

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

Since returning from our October half term holidays, students have settled well into their studies, which is a real pleasure to see but there have been lots of other great activities taking place too.

Remembrance Assemblies

The whole school community came together last week to commemorate Remembrance Day, with a thought-provoking assembly led brilliantly by Miss Glaze and our Sixth Form students. I must give a special mention to Robin Ashe Yr 11 who played the bugle with such expertise and sensitivity, ending the assembly with the wonderful music of 'The Last Post.'

Sixth Form Open Evening

'Thank you' to those of you who ventured out on a very stormy night last Wednesday to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening – it was such a great event and to see so many students and their families attend made it a very memorable night, with lots of great displays and information given by current 6th form students and their teachers. It was also good to see a lot of young people we do not know, from far and wide, considering our Sixth Form for their Post-16 education. The Sixth Form team will now take Year 11s through their next steps re: application but if you have any questions now, please do not hesitate to contact either:

Mr Matthew Smith: ma.smith@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

Ms Lisa Barton: l.barton@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks Exams

The Year 11s start their mock GCSEs today, with Year 13s starting next week. These mock exams are so important for several reasons: for teaching staff to know what the students do know and, more importantly, what they do not know before they sit their 'real' exams next year; for students to experience the pressure of exams in timed conditions in an examination space and for students and staff to know more precisely how well students are doing against their target grades.

Dress Code

On a different but still serious note, can I remind all parents, carers, and guardians that facial piercings are not part of our school uniform and have never been. I know that some families will have recently received contact from school about their child's piercings, and I hope that this contact has supported the child in removing the nose or



face piercing. I would also like to add one more reminder – extreme hair colour is not part of our dress code, so, for example, blue or green hair is not allowed, so, again please support the school by ensuring your child follows our dress code. If your child has a nose piercing, please ask them to remove it and either leave it out for school or wear a clear retainer when in school. The full rules on our uniform can be found here:

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

Ofsted

As I am sure you are aware, we had our Ofsted inspection a few weeks ago and thank you to those families who completed their surveys – so many positive comments, which were so energising to read. At the time of writing this letter we are still waiting for the final report but as soon as we receive it, we will share with the school community. Speaking of surveys, we are asking parents to complete several surveys at the moment– thank you for doing this; we use our findings to improve experiences for our students.

Communicating with school staff

We believe that, in most cases, it is better to speak to someone about a concern or a complaint rather than send an email. We encourage parents, therefore, to contact the school to make an appointment or ask for an appropriate member of staff to call them back, at a convenient time, for a conversation. Please refer to the attached '*Contacting and Communicating with School Staff*' letter, this sets out very clearly expectations for all parties. It can also be found on our website.

PSHE & RSHE Letter

Please ensure you read the attached letter from Miss Williams. It details the important topics students will study for Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education (PSHE) and Relationship and Sexual Health Education (RSHE). We believe it is important for families to be aware of the topics and to be able to discuss things at home.

Farewell

We said a sad 'goodbye' to Mr Robin Gardner last Friday. Robin has been associated with The Warriner School for 23 years – firstly as a Governor and then, since 2010, working in our Safeguarding Team as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. The whole school community will miss Robin both as a person and for the tremendous support he gave to so many over us, professionally, over the years. Indeed, his work, drive and commitment to our American Exchange programme has enabled it to thrive over the years and many, many of our students have been engaged in so many American cultural experiences, thanks to him. We wish him well in his new retirement adventures, which include supporting Arsenal and rearing goats!

Christmas Concert

Finally, I want to put a date in your diary – on **Monday 18th December at 7pm**, we have our wonderful not-to-be-missed Christmas Concert. I hope you can attend and support our wonderful students and their music teachers, Mrs Webb, and Mr McCaig.

With very best wishes



Sharon Nicholls
Head of School