

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope you and your family enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the half term holiday break, especially once the various storms had eased. Thank you for your support with our sudden need to deliver remote learning on the last Friday of term, courtesy of Storm Eunice.

Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams

If you have a child in Year 11 or Year 13 you will be aware that they are sitting their Spring Mocks from Monday 14th March and the details for those year groups have been provided by Mr Eadon and/or Mr Smith. This second round of Mocks exams (students also sat Mocks in November/December) are really important for a number of reasons: to give the students another opportunity for a 'real' experience of how it feels to sit timed papers under examination conditions; for staff to focus & target their revision delivery in the run-up to the GCSEs and A Levels in the summer and also, if the worst scenario were to happen with imposed Covid restrictions and schools had to revert to Teacher Assessment Grades (as we have in the last two years), we would have purposeful and accurate data for all students from a wide range of Mock exams. I am sure that students are taking these exams seriously but if you or they have any concerns, please can I encourage you to contact their tutor in the first instance to make us aware, so we can help where we can. I wish them well.

Apprenticeship Fair

On Thursday 10th March, 4.30 – 6.30pm in school, we are holding an Apprenticeship Fair for Year 11, 12 & 13s to come along and discuss all-things apprenticeships with a variety of local providers. Mr Rafferty, our Head of Year 11, is organising and will send out more details today, so look out for this Group Call. If your child is in this age group and considering applying for an apprenticeship in the future, please come along with them. On a wider scale, Mr Rafferty has also organised our popular Careers Fair, which takes place on Wednesday 16th March, 5-7pm, in our school hall – all year groups welcome.

Ukraine Appeal

As a community we have all been shocked and saddened by the fast-changing events in Ukraine and I wanted to reassure you that our tutors have been using time in the mornings, this week, to enable our



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students to discuss what they are seeing in the media and to be able to voice their fears and questions in a safe place. We have tried to provide balanced views and for our students to learn about the historical context of the countries involved. You might also find the two links below useful for your own discussions with your children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60536983>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60513502>

If we need to be aware of any student who is feeling particularly anxious then, again, please let us know. As a school we are also supporting the collections for Ukraine refugees:

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES

If anyone has got any items they could donate it would be very much appreciated:

clothing including coats, hats, scarfs, etc

blankets, sleeping bags, camping mats, etc,

medication such as Paracetamol, wound dressings, first aid kits etc

nappies, baby wipes, baby formula etc

toiletries including female sanitary products

small toys, basically anything you don't want or need, if you can drop them off at

Longford Park community centre (Oxford Road, Bodicote)

Unit 15 Beaumont Close (OX16 1TP)

Ideally items will be packed in cardboard boxes if possible.

And lastly, on a note of celebration:

50th (+1) Celebration Festival

The Warriner School opened in 1971 so we are planning to celebrate the school's 50 +1 years! Please add the date of Saturday 2nd July 2022, 3pm – 11pm, to your diaries and join us, here in the school's grounds, in celebrating this landmark. As you would (possibly) expect, this festival will have a 1970s theme (70s dress is not compulsory...), with a line-up of family entertainment, festival food, bars, student performances and music – including a live West End ABBA tribute band to finish the day. We would love to see lots of past, present and future students and their families joining us for what is shaping up to be a fantastic day of festivities. This will be a ticketed event and more details will be coming out very soon. Also, if you know of any past students, who are now further afield, who you think would like to join us, please let them know. Further details will also be found on our website very soon.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

With very best wishes

Sharon Nicholls



Head of School