



15th September 2017

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Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed another excellent week at Wollaston School, and I would like to thank all members of the school community for achieving such high levels of attendance and excellent behaviour for learning in the opening weeks. Visitors to the school, including the school nursing service, our school photographers and visiting Headteachers have gone out of their way to comment on the friendly, positive and responsible conduct of our students. It has been inspiring to see the range of learning activities that students are enjoying and our extra-curricular programme is already showcasing the talents of our student body in a range of areas.

Year 10 Cricket Team

Our year 10 cricketers travelled to Oundle School, for what was to prove an incredibly competitive match. Under the watching eye of Mr Bevan and former England internationals from Oundle, our students played incredibly well and were a great credit to the school. The final result was very close and although the Wollaston team was not quite victorious, Mr Bevan felt that we were only a dropped catch away from victory. Our students were commended on their excellent standard of play, their impeccable conduct and their impressive levels of sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team and thanks to Mr Bevan for leading the fixture.

Wollaston School Concert Band

On Wednesday, 13th September, the National Citizenship Service held its annual celebration event for all participants in the Northampton area. This took place at the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough, and the Wollaston School concert band was invited to open the evening with a 30 minute set. The invitation demonstrates the high esteem in which our Performing Arts faculty is held and the band certainly did not disappoint! The large audience clearly enjoyed the performance and were clapping and singing along throughout. Thank you to the 21 students who represented Wollaston so wonderfully, and to Mrs Hollis-Brown for leading them to such success.

Year 12 Induction Evening

We are delighted with how well our Year 12 students have begun their new courses and adapted to the increased independence in the Sixth Form. Mr Keane and the rest of the Sixth Form team held an information evening on Thursday to formally welcome parents and students into year 12. This was an opportunity for all to learn about the ethos of our Sixth Form provision and the excellent levels of success that our year 12 and 13 students enjoy. There was also an informal opportunity for parents to raise any questions or concerns. We are all very much looking forward to working with our new Sixth Form to achieve excellent academic results and support them in taking advantage of the increased range of personal and leadership opportunities that await them in the two years ahead.

Parking around the school site

There is no easy way of getting 1400 students out of school and into their onwards transport without any kind of delay and I would like to thank parents who pick up students at the end of school, for their safe and considerate parking. We are of course mindful of the need to be considerate neighbours to our local residents and it would be appreciated if you could ensure that side roads near to the school site are always accessible for residents and their visitors. I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that there should be no parking or waiting on the corner of the bus bay nearest to the Caretaker's house. We do have two vehicles who have permission to park in this area and they will display a permit when they arrive to pick up their children. Please also note that the one-way system in the car park is operational at all times.

Thank you as always for your support of Wollaston School. We are absolutely committed to providing the highest standards of education possible and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Birkett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'B'.

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher