosting the second annual Foundation Aquathlon as part of the Welcome Back Weekend. An Aquathlon is a multi-sport event like a Triathlon but involves just the Swim and Run elements of the race. The Aquathlon will be open to pupils from Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School from Years 3 to 6.

Pupils who enter are asked to help raise money for charity. *Supporters are most welcome to cheer on participants around the course.*

9.30am-11am

Stringcredibles King's High and Prep Music School Auditorium

The fabulous Stringcredibles are superhero musicians. They can do it all: perform, guide, teach, inspire.

Do join them for a fun morning, which is sure to get your creative powers fired up.

Perfect for younger string players but all are welcome.

10am-4pm

Alumni coffee mornings, drinks receptions for Old Girls of King's High and Old Warwickians Warwick School Pyne Room and King's High School Dining Room

Alumni of King's High and Warwick School are warmly welcomed back to school for coffee mornings and afternoon drinks. *All alumni and their families are welcome to drop in to the Pyne Room and King's High Dining Hall.*

10am-11.30am

Bridge House Young Company Drama Taster Sessions Warwick School Drama Department

Members of the Bridge House Theatre Young Company, an in-house theatre company featuring drama students across the Foundation, will lead taster sessions for other young people. *Participants must book online via registration form to attend or email Lashfield@warwicksschool.org for further information.*

11am – 12.30pm

Ex Cathedra Singing workshop Warwick Hall

The leading UK choir and early music ensemble, Ex Cathedra, will lead a fun, inclusive, therapeutic singing workshop to exercise your voice and body. *Guests of all ages are welcome to attend. Prior music or singing experience is not required to take part!*

12.30pm-2pm

Complimentary Barbeque Lunch

All visitors to site are welcome to join us for lunch, served outside the Warwick School Dining Room.

Refreshment stations will be situated around the site during the day for guests to enjoy.

2pm-2.45pm

Meet the Warwick School Archivist Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Warwick School Archivist Mr Gervald Frykman will give a talk on 'Warwick School in the 19th century'. *All welcome for presentation and Q&A.*

2pm-3pm

Percussion Workshop King's High and Warwick Prep Music School

Leading percussionist, Simone Rebello, from the Royal Northern College of Music, will lead a percussion workshop for percussionists and amateurs featuring our new marimba. Participants will make use of percussion instruments and even their own bodies to make music.

All welcome to attend this workshop.

Sunday 26th September

2pm-4pm

'Come and play' rounders and touch rugby tournaments

Playing Fields and 3G rugby pitch

Members of the Old Girls Association committee will organise a rounders tournament on the Banbury Road playing fields.

Old Warwickians and parent volunteers will organise a touch rugby tournament on our new 3G rugby pitch.

All welcome to play. Please register interest online.

3pm-3.45pm

Meet the authors of King's High and Warwick Prep's latest history

King's High School Hall

Mrs Polly Beidas and Mrs Jennifer Edwards will give talks based on the recently published history of King's High and Warwick Prep School, 'Of Mulberries, Ilex and Acorns': The early years ('In Learning's Mighty Deep') i.e. 1879-1922, and the fascinating story of Miss Doorly, Headmistress 1922-1944.

All welcome for presentation and Q&A.

3pm-4pm

Warwick School Super Tonics Open Rehearsal Bridge House Theatre

An opportunity to watch an open rehearsal of the award-winning Warwick School Super Tonics band.

All welcome to drop in at any time during the rehearsal.

Connecting with our wider community

Sunday sees the official opening of our brand-new King's High and Warwick Prep Music School and showcases our outstanding musical talent and facilities.

This is also a day when our Foundation connects with the wider community, sharing hospitality and the joy of making music with friends, and offering opportunities to children from the local area to try new activities.

10am-2pm

Massive Messiah Warwick Hall

Warwick Independent Schools Foundation and 'Warwick – A Singing Town' invite you to 'Come and Sing' in a Massive Messiah. Rehearsing 10am - 12pm (lunch provided at midday) with a performance of selected choruses from 1pm-1.45pm.

- Massive because we have all been waiting a very long time for this opportunity
- Massive because we are expecting a chorus of 200
- Massive because we are in a great venue and the performance will include soloists and a professional orchestra.

Guests must register interest prior to this event to receive copies of music, and updates including any changes due to Covid restrictions.

2pm-4pm

Afternoon cream tea and entertainment for invited key workers and local residents King's High Hall

Volunteers from our parents associations, KHAPS and WPSA, will host an afternoon cream tea and entertainment for key workers from the local area and invited local residents.

Members of our community are welcome to bring family members or invite others from the local community to join the afternoon tea. Please pass on the invitation and notify the school to help with planning numbers.

2pm-4pm

Primary school activity taster afternoon

Staff and pupil volunteers will help to host an afternoon of sports and other fun activities for children of local primary schools, nominated by their Head Teachers.

Children and families will be invited to participate in a series of activities run by volunteers.

For invited pupils only.

2.30pm

Official opening of the King's High and Warwick Prep Music School

Our new, world-class Music School will be opened by award-winning saxophonist, Jess Gillam MBE, who will also give a performance for pupils.

The event will feature tours of the music school and demonstrations of facilities and instruments including the historic Lady Susi Jeans Organ in the Northgate Room.

For further information and enquiries please
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