

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome back to the start of a new term and, indeed, the last term of the academic year. We are now in the last two weeks of our Year 11s and Year 13s completing their GCSEs and A Levels and we continue to be impressed with their resilience, determination and motivation to try their very best in all their exams. The results days this year are: A Level results on Thursday 17th August and GCSE results on Thursday 24th August. The detail around venue and timings will be sent to you very soon and all information will be on our website. Continued good luck to all our students for the last of their exams.

Standards of dress code in Sixth Form

If your child is a Year 12 student – soon to be Year 13 student – can we remind all parents and students that our dress code is one that should be a role model for our younger students and, therefore, certain clothes are not permitted to be worn, which was agreed with the student body. This includes:

- crop tops/strapless tops
- tracksuits
- hoodies

(this is not a definitive list).

However, sadly, we are seeing more and more examples of these non-permitted clothes being worn by our sixth formers and this cannot continue. Please use this link to ensure that your child is aligning themselves with our agreed dress code:

<https://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/informationforparents>

Planned disruption

As you are aware, there is a strong possibility of another round of teacher strikes before the end of the academic year, in the week commencing 3rd July. We should learn on 17th June the exact days and dates. Once we know, we shall inform all parents immediately, with a plan. We are especially mindful that Year 9 students have their Core exams that week – please be reassured that they will still sit them, but we will plan according to the strike action.



Attendance

We continue to promote excellent attendance and we expect students to attend school as normal when the school is open. Therefore, we wish to reassure you that, when school is closed due to situations out of our control (e.g. strike days), these are not recorded as absences on your child's record. Our attendance liaison team continues to work closely with school and families to support good attendance so there will be a separate attendance newsletter being sent this week with important information – please take time to read it and if you want some support, do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff.

Site Health & Safety

Connected to road safety, please can we remind you that, as a school body, we strongly advise that all students biking to school should wear a helmet. Can we ask that if your child uses a bike to travel to school, you support us in this advice.

Linked to the above, if you drop off and/or pick up your children in our car park, you need to be aware and make allowances for the level of congestion we are seeing at the moment. We are a very busy site with over 1500 students leaving at the end of the day, so please be mindful of pedestrians, bike-riders and other cars. We have a difficult site to manage due to its location having dual challenges – a small country lane, alongside a very busy main road. We have also been asked to remind all parents that Bloxham Nursery is not to be used to as a pick-up/drop off place. If we collectively work together to ensure that the safety of students and staff is a high priority, then we will minimise the risk to all.

Evening of music and celebrations

Lastly, please keep the evening of Tuesday 18th July free. We are putting on our summer concert, to include the celebration of some of our amazing students, at St Mary's Church in Banbury. All welcome – more details to follow closer to the date.

From now on, my Head of School letter will be sent to you on a Monday. This is due to recent parental feedback that suggested that, when sent on a Friday, the letter, along with some key whole-school messages was being somewhat lost amongst our Friday group call information. My hope is that this routine will help our communication.

Have a great week.

With very best wishes



Sharon Nicholls
Head of School