

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I hope you had a good Easter break, despite the recent weather.

We have hit the ground running this week, with Year 10 Mock exams taking place, musical rehearsals today, alongside a fantastic day of raising funds for the Air Ambulance charity (our chosen school charity), which includes lots of cake making, buying and eating!

This time of year is close to exam season and our Year 11s and Year 13s are very busy preparing themselves for a successful completion of GCSEs and A Level exams, which start next month. Year 11 parents, please look out for Mr Rafferty's Year 11 Newsletter, which is supporting the organisation of homes across the locality by clarifying when all the different GCSEs are taking place. All Year 11 students have their own personal timetable of exams, with venues, seating plans and times on, but the Newsletter will allow families to add dates and times to their own home calendars to support the smooth running of this quite challenging time.

Year 13 parents, please look out for communication from Mr Smith, our Head of Sixth Form – this will come via Groupcall messages and updates on our website. However, if you have any further questions about exams, please do not hesitate to contact these key colleagues:

- Ms Witwicki: Exams Officer – [j.witwicki@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:j.witwicki@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)
- Mr Rafferty: Head of Year 11 – [m.rafferty@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:m.rafferty@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)
- Mr Smith: Head of Sixth Form – [ma.smith@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ma.smith@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)

I am sure you are aware that the next round of National teacher strikes continues and the next two dates we have been given are – **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. As ever, as a school, we do not know how many colleagues will strike, until the day, so we have to plan with caution. Due to exams, we will be open on both strike days for all **Year 11 and Year 13** students and buses will run as normal. Please encourage your Year 11/13 child to attend and we will ensure that activities will be worthwhile, even if some of their teachers are not in work on those two days. This does mean, however, that other year groups will have to stay at home and teachers will ensure that there is suitable work set on our Go for Schools homework platform. With our Inset Day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – calendared last year – and the May Bank Holiday, we are mindful that some students will be away from school for four school days in a row, which is not as we planned and not totally without its disruption but a situation not of our making. Please



be assured that we will do all we can to ease the disruption and make sure those students with missed learning will be given opportunities to catch up work.

Please read our various Groupcall messages carefully and check our website for further information.

Have a great weekend and a good Bank Holiday weekend when we get there.

With very best wishes

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

Sharon Nicholls  
Head of School