

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope the last letter of Term 5 finds you well.

This term has been another busy and exciting one, especially for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. I am pleased to say that the exam season has started positively, with the students reporting that, on the whole, the papers are fair and that they are feeling confident about their results in the summer. I wish them all well for their remaining exams and look forward to the Year 11 Prom later in the Summer.

Year 9 students have made their important GCSE choices this term and the confirmation of these choices will be sent home individually over the next few days. We have tried to accommodate all choices to the best we can but there may be some disappointment, so please take the time over the coming holiday week to talk to your child about their GCSEs and how the most important thing now is for them to finish Year 9 positively and start all GCSE courses on a positive and committed note in September.

Thank you to those of your who came along to our recent Year 5 Open Evening, with younger siblings. It was such a positive evening, where we could show-case our school and our wonderful teachers and staff. I also want to say a public 'thank you' to the Prefects and Year 7 transition ambassadors who toured the parents around the school – we only need those students to promote our school, they did such a brilliant job. I, also, particularly want to comment Mr McCaig and Holly Viner in Year 8 – such beautiful music to complement the evening.

Next term, we are making some changes to our pastoral structure next. In order to align the work of the Pastoral and Engagement staff with the Heads of Year, we are moving to a model of non-teaching Assistant Heads of Year. Each Head of Year will be working in partnership with a non-teaching Assistant Head of Year. Our rationale for making this change is to provide additional support for Heads of Year and to create clear lines of accountability for students within each year group. This change was also to respond to student survey feedback on the Warriner Learning Centre from November 22 survey.



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Please note that all support services in the Warriner Learning Centre will continue including Safeguarding team, Study Zone, School counselling service, School Health Nurse, Return to Learn and Reset provision. Please see the separate information from Mr Greenhalgh for more of the detail around the staffing of this. We will assess how this structure works over the coming two terms.

And lastly, I just want to make a point about communication with staff. If you have been into any NHS buildings lately, you may have seen the message: 'Be Kind – staff are doing their best to look after you – abuse will not be tolerated.' This is exactly the same message I want to give. Sadly, over recent months, staff (teaching and support staff) have received quite unkind and hostile communications from students' parents or guardians because they are unhappy with something that may have happened, which is linked to school. Whilst it is important that we all know what is happening because we will want to find a solution, please remember that all staff are 'doing their best to look after (educate)' your child – educationally and emotionally – and calm, balanced communication is much better for all involved because written or verbal abuse will not be tolerated. Thank you.

Enjoy the half-term break and see you in June.

With very best wishes

Sharon Nicholls

Head of School