



Year 11 Matters!



Newsletter—December 2021



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is hard to believe that we have already been back a term after what was possibly one of the most challenging years. Whilst many of those challenges are still ever present, this term has seen the school return to greater levels of normal life. We are delighted to see students taking part in sports, music, performances, clubs, enrichment activities and visits. You can see and feel the environment come back to life and students starting to experience what school should really be like. We are acutely aware we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we hope we can continue to get back to even greater levels of normality in the coming term. This term is always an exceptionally busy one and this year has been no different. We hope as parents and carers you have been able to keep abreast of all that has been happening through our social media platforms and other communication channels and see all the progress the school and students are making.

The government has announced that examinations are planned to go ahead in Summer 2022 for GCSEs and we are hard at work ensuring our students feel in a strong position to sit these examinations. We have a new team of dedicated staff working with students to ensure examination success and this will be a continual focus in the Spring Term.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our wonderful students who have continued to show great resilience in these challenging times, adapted to the issues they have faced and done so with a smile on their face. They are a credit to our school and to you as parents and carers. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, as we navigate through the pandemic.

We wish all our community a wonderful Christmas break. We hope you all have the chance to reconnect with loved ones and have a Christmas our young people deserve. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year.



Well Done!

We would like to congratulate Year 11 students who have worked so hard in their Mock Exams.

The exams have gone very smoothly under exceptional circumstances. Students have been so focused and engagement has been very high. We are pleased that our students have kept their good humour and positive attitude throughout.

The Mocks will give teaching staff an opportunity to find out where the knowledge strengths are and the areas that need some re-teaching. They will provide an insight into the priorities for the coming months. They have also allowed students the chance to practise revision techniques and experience working under exam conditions.

As usual, tutors, Mr Rafferty and the wider community here at school are available for support if you are feeling the strain. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you need advice, support or reassurance.





Commendable Fortitude



As the term ends, we would like to thank the Year 11s for their hard work. Mocks Exams are never easy but they have risen to the challenge in uncertain times with commendable fortitude. I would also like to thank our Exams Officers for working tirelessly, making adjustments and supporting the students, often over five different locations.

As we move into the New Year we will be focusing on their next steps, so they are aware of their options and plans Post 16 and are fully prepared. I am also looking forward to discussing the Year 11 Yearbooks and leavers hoodies. We will look at what is shaping up to be an amazing Prom along with their raffle. They deserve an amazing send off after five years of memories and I am committed to seeing it happen. **M Rafferty—Head of Year 11**



**WE INVITE YOU TO OUR
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 6th January 2022
18.00-20.00pm**

**Make your
next move,
your best
move.**

This is the time when Year 11 students will be seeking as much information as possible, to make an informed decision about the next step in their education post GCSEs. For those thinking of taking A Levels, please join us; there will be the opportunity to meet our Head of Sixth Form, Student Leaders and Subject Leaders.

This will give you an insight into The Warriner Sixth Form life and culture. Come and tour the Sixth Form facilities to help make an informed choice about your next steps. We hope that you can join us.

“ Just because it's Christmas, it doesn't mean caring for your mental health has to be put on hold. ”

“It's the most wonderful time of the year!” is what we hear constantly at Christmas. Whether it is on the radio, the telly or out in public, we are constantly told that Christmas is a time to be happy.

But what if you are not happy?

The reality for many of us is that when Christmas comes around there is constant pressure on those with mental health problems to be happy all the time. But of course that is easier said than done. Here is some advice on things you can do to ensure you still enjoy the festive period this year, but also look after your mental health:

- **Take time out** It is so important to take time out every day, not just in the festive period. If you feel yourself getting a bit overwhelmed, or upset, take five to ten minutes away from everyone on Christmas Day to just have a bit of time to yourself.
- **Sleep** A good nights sleep is so important when it comes to looking after your mental health. It is said that teenagers need an average of nine-and-a-half hours sleep each night. When it comes to the festive period, ensuring you get enough sleep can become difficult due to things like late nights at home and parties.
- **Exercise** Physical activity releases chemicals called endorphins, which makes you feel good, so if you are feeling a bit overwhelmed or low at Christmas, why not go out for a walk? You could go on your own or with someone else, or go for a bike ride or even a run.
- **Try and relax** Just because it is Christmas, it does not mean caring for your mental health has to be put on hold. You are allowed to take breaks, and do things that perhaps do not involve the whole family. Mental health and physical health are equally important. If you fell over and grazed your knee on Christmas Day, you would put a plaster on it. So if your mental health needs a plaster, you are allowed to do something about it.



The Big Reveal



On Thursday 16th December, Year 11 will collect their Mock Results. Their grades will be based on their performance during the Autumn Mocks. We want to replicate the experience of opening their exam results envelope on Thursday 25th August. We will encourage students to evaluate their Mock Results and analyse the implications these results would have on their Post 16 and career opportunities. They will be encouraged to discuss the strategies they will use in the Spring Term to further improve these grades.



Congratulations to The Warriner rugby players who have excelled to become champions across all years including Year 11!
Well done everyone!

On December 9th 2021, The Warriner School, Wykham Park, The Bicester School and BGN met under the lights of the Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club to commence battle to become the Under 16 North Oxon Rugby Champions. Having already beaten BGN by 50 points earlier in the season our opening game saw us beat Wykham Park 37-0. Resulting in an all or nothing contest against Bicester. The Warriner's passion and intensity was too much for The Bicester School resulting in a resounding 38-3 win. Ensuring our 100% record!



All Stars Netball (Y9,10,11)

HUGE congratulations also to our Year 10 and 11 girls and boys for finishing 1st in the North Oxon Cross Country Championships.

We are so proud of our Year 11 Netball Team for coming 2nd in the North Oxon (Pool 2) out of five schools and being the runners up in the North Oxon tournament out of ten schools. Well done girls!

We would like to thank all of The Warriner Sports Leaders who have given up their time to train and hone their leadership skills and to organise nine events! All the events have been hugely successful, and all the pupils have left exhausted but thoroughly enthused!



Did You Miss a Mock Exam?

Missed Mocks will be taken in exam conditions between Friday 7th January and Friday 14th January. Students should maintain their revision for these subjects, whilst ensuring sufficient recuperation time.



Year 11 Study Groups Timetable 2021-2022

Subject	Day	Time	Room
English	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Eng Dept
Maths	Monday	3.15-4.15	M1,2,3
Lunchtime Maths <i>(Sessions are invitation only)</i>	Tuesday & Thursday	12.15-12.55	M1
Further Maths <i>(Sessions are invitation only)</i>	Friday	3.15-4.15	M1
Science	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Science Dept
Animal Care <i>(After school sessions are invitation only)</i>	Monday	3.00-4.30	R1
	Tuesday	12.15-12.55 & 3.00-4.30	R1
	Wednesday	Week A 11.50 / Week B 12.15	R1
Art	Monday	3.00-4.30	AR1
Drama	Drama is available when booked (in consultation with <i>scheduled</i> departments).		Drama Dept
D & T	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	DT2, DT4 & DT5
French	Monday	12.15-12.55	LA2 (week A) LA5 (week B)
Geography	Thursday	3.15-4.15	HU1
German	Tuesday	12.15-12.55	CS1
History <i>(Week A only)</i>	Friday	12.15-12.55	HU8
PE	Friday	3.15-4.30	P1, CS5
Philosophy & Ethics <i>(Week A only)</i>	Tuesday	12.15-12.55 & 3.15-4.15	P4
Sociology	Monday	3.15-4.15	P5

After School Study Groups

We are so proud of the attendance at our study groups. We have seen record numbers of students attending! I wanted to personally congratulate the following students for attending so many. Well done!

Freddie A, Heather B, Lucy C, Henry C, Leo DG, Max E, Dhiren G, Owen J, Isaac J, Darcey L, Haille R, Ollie R, Angus T, Saffron W

Please ensure your child is making the most of these opportunities to maximise their potential. If we look at the price of private tutors, your child can access over £120 a week of free tuition from the teachers that know them best and know their strengths and their areas to focus on. You are a long time regretting not putting the effort in.

Do not Forget the Golf Balls!

This Christmas, celebrate the people that are important in your life. Imagine your life is a jar and you were trying to fit as much into it as possible. Think of the precious people in your life and imagine they were represented by golf balls, your friends represented by marbles, with sand representing all those small things that can absorb so much of your time. If you fill your jar with sand there will be little space for the golf balls and the marbles. Put the golf balls into your jar first, followed by the marbles, and the sand can still filter down into the gaps. Celebrate and treasure the people that matter. Make their Christmas brilliant and you will find your festive period is better for it.



Year 11: You have had a tough term, but you are a great year group with so much potential. It is so exciting contemplating your future achievements. With the Autumn Mocks behind you, the Christmas holidays are a time for you to relax and recuperate. Make time for yourself, but guard against being selfish and remember the paragraph above. You will need your energy for the Spring Term as we prepare you to make the most of your undoubted potential. Come back in the New Year ready to control your destiny.

Mr R Eadon—Deputy Head of School



3rd March	Y11 Subject Consultation Evening
21st March	Year 11 Spring Mock Exams