



The Warriner School

Newsletter

From the Headteacher

I thought it appropriate to give an update on progress since our conversion to an Academy in August. Thus far the majority of activity has focused upon the central services such as bringing the finances across all the school together. Our work on joint procurement has already generated significant savings that are able to go back into schools budgets which is really important as we approach the budget freezes of the coming years. We have been able to bid for money to repair our roofs and boilers directly from the DfE and all indications are that we will get the money to make these long overdue repairs that the local authority was not able to fund.

I meet fortnightly with the heads of the other three schools with the sole purpose of developing school improvement. We have been delivering training to each other's schools, developing joint planning of lessons between colleagues and sharing best practice. These opportunities to learn from each other will grow as we move forward and will enable us to ensure that we deliver the very best education to all of our students.

There has been much debate in the press about teacher shortages, an issue that is fervently denied by government. I have been working with other schools across the county to seek ways to address the problems of recruitment that we are all facing. The national shortage of quality science teachers has been an issue for us and we have had to make more use of supply teachers than I would like. I am delighted that from January we will be fully staffed in science and we all look forward to a period of stability.

This month saw the publication of the national GCSE data which enables us to put our performance in the summer

into a national context. This data shows that our results were significantly above the national figures for students of similar abilities to ours. This is the case for the second year running so I would like to thank students, their parents and staff for all their hard work and support. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry and safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dr Annabel Kay
Headteacher

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Year 7 get Into the Christmas Spirit

Our Year 7 students have had a busy few weeks in the run up to the Christmas festivities. They organised and ran stalls at the Warriner craft fair including 'pin the antlers on the reindeer'. It was good to see students giving up their Saturday afternoon to work as a team and supporting the school.

All Year 7 students were invited to make Christmas tree decorations during tutor time. Their tutors encouraged their creativity and we ended up with salt dough shapes, miniature stained glass windows, pipe cleaner shapes, felt decorations and paper chains. These were then used to decorate the Warriner School Christmas tree at the Bloxham Christmas Tree festival in the village.

To finish the term, Year 7 will be performing at the school Christmas concert and as tutor groups they have been practising their verse from the 12 days of Christmas for our final assembly. It is hard to believe that the year 7 students have been at the Warriner for only just over 3 months. They have settled so well, are working hard and making an excellent contribution to the whole school community. A big thank you to the support they have received from home.

Mrs M Hunter & Year 7 tutor team



Friends of The Warriner School FOWS

A huge thank you to all who have supported FOWS events since September 2015. We are encouraged by your help, FOWS has welcomed new "friends" who attend FOWS meetings sharing their ideas and support; FOWS have more volunteers to help at school information evenings and events; this has been a positive start to the new academic year. We have successfully raised funds for the "Wish List Applications" which will open in January 2016. So far with your support FOWS have raised:

7/10/15 Joules Clothes Sale £449.05
9/10/15 Quiz Night £576.68
28/11/15 Christmas Fair £846.74



The next meeting of FOWS is on Wednesday 13th January, we shall be finalising the schedule for forthcoming events and granting the "Wish List Applications". We welcome all parents and friends to join us. For more information on "Wish Lists Applications granted look on the school's website for all FOWS activities.

Thank you again, have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Hedge Laying Course



Looking for an unusual Christmas present?
Why not treat someone to our course?



Come and spend a day learning this traditional skill at
The Warriner School Farm, Bloxham

Two courses, £55 per day
16th and 17th January, 9.30 - 3.45

For more information or to book a place
telephone 01295 721471
or email i.hands@warriner.oxon.sch.uk



Sixth Form Debate Trip

On the 20th November 6 members of the Sixth Form debate team went to Bodicote house the first ever Cherwell Democracy Challenge led by members of the council and our MP Victoria Prentis. This day of debating in the council chambers was attended by other local schools including Tudor Hall, Banbury Academy, Gosford Hill, Sibford and Cooper. The event was started by Mrs Prentis making a short speech about the importance of public speaking and its value/usefulness in future walks of life. Our first debate was against Cooper School on the International motion of Immigration and our second against Sibford on the local housing issue. While our quality of debate was of a really high standard (with Will Thompson and Kit Lamb both achieving accolades from our MP), unfortunately we did not make it onto the final. The result was that Cooper School beat Tudor Hall on the difficult motion of 'Education should be for the academic' and won a trophy and tour of the Houses of Parliament.

However, we all enjoyed our experience of debating in a formal environment and hope to compete again soon!



Louise Raper 12SA-SEW

The Warriner Online

As you probably know our new school website was launched on GCSE results day this summer. The address remains the same: www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk We see the website as the go-to place for all information relating to the school (including calendar dates, news, curriculum information, letters home, photos, policies and contact details) and its navigation is very straightforward. The website is a responsive design which means it adjusts to the screen size of your device, so you should always be able to view the site in all its glory! We also have a significant presence and following on Facebook (The Warriner School) and Twitter (@warrinerschool), so do please like and/or follow us.

Homework Support Club

A reminder that we now run a homework Club from 3.10-4.20 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To reserve a place for your child please complete the form on <http://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/homework>

Gayle Burch Associate Assistant Headteacher



Site Safety - break, lunch and after school

Please support us in ensuring that these important steps are followed by students and adults at The Warriner School:

- Students remain on site, within the clearly marked boundaries, at all times during the school day, until they leave at the end of the day
- If waiting for buses, students line up sensibly behind the yellow line, and wait for their bus to be called
- For students needing to cross the main road, please USE THE CROSSING in the correct manner, and press the button for the lights
- Parents and carers vehicles must **NOT** enter the front gates when buses are unloading or boarding – see the signage and Groupcall

These measures are in place to maintain the safety of all people at The Warriner School, and must be followed by everyone to minimise risks to us all.



Library & Study Centre News

Our Online Reading Lists – a new list added 'Book Series to enjoy!' Just a reminder that we use **LoveReading4schools** to share our reading lists. You will find them at the following web address: <http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/viewschool/1913/favourite>

Free Registration to use the site

You will be asked to register as a parent and create your own account. It's free and all you need is an email address and a password that you can remember.

Bookmark the page!

Bookmark our school's page to make it easier to find next time you visit. Take a look too at the related website <http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>

I hope you discover some great reads to entertain you over the Christmas holidays. Let me know what you choose and write me a book review.

Jean Button j.button@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

Library & Study Centre Manager



BIG THANK YOU!
A big thank you to Mrs Jill Leather who knitted lots of Christmas novelties to sell in the Library and another big thank you to all those who bought one or two or three.... We were amazed at how quickly the robins, angels, Christmas stockings, snowmen etc. were sold. We have raised £72 for Banbury Young Homelessness Project.

The Warriner School School Term & Holiday Dates 2015-2016

Term ends :	Friday 18 th December 2015 – 12.30pm
Holiday :	Monday 21 st December 2015 – Monday 4 th January 2016 (inclusive)
Term starts :	Tuesday 5 th January 2016
Term ends :	Friday 12 th February 2016 – 3.00pm
Holiday :	Monday 15 th February 2016 – Friday 19 th February 2016 (inclusive)
Term starts :	Monday 22 nd February 2016
Term ends :	Thursday 24 th March 2016 – 3.00pm
Holiday :	Friday 25 th March 2016 – Friday 8 th April 2016 (inclusive)
Term starts :	Monday 11 th April 2016
Term ends :	Friday 27 th May 2016 – 3.00pm
Holiday :	Bank Holiday Monday 2 nd May 2016
Holiday :	Monday 30 th May 2016 (Bank Holiday) – Monday 6 th June 2016 (inclusive)
Term starts :	Tuesday 7 th June 2016
Term ends :	Wednesday 20 th July 2016 – 12.30pm



INSET DAYS - STAFF ONLY TO ATTEND:

- Monday 4th January 2016
- Monday 6th June 2016



Record Number of Boxes Donated!

Led by our Head Girl, Abi Ridgway, The Warriner Sixth Form students have done a superb job at raising support and awareness for Operation Christmas Child. This charity does a fantastic job making a difference to young people living in poverty around the world by sending shoe boxes filled with gifts to make Christmastime special. Many of these children would never have had a present of their own, and are living in conditions we, in the western world, would find unimaginable.

The whole school has really been on board this year, collecting 242 jam packed boxes of gifts and over £700 in postage to get them to their destinations. The Sixth Form rallied together to take the boxes to The People's Church in Banbury.

Thank you to all those staff, students and parents who have supported us.

Sixth Form Choir

Miss Buchenham, Head of Sixth Form, created a Sixth Form Choir to include students, staff and teachers. Their first performance will be at the school carol concert on Wednesday 16th December. They performed at the concert—please check out the school website for the latest news on Thursday. The choir will also join in the finale. Sixth Form musicians will perform throughout the evening, joining the Funk Band with vocals and the Glee club. We look forward to preparing new songs in the new year.

Mrs J Viggers Sixth Form Administrator

Music Tech Visit

On Thursday 26th November the A'level Music Technology course invited Rob May from Sitting Duck Productions. Sitting Duck deliver excellent bespoke music, audio branding and sound design to the TV, music and games industries. At present they have their music on many of the daytime morning ITV programmes, including Good Morning Britain. Rob was able to demonstrate professional approaches to sound production and mixing techniques, with our students getting involved with mixing a song from the Sitting Duck archive.

It was a very successful day with time at the end for questions on how to succeed in the music industry. Our thanks go to Rob for providing us with insight into the world of music production and sound design and to our Music Technology A'level students for working so well on the day.



Guy Houchen—Music Tech Teacher

Learning Ambassadors (Skills for Work)

5 years ago I devised a project for the students entitled Learning Ambassadors (Skills for Work). Next year we intend to expand this scheme in order raise levels of achievement even more. To become a student ambassador you have to be nominated by your teachers. These students' are picked because they "role model" exemplary standards and methods of working in class and across their lessons. Nothing pleases us more as teachers than when we observe students helping each other learn in a caring and supportive way. Some of our most exciting lessons are when students are independently engaged in their learning and interacting together on a journey of discovery.

At our school we are preparing students for the place of work and educating their personal character. We want our students to leave with the best understanding of how to interact, helping them to develop in a learning environment and achieve the most. To be an Ambassador is a role of high honour. We want to recognise individual's strengths. We want all of our students to be outstanding and helpful, working to their highest level of ability. It is our hope that students will aspire to be recognised for working in an outstanding manner in at least one or more of their subject areas.

Throughout next year there are going to be more opportunities for other students to join the scheme. We hope to inspire the students in a competitive way so that more of them take on leadership roles. Many more individuals will be recognised for their effort and high standard of contribution to our school.

Happy Christmas

Paul Williamson

Advanced Skills Teacher / Subject Leader – Art and Learning Ambassadors



Warriner Prefects

Thanks a million to our brilliant Prefects for all the hard work and commitment that they show towards our Warriner School Community. We have been busy this term coming up with new ideas, many of which, our team will launch in January. These include:



<i>A new 'PREFECTS POINTS' system, where Prefects award achievements to other students for helping our community.</i>
<i>QUIZ GENERATORS – our Tuesday team will be creating fun and engaging quizzes for younger students during tutor time.</i>
<i>YEAR 9 OPTIONS SUPPORT – will be provided by Year 11 Prefects in the build up to Year 9s making their choices.</i>
<i>HOMEWORK CLUB – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays will now be manned with three Prefects to help you out!</i>
<i>YEAR 7 PIONEERS – A group of 16 Prefects are currently being selected to work closely with Year 7 tutor groups!</i>
<i>Helping to coordinate Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening – lovely cups of tea, biscuits, and selling revision guides!</i>

I'm really excited, as are Will, Abi, Katie, and James, to be launching these new, innovative ideas with our Prefects in January. Watch this space! Have a superb Christmas everyone, and we look forward to 2016.

Mr J Knowles



Children In Need 2015

We are delighted to announce that our school raised £1600 for Children In Need. Thank you to all the students and families that baked to raise the money. We had 15 tables worth of delicious treats for sale. At dinner all the students came together to celebrate in a mass dance of The Cha Cha Slide pictured left. You can



view this amazing whole school event on our school website to get a real flavour of the exciting fundraising day. Mr Williamson and The Sixth Form organised the day and we really came together for the good of the community. Well done all.

Mr P Williamson



The Warriner Christmas Grotto Competition

Many Year 7 students have been working hard to produce a Christmas decoration out of old boxes and recycled rubbish. The work has been displayed in the school hall in time for the Christmas concert and assemblies.

Winner Megan Kyte for a bold life sized snowman and **runner up** Adam Court and Juliet Williamson.

So many other students gained certificates of commendation for



their outstanding contributions. The work included Toy Soldiers, lots of reindeer, funny penguins and beautiful snow scenes. The hall is adorned with fairy lights and a Christmas tree.



Miss E Pratt Teacher of Art

Tour de Trigs—15 Miles

On Saturday 5th December, I and two other Bronze D of E students were one of the teams of Warriner School students to take part in the 15 mile taster Tour De Trigs event. Arriving at school shortly after 8 am, were given our team number and waited to be called to the start. Just after 9 am we were given our route card and had 30 minutes to plot our route on the maps. With our rugby ball to help keep us going we set off, relatively confidently for our first check point which was in the direction of Bodicote. After that we had to find our way to 12 other check points and finally ended up 15 miles and about 6 hours later in Boddington, somewhere in Northamptonshire! Thankfully, although it had been very windy, it had remained dry and all of us (including the rugby ball) completed the route without incident – we didn't get lost once. By now my feet were killing and I was quite relieved but proud to have finished.



Although, I am reasonably fit and play a lot of sport, walking 15 miles proved to more of a challenge than I first imagined - I had thought it would be easy. Despite this it was a really enjoyable experience and I would recommend it as a challenge to try something different. I and my friends really had to work as a team and practising the map reading skills will help with the D of E expeditions next year. I am already planning my next challenge and looking for team mates to tackle the 30 mile route next year.

James Churchill - Year 10D-JFC



it was easy to set a high pace in the early stages, some groups forgetting about the remaining 29 miles that had to be completed.

Fortunately the day stayed dry and clouds provided warmth to walkers. The sun started to set as groups began preparing for a long few hours in darkness. Paces slowed significantly as groups had to check the map twice as much to ensure the right tracks were being followed. By this time, people's feet started to ache, and you entered the phase of just wanting to get finished and home, with some groups still having double the distance to go.

Some groups thrived in the dark, racing past competitors, trying to ensure a podium finish. The 30 miles groups began to trickle in just before 9, relieved they didn't have another 20 to go. Many brave walkers carried on through the night, still walking by sun rise. It was a long night for some, finishing minutes outside of the 24.

Overall it was a hard days walking, with only a 57% completion rate for the junior hike, and a 27% completion race for the full 50 mile event, however it is clear the event is growing and more happy faces will turn up in future years.

Matthew Macey 11G-DFA



Tour de Trigs—30 Miles

The morning began as many hopefuls began to cram into the sports hall at The Warriner School. People of all ages waited in line for registration, ready to be given permission to pass through and start plotting their maps. It was a windy day, but dry which was the main thing.

Groups started to set off at 9.30, and teams followed every minute after. All teams started at a brisk pace, hoping to get as many miles under the belt before dark. However hope of not getting lost for some was short lived, as they struggled to find their way out of the village. With the strong winds on our backs





Physical Education News



What another great term of Curriculum and Extra Curricular sport!!

Outside of school we have had extensive League and Tournament fixtures in Rugby, Netball & Hockey.

We have represented with full and sometimes double teams in the North Oxon School Sports Partnership Level 2 Competitions including:

- Cross Country
- Swimming
- Badminton
- Girls Indoor Football



Warriner were successful in going through to the Oxfordshire Partnership Finals that take place throughout Terms 4 & 5 in the events and age groups of:

- Swimming 2nd place boys U16
- Badminton KS3 boys & girls Winners, (U16 girls and boys still to play this week)
- 5aside girls football U14 - 2nd place
- Cross Country - Winners of the Year 7 girls and boys & U16 girls and boys.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!

Mrs S Brown *Teacher of Physical Education*



Primary School Dodgeball Competition

This Tuesday we had over 100 primary school children come in and take part in a dodgeball competition. The competition was to promote participation amongst primary school students who wouldn't normal take part in sports for their schools. The competition was run and officiated by 16 sports leaders who had offered their time and did an amazing job looking after the students and encouraging them to get involved. All of the primary school teachers were impressed with their attitude and willingness to help.

Liam Rogers *SEN Teacher Warriner School*

Warriner Primary Family School Sports



This has been an amazingly busy and successful term for all Primary and Secondary pupils associated with the Warriner Family. Since November over 700 Primary Pupils have participated in different festivals, organised and run by 68 outstanding Sports Leaders.

Cross Country

Our first festival this term saw 560 primary athletes take to the fields of Sibford School for this year's challenging cross country course. All pupils from year 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 completed the course, totalling 540 runners. Christopher Rawlings, Deddington and Bloxham Primary Schools emerged victorious and progressed to represent the Warriner Family at the North Oxfordshire finals. Determination was the key value attached to the Cross Country festival and pupils were beautifully guided round by our exquisite Sports Leaders.

Primary Football Finals

Sports Leadership is highly valued within the school and our football leaders were in demand again, this time to officiate the North Oxfordshire finals. This privilege was bestowed to our most experienced leaders from years nine and ten. Spectators were highly impressed with their level of knowledge, professionalism and kindness. Reinforcing the fact that Warriner Sports Leaders are the best!!

Preparations are already underway for January when Primary Athletics takes centre stage and if you would like to become a sports leader come and sign up in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and stay active.

Ian Lee School Sports Co-ordinator



Double Joy for the Year 10 Warriner Rugby Team

The Y10 boys came into the 2015 season with mixed feelings, having won the North Oxon 'plate' competition last year, but having suffered a couple of heavy losses



along the way. This was clear to see in training, where despite fantastic turnouts each week the attitude of the boys was not one of a successful team, but more that of a bunch of individuals who played together. The first game of the season showed just that, a loss to Sibford, followed by a humbling 47-0 loss to BGN. A team meeting followed that game, where opinions were aired and listened to by all. It was agreed that we would now play with a set game plan, and there would be one voice on the pitch, that of the captain, James Churchill. Any squabbling during games would not be tolerated and all were expected to turn up to training in a positive frame of mind.

The next 10 weeks showed the strength of the boy's characters. With the team being on the verge of elimination from both competitions they were in, every game was a must win if Warriner had any desire of even making the plate semi-finals. What followed were a series of performances that had Staff, Parents, Guardians and opposition stunned. Galvanised by the early heavy defeats, and now playing as one with a set game plan, Warriner began a run of victories that would see them make the finals of both the North Oxon Cup and County Bowl. The highlight being a 29-5 dismantling of a Chenderit side that only 11 months earlier had beaten Warriner by 50 points.

Waiting in the 2 finals were BGN and Gosford. Both games followed a similar pattern, with Warriner battering the opposition forwards whilst being iron strong in the backs when in defence. Both games were outstanding adverts for the game, with ebb and flow throughout, and every player putting themselves on the line for their team mates. The 2 final results, 14-10 winners Vs BGN and 29-15 winners Vs Gosford.

The team are unbeaten since losing to BGN, but the real success story is in the turnaround of the attitudes of the boys, who now truly see the meaning of the word TEAM, Together Everyone Achieves More!!

Well done to all, you can be proud of yourselves.

Mr Richards and Mr Hunter

Y10 Rugby Squad: Askew, Gudge, Gordon, Matthews, Churchill (c), Webb, Ahmed, Cox, Lewis, Brock, Morris, Bending, Marshall-Kay, Bodily, O'Shea, Tait, Rye, Noble, Booth, Rodda, Sprio, Skwirzynski, Haynes, Bateman, Wellar.