

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope this final letter of the year finds you well and looking forward to the holiday break and then welcoming in 2024.

The last two terms have been a hive of activity for the whole school and, indeed, it has been an exciting few months where we have hosted two days of a very successful Ofsted visit (and if you are yet to read their report, you can find it on our website), had the incredible Sister Act perform numerous times by our amazing drama students, thanks to their equally amazing teachers and a whole variety of educational visits, sporting events, mock exams...the list goes on!

However, I cannot write this letter without mentioning the very sad loss of one of our Year 9 students, Matthew Cowley. It has been a very emotional time for the school and the local community, which saw us all come together last week to remember Matthew and to celebrate his memory. I have been overwhelmingly touched by his school friends who have shown great courage in talking about Matthew and sharing a little bit of their shared life with us, especially when they spoke so eloquently at his funeral. In our first edition of the Warriner Word there are more tributes to Matthew.

## Christmas Concert

We are finishing and celebrating the end of term with our wonderful Christmas Concert, which takes place later this evening, in our school hall at 7pm – so it is not too late to join us. A big 'Thank you' must go to all the staff who will make this such a memorable and special evening, led by our Head of Music, Mrs Lynda Webb.

## Changes to detentions

Alongside this letter, Miss Keys has sent information concerning a change to the way we run our D5 detentions – these will now be supervised by SLT colleagues, after school on a Monday. Of course, we hope that we do not have many students in a D5 detention because they will have made things better before they get to these more serious sanctions, but equally, the sanction is there if needed. This will start from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – please read the information carefully.



### Mock exams

Year 11s and Year 13s have very important months coming up in the new year – another round of mock exams in the Spring term and then the ‘real’ GCSE and A Levels, which start in May. If your child is in Yr. 11 or Yr. 13, please look out for year group specific information, your questions and queries should all be answered in these communications. If not though, please contact your child’s tutor in the first instance.

### Subject consultation evenings

Soon into the new term we have our Year 12 subject consultation evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and on the 31<sup>st</sup> January we have our Year 11 evening. Please do try to make these online appointments with your child’s teachers, both so important for different reasons. Importantly, on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, if your child is in Year 9, we have an important ‘guided choices evening’ (in school 6-8pm) for all parents and students to come along and consider what the best GCSE choices are, with the support of school staff.

### Parking

A quick reminder to consider where to park if you are dropping off/picking up your child at the beginning/end of the school day. The school is very much part of the Bloxham community and sadly, we have recently received information about a small number of drivers who are not being considerate about where they park and, in some case, have been rude to Bloxham residents. Please use our carpark outside reception or the Grove Road when transporting your children and please do not use Crab Tree Close or the Nursery opposite the school, we do not support these places for parental parking.

Lastly, the students will finish school this **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30pm and all students return to us on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, at the usual time of 8.30am.

I hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at the school.

With very best wishes



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Head of School