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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

This is a quick letter to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer break and hope that you are able to enjoy the time away from the routines of a school-day. As ever, we have had a very busy few weeks, and here are some of the highlights.

Music and Celebration Evening

On Tuesday we had the most amazing evening at St Mary's Church in Banbury, where we were entertained by so many of our musically talented students and staff. A huge 'thank you' also goes to the parents who supported their children in making this a very special evening in our school calendar because without your support and commitment, an evening like this does not happen. I also want to congratulate Mrs Webb and Mr McCaig, along with the other adult musicians; they did brilliantly. The other part of the evening was a celebration of subject awards given to those students who were identified as being 100% brilliant scholars in a specific subject. Congratulations to them and to Mr Rafferty, who was master of ceremony on the night and who pulled all the awards together. I am already looking forward to next year's celebration concert.

Induction Days

A few weeks ago, we had our Year 6 students join us for two days as part of their induction into secondary school life. The two days went very well, and it felt like a really smooth transition into secondary school life. Thank you, Miss Keys and all the staff involved in making these days so successful. We were also joined by Mr Fitton on the Monday, who is going to be our new Head of Year 7, and it was wonderful to see the Year 6s meeting him and all their tutors for the first time. We look forward to welcoming them into the Warriner School on Tuesday 5th September.

Careers' Week

On the 10th-14th of July we had a frantic but such a successful week of work experience activities – involving: the fire service, bricklayers, the Police, lawyers, vets, medics, accountants – too many to list and all Year 10 students had a fantastic experience of wonderful careers they may want to join in the future. Thank you again to Mr Rafferty for his organisation of this and to all those professionals supporting us.

September start

I also want to remind you of the starting dates and times for September:









On **Tuesday 5 September** we welcome new **Year 7 and new Year 12 students,** and the day begins at 8.30am, as usual.

On Wednesday 6 September, all other students begin their Term 1, again at 8.30am.

Please can I ask all parents to remind their children that we have high expectations for all students to wear the agreed dress code from the start of term — the detail can be found here: https://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/uniform

Also, current students should ensure that their Yondr case is packed in their school bag, along with their pencil cases and PE kits. New Year 7s will receive their Yondr case in their first tutor group session.

Farewells

Today we say goodbye to several member of staff and we wish each and every one all the very best for the future. I do, however, want to pick out two special members of staff who are leaving: Peter Hogben is retiring, and he has had several roles here over the years — Acting Headteacher, Head of Maths, Timetabler extraordinaire, poetry writer and quiz master to name but a few. He will be much missed. Selina Chard — our school SENCO — is also leaving after many years, to go on to pastures new. Selina has been the champion of so many students over the years that she too will be much missed, and we thank them both for all they have done professionally for the Warriner School.

Have a great summer.

With very best wishes

Sharon Nicholls Head of School