

The Warriner School

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Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I wanted to write to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate some of the many “best bits” that have made this year so special.

Across the year, our students have shown energy, commitment and resilience in so many different ways. We have seen students throw themselves into learning, leadership, sport, performance, trips, careers opportunities, charity events, enrichment and community life. From the excitement of welcoming our new Year 7 students through The Big Start, to the ambition of our Sixth Form students preparing for their next steps, it has been a year full of growth, achievement and moments of real pride.

There have been many highlights: students representing the school superbly on visits and residential; our continued focus on reading, oracy and ambitious learning; strong participation in careers week; the development of student voice and wellbeing work; sporting fixtures, musical performances, assemblies, mentoring, rewards events and house activities. Most importantly, we have seen countless everyday examples of kindness, humour, determination and care — the qualities that make our school community such a positive one.

Much of the above was seen Tuesday evening at our summer celebration concert at Bloxham Church, celebrating our students’ musical talents and school achievements – it was such an uplifting evening! Specific thanks to Lynda Webb, Dylan McCaig and Michael Rafferty, along with all the staff and students involved, who made the end of term so special.

I would also like to thank all staff, who have worked with such commitment throughout the year, and you as families for the encouragement, partnership and support you give your children and the school. Education works best when school and home are pulling in the same direction, and we are very grateful for the role you play.

On that note we say a fond farewell to several of our colleagues at the end of this year Chantalle Lester, Anthony Jones, Sally Caple, Natalie Hamilton, Sam Nicholson, Liz Slack and Chris Bartlett and we wish them all well for their future plans.

As we look ahead to September, I would like to finish with an important reminder about attendance. Good attendance really does matter. It is one of the strongest foundations for good outcomes, positive relationships, confidence and wellbeing. National research from the Department for Education shows that, at GCSE, students with 95–100% attendance were 1.9 times more likely to achieve Grade 5+ in English and



Maths than those with 90–95% attendance; missing around 10 days in Year 11 reduced the likelihood of achieving Grade 5+ in English and Maths by around 50%.

Our expectation is that every student aims for strong attendance throughout the year. For most students, this means aiming for 96% attendance or above. We know that illness and exceptional circumstances do happen, and we will always work with families where there are genuine difficulties. However, holidays in term time, avoidable absences and patterns of missed learning, have a real impact.

Our call to action for all families is simple: please make attendance a priority from the very first day back. This means ensuring your child is in school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend, booking routine appointments outside the school day wherever possible, avoiding term-time holidays, and contacting us early if there are barriers that are making attendance difficult. The earlier we know, the sooner we can help. Working together, we can make sure that every student is present, settled, supported and able to achieve their very best.

Looking ahead, we will see many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students on their results days in August – separate communication has been sent out to all appropriate families: good luck to all.

We are also excited to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students on Thursday 3rd September, and the whole school community back on Friday 4th September. We look forward to beginning the new academic year together with warmth and ambition and a shared commitment to challenge every student to thrive.

I wish all our students, families and staff a restful, enjoyable and safe summer. Thank you again for your support this year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Nicholls'.

Sharon Nicholls

Head of School

“Attendance matters. It is not just about being present; it is about being part of every opportunity to learn, connect and succeed.”