



8th December 2017

Dear parents and carers

Christmas Concert 2017

A final reminder that our Christmas Concert will take place at 7.00pm on the 11th and 12th December 2017. Tickets are available for purchase on ParentPay, and it promises to be a memorable evening, showcasing the incredible talent of our music students and staff. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating both the festive season and the musical accomplishments of our students.

Music for Youth Proms

We are proud to report that three of our students: Isaac Gavin, Abi Moy and Emily Hartley, all performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Music for Youth Proms. This event was organised by the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust and allowed our students to showcase their work on the national stage. It is a wonderful achievement to be involved in the country's foremost musical youth event and many congratulations to all three students. If parents would like to see a clip of the performance, this can be viewed on the NMPAT website: www.NMPAT.co.uk/Nene.

Mock Examinations

Thank you to all Year 11 students for the excellent way in which they conducted themselves during the mock examinations. Teachers are now busy marking their papers and providing formative feedback. Students will receive provisional grading and results on Friday 15th December 2017. Parents and students are reminded that these grades are not predictions, but an accurate assessment of current performance. The key focus over the coming months is of course to identify areas for development, to ensure that students bridge the gap between their mock exam results and the grades that they are capable of in the final GCSE examinations in the summer.

Once we return from the Christmas break, it will be the turn of Year 12 and Year 13 students to sit their mock examinations and we know that many students have already begun their preparations for success in this testing period.

Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome a large number of parents and students on Thursday night, to find out more about our large and successful Sixth Form provision. As ever, there is a high demand for places and we are committed to providing a broad and exciting range of courses. If you were unable to attend, or would like further information regarding the process, please contact Mr. Keane (Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form) and he will be delighted to answer any questions which you may have. Sixth Form information booklets were distributed on the evening - please do contact reception if you require a copy.

Christmas Jumper Day 2017

On the final day of term, we are inviting staff and students to wear a festive jumper to celebrate Christmas. For students in Years 7 to 11, normal uniform should be worn, apart from replacing the tie

and school jumper with more Christmassy attire! We are asking students and staff to make a £1.00 donation to Save the Children so that we can benefit others whilst celebrating the end of term and the start of the holiday period.

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 via email on office@wollaston-school.net.

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