WOLLASTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / carers & students, July 2017

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Wollaston School. It is also a pleasure to formally congratulate my predecessor on a wonderful career in education and recognise the great job he has done as the Headteacher of Wollaston School. Mr Cowell leaves the school in a fantastic place and his success is the foundation on which we can together build our future achievements.

During the selection process, I came to understand that Wollaston is an ambitious and supportive school community in which partnership and collaboration are at the heart of school life. The staff value their positive relationships with parents and the student body spoke warmly about the expert teaching and support that they receive. It is a great privilege to lead this wonderful school and I am looking forward to us achieving exceptional outcomes together in the coming years.

Collaboration and partnership working are vital in education and I feel fortunate to have inherited a school in such a strong place. I relish the opportunity to work with such a motivated leadership group, an enormously talented team of staff and most importantly, our ambitious and positive parents and students.

I am a Headteacher who believes in high academic aspirations and standards for every student that attends our school. They deserve nothing less. Great schools though, can achieve wonderful examination results alongside a rich, varied and enjoyable education. I value the full breadth of the curriculum and celebrate the wider scope of school and community life in the fabulous range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Personal development and pastoral care are also vital components of an effective education. I will lead Wollaston School as a place in which we secure academic excellence alongside helping students to take their place as positive, independent and ethical members of our society; ready for success in whichever field they choose.

Building exceptional success in education can be complex, but it is predominantly characterised by a relentless drive towards excellence. We want to be an establishment which leads the local education community in teaching and learning expertise and pastoral care, a school with impeccable standards of behaviour and uniform, and most importantly, a place of learning that achieves great outcomes in every way possible, for every single student who attends our school. We target excellence with the utmost commitment, but we also remember that a truly inspiring education is one that is filled with joy and laughter.

I wish all parents, students and staff a refreshing and restful summer break and I am very much looking forward to beginning our work together in September.

Yours sincerely,

James Birkett

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher

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