

The Warriner School

Responsible - Respectful – Ready

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Dear Parents, Carers or Guardians

I hope you have enjoyed a good Mothering Sunday weekend, and it was great to see so many of you attending our lambing weekend – despite Sunday's weather. Thank you to the farm team in making this annual event so wonderful and to the team of volunteers who enable this event to happen and who supply the all-important refreshments. Here's to many more healthy lambs being born this spring on our farm.

Year 13 & Year 11 Mock Exams

Over the last two weeks, Year 13s and Year 11s have been working very hard on their mock exams and I am really pleased to report that the exam office, invigilators and heads of year were very happy with the students' attitude and work ethic throughout this exam period, which bodes well for this summer's A Levels and GCSE exams. Please look out for information over the coming weeks about our Easter Revision programme - most will be offered as online sessions, thus less travel commitments on families and easy access for all students.

Year 9 Guided Choices

Year 9 students have been making some very important choices over recent weeks – their GCSE choices and we want to keep families informed about the progress of this programme. The deadline has now passed, and we have received nearly 100% submission. We will now use this information to further support our Year 9 students in an extended tutor time on Friday 15th March, when the students will spend Period 1 with their Tutor. This will allow Tutors to have final conversation about choices made and to check if that it is appropriate for what students would like to do in the future. In the coming weeks we will work on our timetable and then we will update students and families about the courses students have been placed on. We once again would like to thank our families and community for their ongoing support with this process.

Culture & Ethos

As a school community we have been looking at what Responsible, Respectful and Ready means to us, across school. We have had a great response from our survey sent to staff, students, parents and governors and can confirm that we have decided on the following statements that will underpin our 3 Rs.

Responsible: Do the right thing, be responsible in & out of lessons, be accountable for your actions, be safe, own your own learning.

Respectful: Listen to others, be kind to others, treat others how you want to be treated, be positive to staff and students, respect the environment.

Ready: Be prepared, be on time, have the correct equipment, try your best, have a positive mental attitude.

As a school community we are committed to adhering to these values in order to continue to strengthen our school culture. Thank you if you contributed to our 3Rs.

Parents Evenings

We have had several parents' evenings this term and, as staff, we find them invaluable for discussing key messages and to be able to have positive communication with parents and carers about our students. However, it has been



noted that some parents/carers make appointments but do not show up for the appointment or, indeed, do not make any appointments with staff. Please can I ask that if you have any questions or concerns about making parents' evening appointments, or if you want to talk more directly with a member of staff (that will need more than the time available) please do contact your child's Head of Year and they will support you through the process or indeed arrange meetings for you.

Fundraising

As a school we have managed to raise **£6,060** for Katharine House Hospice from our 24-hour Netball event – an incredible amount of money from one event. This is a combination of our Just Giving page and staff and students' hard work in collecting from family and friends. We are extremely thankful for all the support given to the event. As a result of the fundraising, we supported Katharine House to help them in providing vital palliative and end-of-life care and have hopefully raised awareness for the charity too.

To date this year, overall fundraising across the school is actually standing at over **£8,000!** We are very proud of the commitment our students make to fundraising and we look forward to the next events students and staff are organising.

Attendance

We continue to encourage good attendance at school and are pleased to see a slight improvement in overall attendance compared to this time last year. If your child is ill, the NHS have a useful website to check symptoms and advise about whether your child is still permitted to attend school –

(www.nhs.uk) [Is my child too ill for school?](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE have launched their own attendance awareness campaign 'Moments matter, Attendance Counts', which we are pleased to support -<https://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/news/?pid=117&nid=4&storyid=81>

Next stop, the Easter holidays: school closes on Thursday 28th March and we return to school on Monday 15th April. I hope you have a lovely break, when we get there, and see you in Term 5 for another busy term, in particular, for our Year 13 and Year 11 students. We wish them all well.

Best wishes

Sharon Nicholls