

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

With only two weeks to go until school breaks up for our Christmas break, I thought I would write to give a quick update on how things are going here in school and planning that is taking place due to some precautionary changes being made as a result of the new Omicron Covid variant.

In recent weeks, Year 11s and Year 13s have been taking their mock exams and what a credit to all! The exam invigilators have commented really positively about just how seriously all the students have taken their exams and I am sure the students will reap the rewards in their mock results. Year 13s will be able to access their results from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** on the GO website or App. Year 11s will have a celebratory Big Reveal of their results with a certificate on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, where they will also find out how close they are to the next grade and what they can do to improve next time. Further mocks will take place in Spring. To try and replicate our Big Reveal to feel like an August GCSE Results' Day, Year 11s can be in non-uniform on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December but please remember we do not want students to wear crop tops and overly ripped jeans to school.

If your child is in Year 11 you may want to add **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** to your diary: we will be running a virtual Sixth Form Question and Answer session (4.30 – 6.30pm). This event will be run through Microsoft Teams and a link to join this meeting will have been sent out to all current Year 11 students.

This is in advance of our Open Evening on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** where you will be able to come into school, meet with teachers and students and discuss specific A Level options.

The intention of this virtual session is to provide information and a question and answer opportunity for those thinking about joining our Sixth Form. We will have a presentation from our Head of Sixth Form and an opportunity to ask questions. This will allow you to ask general questions about our Sixth Form rather than subject specific ones. We intend this to be a drop-in session and the expectation is that you do not need to stay for the whole session.

With fingers being crossed very firmly, we have lots of winter and Christmas celebrations to look forward to over the next two weeks: Years 7 and 8 are going to Oxford to see Robin Hood in pantomime, Christmas lunch is being served in our restaurant next week and on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, at St Mary's Church in Banbury, we are holding our wonderful Christmas concert. We are obviously keeping a close



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eye on any further changes to Covid regulations, and we will notify you of any changes as soon we hear them.

Please see the letter from Mr Eadon about our new initiative called, Warriner Warmth – such a lovely idea which you may want to get involved in.

I just want to clarify the current rules around positive Covid cases in a household: only if the virus is confirmed as the Omicron variant will individuals be contacted directly by track and trace and told to self-isolate immediately for 10 days. Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who attend school and have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, should continue to attend school as normal. The other 2 new measures in school are:

- **face masks** in communal areas for staff in all schools and secondary students
- on-site COVID-19 **testing for secondary students** on their return in January 2022

So, to clarify the return in January and Covid testing: all tests will be conducted in school without a staggered start to the return to school after holidays. This can be subject to change from the DfE and we will inform you of any changes via Group Call. Also, we strongly advise your child does a lateral flow test on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** before returning to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. In school, we will then conduct one lateral flow test over two days, **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** to all year groups of students who have consented. Students will come out of lessons for the test and return straight back to the lesson and if the test proves to be positive, they will be collected by a member of staff and parents informed, so the child can be collected and taken for a PCR test. Consent forms will be sent out separately to this letter. If you would like to volunteer to help us conduct the testing on either or both of those dates, please contact Trish Morgan: [t.morgan@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:t.morgan@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)

A final reminder that in January, as a school, we have decided to introduce Yondr to support the whole community becoming a phone-free space for 6.5 hours a day. Students will be undertaking a series of workshops in the new year to ensure we are all clear about how this is going to roll out and to understand just how positive this measure is going to be for us all. Indeed, if any of you are fans of the series 'Succession,' you may have spotted that phones are 'pouched' before certain parties and meetings – it is definitely a growing trend.

Lots of dates and information to take in but mostly I hope you have a good weekend.

With very best wishes



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Head of School