

Welcome

to The Warriner Sixth Form

The Warriner Sixth Form has flourished since its inaugural year and offers students the opportunity to choose from a wide range of academic programmes of study, whilst ensuring our young people fully participate in both enrichment activities and the wider school community. At the Warriner School, we maintain a culture which expects our students to become independent learners and challenge themselves to continually improve; to demonstrate endeavour; leadership and unity in their actions. Our students are encouraged to prosper in all that they do, driving them to achieve their full potential at all times. We pride ourselves in the excellent facilities and environment we offer our students and the self-driven and responsible attitude of our young people towards their own learning. Our results to date are excellent, and in line with national averages; the vast majority of last year's cohort left us to study at their first choice university and continue into higher education. In light of our successes to date, our goal is to build upon them and become the best Sixth Form provision in the County, delivering not only superb results but also providing our students with excellent opportunities to build upon in their future choices.



As our Sixth Form is growing, our extra-curricular provision is following suit. Activities range from sports, music, debate, a Sixth Form newspaper and our Student Leadership Team. We aim to provide students with a programme which matches their needs and supports them in becoming active members of the school and wider community. A number of exciting trips and educational visits will be offered to students in 2017/18, including the International Youth Conference in Jinja, Uganda. Students participate in a minimum of one hour of community service per week to help them progress towards their VInspired 100 hours award and through the year will be actively encouraged to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award and/or the NCS programme.



Sixth Form is a time where students evolve into young adults, and at The Warriner School, each student will be supported and nurtured, given advice and guidance on their future options and guided through the whole process whether that be UCAS, an apprenticeship, a gap year or going into the world of work directly. We provide ourselves in our pastoral care, understanding that our students are all individuals and will tailor our provision to ensure each learner achieves their full potential. We actively make use of guest speakers and educational visits to ensure our students are well informed regarding their future choices.

Within this prospectus you will find details of all our programmes of study and subject specific requirements.

Thank you for your interest in our Sixth Form, we hope to see you at our Open Evening on January 26th 2017 where our staff and students will be available to discuss the options that are available. If at any point you have any questions, or would like to visit the Sixth Form for an informal chat please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort and to support them as they help to shape further the success of The Warriner Sixth Form.

Miss Chloe Buckenham
Head of Sixth Form

Dr Annabel Kay
Headteacher

A Level Reforms



A Levels have long been considered to be the 'Gold Standard' in education and, for many students, they are the best avenue to success in regards to pathways at age 18. At the Warriner School we will be offering linear A level courses and students are expected to choose three subjects. Students wishing to study four A Levels will need prior permission from the Head of Sixth Form.



General Entrance Criteria

The Warriner Sixth Form is an academic Sixth Form offering, with the exception of the Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Agriculture, a purely academic programme of study. Our entrance criteria are set appropriately to ensure all our students can access three or four programmes of study.

Students must achieve a minimum of grade 5 in both English and Maths. Students must then achieve minimum of B grades in the subjects they wish to study at A Level or a 6 if they are choosing either English or Maths.*

*Please note that individual students GCSE profiles will be taken in to account holistically when looking at subject choices. For students achieving a B or 6 grade in all of their chosen subjects, combinations for subjects are approved at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form. Students wishing to take Further Maths will need an absolute minimum of a grade 7 and permission from the Head of Maths.

Please see our admissions policy on the Warriner website for a full account of our admissions.



Choosing Your Subjects



It is important that you chose subjects which you enjoy and will be successful in. Try to ensure your subjects are combined sensibly and will place you in a strong position for your future university applications or career path. Please ask if you are unsure which subjects to take or which subjects you will need for your future plans. We will endeavour to provide students with their first choice of subjects where possible.*

Subjects offered:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Physical Education
- Physics

Product Design specialising in one of the following:

- Graphics
- Resistant Materials
- Textiles
- Engineering
- Food Technology

- Psychology
- BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Agriculture

*Subjects offered will be dependent on numbers

Extended Project (EPQ)

The EPQ offers students the opportunity to develop higher level skills in both research and essay writing, sought after by both universities and employers alike. The project title is at the discretion of the individual student and allows for the pursuit of a personal area of interest or subject specialism relevant to future career choices or study. The final project can take the form of either a 5000 word essay or, an artefact supported by a 1500 essay and is submitted either in Year 12 or 13 alongside a formal presentation. Once completed the EPQ is worth a maximum of 70 UCAS points and is highly regarded by admissions tutors.



Support for Learning

At The Warriner Sixth Form, we pride ourselves in our exemplary pastoral care. Each student is treated as an individual and we offer a wide programme of PSHE to help our young people to mature and develop their skills.

Each student will have a personal tutor whom will be their first port of call through their studies for support and guidance. Students will be expected to attend daily Tutor Group sessions and undertake activities with the group as well as taking part in personalised academic mentoring throughout the year.

All students have access to the Sixth Form Study Centre which comprises a silent study space and library style Study Centre. The Study Centre offers WIFI and materials to support the students in their learning. Students also have unlimited access to our school cafeteria where they can work in groups if they prefer.

Students also have access to kitchen facilities and a Common Room atmosphere at break and lunchtimes and are free to leave the site during lunchtime if they wish.

The Bursary Scheme

The Bursary is available to support students financially with their studies where household income is low.

**Please ask for more details or email our Sixth Form Administrator on:
j.viggers@warriner.oxon.sch.uk**



UCAS and Careers



All students will be supported through the UCAS process by their tutors and the Head of Sixth Form. The process begins at the start of Year 12 with advice and guidance on options available Post-18. The Sixth Form hold a number of conferences and Enrichment Days throughout the year inviting in guest speakers from various industries and universities as well as organising whole group trips to help students make the right choices.

For those wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge Universities or competitive courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Law, a separate focus group runs from January each year to ensure that applicants have the strongest possible applications.

The School Day and Uniform

Sixth Form students are required to be in school for an 8.30 start. The school day ends at 3.00pm. Students may only leave the site during lunchtime and must notify in advance of absence.

The Warriner School operates a strict dress code, requiring all Sixth Form students to wear smart business dress at all times. Please see our website for more information and a comprehensive list of clothing which is/is not acceptable. All students will also be required to purchase a Sixth Form PE kit and attend a weekly compulsory PE session.



Enrichment and Community Work

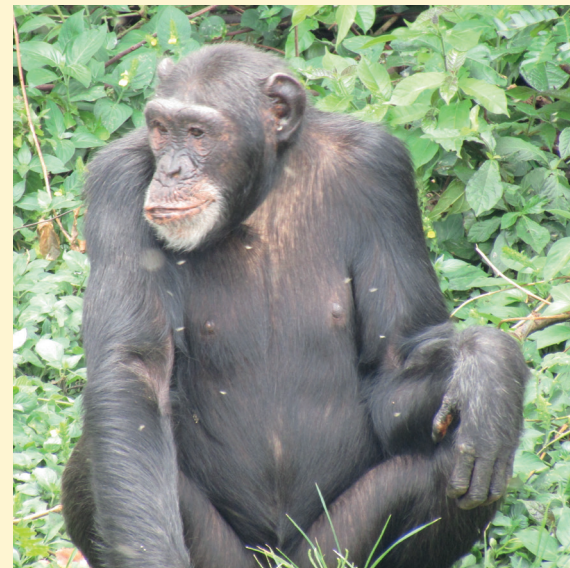
All of our Year 12 students will take part in some form of community service as part of their weekly programme with the aim of completing the highly sought after VIInspired 100 Award. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles by running clubs, organising charity events or leading initiatives through the year. This year we have continued our support for the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal and also collected donations for our local animal shelter to ensure that children and our furry counterparts are treated to something special this Christmas. Our extracurricular provision is flourishing, this year seeing the introduction of The Warriner Debate Team, Sixth Form Leadership Team and a Sixth Form Newspaper.

Educational Visits and Expeditions

A number of exciting opportunities will be available for students ranging from subject specialist trips to conferences, trips to the zoo to observe animal behaviours, galleries and more. Our Uganda 2017 expedition will run in October and will be open to applications from Year 12 students only. We also like to have some fun in Sixth Form! We are offering this year trips to Hyde Park for Winter Wonderland, and also a theme park adventure in the Summer Term.

The Lake District Revision Conference

As part of our year 13 curriculum, Year 13 will spend a week in The Lake District working on revision techniques and undergraduate level study skills. As part of this experience students will have the opportunity to take part in a number of outdoor pursuits and team building activities.



How to Apply



You will find an application enclosed in this pack which should be returned to The Sixth Form Office. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be glad to help.

Contact

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact the Head of Sixth Form:

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See <http://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk> for links to our Facebook and Twitter pages which have details of upcoming events and activities happening in Sixth Form.

