

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the summer break away from the routines of school. With only three weeks to go until the end of term, I thought I would write about some key events which have just taken place and some that are about to take place; indeed, the school is incredibly busy in these last few weeks.

Strike Days

As per my previous letter, the two remaining teacher strike days of this academic year are on Wednesday and Friday this week. Due to the uncertainty of the number of teachers who will be striking but knowing that a significant number have gone on strike in previous months, we are having to close the school to all year groups. This is not a decision ever taken lightly but we must consider the health and safety of the students on site each day, and also the impact on non-striking staff. I would also like to remind parents that this is a National dispute, with the Government and not our school. Teachers are striking for a wide range of reasons - school budgets, teacher salaries and workload but all these are national issues and not specifically a Warriner School issue. I would, please, like parents to bear this in mind when contacting the school about the strikes.

Year 9 Core Exams

These have now been moved to the w/c 10th July and Subject Leaders will be letting students and parents know the exact plans for these. I wish all students good luck - please see them as a benchmark from KS3 to KS4 and a signpost for their GCSEs at the end of Year 11.

Sports Day

Due to Friday's strike day, our Sports Day has had to be moved to this Tuesday - 4th July. The weather forecast looks a bit mixed and definitely a little cooler. However, I wish all students a great day and remind them to use sunscreen (even if cooler), layers of clothing if it does indeed rain, and keep hydrated! I know Heads of Houses are encouraging all students to wear their House T shirt - this is a great way for the students to show their allegiance to their House.

Next week:

Induction Days

Last week we had a brilliant three days for Sixth Form induction – we had many Year 11 students from The Warriner, and other schools, join us to look at A Level courses and receive a genuine A Level experience in lots of different subjects; there was a real buzz around the school. Teachers were



complimentary about the students' attitude towards the courses and the commitment displayed for taking on their next steps in education. At the other end of the school, next week we have our Year 6 students joining us for two days as part of their induction into secondary school life. If you have a child involved in this next week, please let them know we are really looking forward to seeing them.

Careers Week & Enrichment Days

All Year 10s will be involved in their careers experience week running from the 10th-14th of July. During this week, the students will be completely off timetable and taking part in a series of workshops, seminars and presentations about various careers designed to give them a taste of the opportunities and pathways open to them. Some of this will be in line with what they are interested in, other areas will give the students a chance to try something new.

Enrichment Days

Next Wednesday and Thursday the whole school is taking part in our two days of enrichment activities, with lots planned for the students, including trips to museums, guest speakers and a Toy Story activity...I hope students enjoy doing something a bit different next week.

Year 13 & 11 final celebrations

Last Friday we saw a brilliant Year 11 'Stand Down' afternoon take place in school, where all the students conducted themselves brilliantly - the BBQ, video, prize draws and even the students' Karaoke was so entertaining and again, thanks to Mr Rafferty for making this all happen so seamlessly. This week we also have the final celebrations for the end of an era in the lives of our Year 13s and Year 11s. Both year groups have special evenings planned and I know that Mr Smith, with Year 13s and Mr Rafferty, with Year 11s, have the evenings all in hand. I wish all students a great evening, enjoyed maturely, and look forward to seeing them all on results days in August: A Levels – Thursday 17th August and GCSEs - Thursday 24th August.

Evening of music and celebrations

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 18th July free. We are very much looking forward to this evening - celebrating some of our amazing students, whilst enjoying the musical talents of our young musicians, led superbly by our Music subject leader - Mrs Webb and our Music teacher, Mr McCaig. Mr Rafferty will be Master of Ceremony and is currently working hard to ensure that the right students are being deservedly recognised on the night. See you there!

Lastly, I just want to confirm that from Monday 10th July students will be back in school uniform. Unless the weather becomes extremely hot, this will be the case until the end of term. Please can I remind you that there is a uniform shorts option if your child prefers to wear shorts to keep cool.

Have a great week.

With very best wishes



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