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Dear parents and carers,

Open evening 2017

As parents may be aware, the admission round for Year 6 students to apply for a place at secondary school is now open. We are of course enormously proud of our school and the open evening and daytime school tours allowed us to show off Wollaston at its very best! We had over 1000 people attend our open evening on 28th September and once we finish our daytime tours next week we will have shown over 360 people around during the school day. I would like to thank both our staff and students for providing a glimpse of an exciting future ahead for our Year 6 students and parents.

Visit from a Member of Parliament

We were delighted to host Peter Bone MP for Wellingborough on Thursday afternoon. He enjoyed a tour of the school and saw our students at work as well as a visiting some of the buildings which have been refurbished since his previous visit. We were delighted to demonstrate our excellent catering provision and for him to see the Learning Resource Centre and 6th Form silent study area in use. A photograph is available on the website and Mr Bone was enormously impressed with the school and said *'It was a pleasure to visit Wollaston School and I congratulate students and staff on their successes to date. The school clearly has ambitious plans for the future and a commitment to securing the very best educational outcomes for the students that they serve'*.

Multi-agency training at Wollaston School

We were proud to host a multi-agency training event in the main hall on Friday, 22nd September. This comprised of over 60 professionals from education, social care and the police, who came together to develop a shared understanding of best practice in relation to preventing vulnerable young people from being drawn into radicalisation. This joint approach to training is an innovative one and the professionals involved used a range of scenarios to identify the most effective courses of action. We understand that this model is likely to be promoted in the future as an effective way of working and clearly Wollaston School can feel proud of developing this approach in collaboration with the police and social care. Thanks are due to Mr Beeby who leads on this area of the school's work and facilitated the conference.

Rock challenge 2018

The auditions for our 2018 entry to this national competition were even more popular than we might have anticipated. Over 240 students attended and expressed interest in roles as performers, lighting designers, stage management team members and set designers. Clearly, we have an excellent reputation in the performing arts and thank you to students and staff for their incredible enthusiasm for the project.

Sporting success

A range of fixtures in a number of sports have been played in the opening weeks of term. Again demonstrating the commitments to wider school life of both our staff and students. Particular credit should

be given to our Year 7 football team who are on an incredibly successful run, are proving very difficult to stop and have managed to score a large number of goals in almost every game. We look forward to hearing further sporting success from across the year groups as term progresses.

Thank you as always for your support of Wollaston School. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns,

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