

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. The last few weeks have been busy weeks in school and for lots of positive reasons.

Year 11 and Year 13 students are now in a period of mock examinations and I wish them all well and hope that they take these exams very seriously – as I have previously said, these exams are a great indicator of GCSE/A Level results later this summer and I know just how much all students want their next steps to be a smooth and successful transition.

For those students who take fitness very seriously, our Fitness Suite has just taken delivery of new spinning bikes, Concept 2 Rowers and Resistance equipment to support the curriculum at KS4 and Sixth Form. I know the PE Department staff are thrilled by these additions and I hope many students get to use them in the future, to support their learning and their own physical fitness.

Indeed, on the subject of sport, our Warriner football teams have had a great week: Year 7s had 56 boys represent the school over 6 different games, with an outstanding turnout at training each Monday. A brilliant start, with some great attitude and teamwork shown. This week's result was a 5-1 win vs BGN. Our Year 8 Football won 3-0 vs BGN and Year 10 Football won 3-2, progressing through to the County Cup Quater finals. Well done to all students involved and thank you to all families who support these matches being able to take place after school. History was also made this week – we held our first ever Volleyball match at the school this week, against The Bicester School, with excellent teamwork and atmosphere (although a loss – still great fun for all involved).

In January, the English Department ran a writing competition, and the winners were announced last week: Congratulations go to:

**Winner:** Heidi S (Year 9)

**Runners Up:** Macy H (Year 7), Hector T (Year 7), Erin S (Year 9).

**"Highly Commended Efforts"**

Tommy S (Year 11), Ira K (Year 7), Melody W (Year 7), Katie H (Year 10)



For World Book Day celebrations we welcomed Neill Cameron to the school. Neill joined us on Monday and collaborated with groups of Year 7 and Year 8 students to celebrate World Book Day, creating some highly original comic book storyboards! Neill is an award winning cartoonist and writer, creator of the graphic novel series [Mega Robo Bros](#), the [Freddy VS School](#) illustrated novels, and frequent contributor to weekly children's comic [The Phoenix](#). He works with the [The Story Museum](#) in Oxford, curating the exhibition [KABOOM: The Art of Creating Comics](#) in 2023, and running a monthly Comics Club group for young cartoonists.

The Drama Department have also been very busy. On Thursday, Yr. 12 Drama students enjoyed an incredible afternoon of theatre, courtesy of the internationally renowned Complicite. The performance inspired lots of conversations and sparked lots of ideas for the students' upcoming Component One Exam. Thank you to the Drama staff for making this happen.

Since last Friday's school disturbances, we have been speaking to a lot of students about a wide variety of school matters and today the Student Council are discussing our proposed changes to our school uniform, in an extended meeting. We are gathering all views from students, parents, staff and governors; so please look out early next week for the link that will allow you to have your views heard around these changes. Once we have a good understanding of all stakeholder's views and next steps, we will keep you informed.

Again, thank you very much to the numerous messages of support from many of you in the wider school community; your thoughts and (from some) prayers have been both welcomed and a source of solace.

Lastly, we have our wonderful annual Lambing Weekend, this weekend, from 2pm-5pm on Saturday and Sunday. If you can, please join us to enjoy our amazing ruralness.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Nicholls'.

Sharon Nicholls  
Head of School