

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Just a quick letter to wish you all a good Easter holiday with your families.

This term has been a particularly busy and exciting one here at school. Our students and staff have been involved in so many things, which have been over and beyond the regular school curriculum. Indeed, please keep a look out on our Facebook page, website and on Twitter for regular updates and insights into the workings of our school. An example of this is when the Year 7s and 8s were involved in the Oxford University Brilliant Club workshops recently – the opportunity given to them from this world-leading university was fantastic for all involved.

Today is the last day of our American Exchange visit, where twenty-six Year 8 and Year 9 students, and staff, have been hosting American students and staff on their return visit to us. The week has been wonderful, and our American buddies have been a delight to host and to welcome into the school; indeed, the cultural exchange has been a real eye-opener for many of the students, UK and USA students. We wish them safe travels back to Virginia this weekend and look forward to the next exchange. We also thank Nichola Gardner for steering this exchange programme so brilliantly over the last 18 Years - she will be a hard act to follow!

For the first time ever, we entered five of our Year 13 Chemistry students into the RSC Chemistry Olympiad and they all came away with awards: one bronze and four silver. A huge achievement and well done to them and the Science team.

Year 11s and Year 13s have been sitting mock examinations over the last few weeks and I know that teachers have been feeding back next steps to support students' preparations towards their final GCSEs and A Levels in the summer. Please talk to your child/ren about their revision plans and check that they know when the various revision sessions in school this holiday are – I am aware that there was a new Year 11 revision timetable sent today and there are a variety of Year 13 sessions planned. Targeted support, in small groups, with a specialist teacher, is a superb use of time when exams are around the corner! Indeed, as I write this letter, Year 11 students are involved in revision workshops with an external group called Elevate, which is endeavouring to help them know *how* to revise. There are workbook resources attached



to these workshops which have been sent home and given to the students so you can see the work being done and follow their advice if needed.

Our student council sits again today, and I know that the students are really feeling listened to about a wide range of issues that we are discussing in school currently – indeed I look forward to hearing about their ideas for an in-school improvement project we are going to run next term and if there are any of you who would like to get involved, please let me know.

One plea from me as we go into a two-week break – if your child walks to school, or even walks from a car drop-off into school, please remind them of the dangers of wearing ear/headphones, with a coat hood up on their head. We have had word this week from parents of two very near misses where students have walked out in front of a car and have nearly been hit by the vehicle. One incident was particularly close, at speed. Both events happened on and near the estate next to our school. Apart from the fact this is hugely dangerous for the child involved, the trauma it can leave the car driver with, is immense. I really hope you can reiterate this message - if this could be your child.

Lastly, I just want to say a fond farewell to staff who are moving on this term – Mr Luke Evans, Mr Phil Jacobs and Miss Beccy Richards – we will miss them all but wish them well in their future jobs.

Have a good break from the routine of school!

With very best wishes

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

Sharon Nicholls  
Head of School