



19th January 2017

Dear parents and carers

This is a short half term, but an incredibly busy period of time in the school calendar. For students in all year groups, work should have intensified, particularly for those who are working towards public examinations in this academic year.

Thank you, as always, to parents for your support in ensuring students maintain a very high level of attendance during this busy time and also for your support in the completion of homework and revision tasks. In addition to the hard work in lessons, we are of course maintaining a rich and varied extracurricular programme.

Trips, Visits and Workshops

It has been a busy week with a range of educational activities taking place:

- On Tuesday, Year 11 students enjoyed a performance of Macbeth to assist with their preparation for their English literature GCSE.
- Year 10 have completed their cycle of SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) workshops and feedback has been very positive on the value of the sessions.
- In addition to these in-school events, on Wednesday, Year 11 Art and Photography students enjoyed a trip to the Natural History and Victoria & Albert Museums in London.
- On the same day, Year 13 Dance students saw a performance of Cirque du Soleil.

Another exciting week at Wollaston!

Sixth Form Application Process

We are rightly proud of our strong Post-16 provision and parents will be aware of our excellent academic performance last year - representing the 3rd consecutive year of improvements. The success of our Sixth Form has resulted in a 24% increase in applications for the September 2018 Year 12 cohort and we are currently interviewing all of our internal and external applicants.

If parents have any queries about the process, please contact Mr Damien Keane (Head of Sixth Form) d.keane@wollaston-school.net. In some circumstances, we may be able to consider late applications; again, Mr Keane is the contact if you would like further information.

Sporting Success

Good news from our KS3 rugby teams. Both teams attended a tournament, which resulted in Year 7 coming 2nd and Year 8 coming 1st in their respective age groups. Both teams have now qualified for the County Cup Finals. Congratulations to all and to Mr Bradbury for leading the team to success.

Year 10 Parents' Evening- Thursday 1st February 2018

Subject Leaders are available to meet with parents of Year 10 students on Thursday 1st February 2018 from 3:45pm to 7:45pm. Appointments can be booked through the Insight system. We do encourage students to attend with their parents to enable a meaningful conversation regarding achievements to date and any targets for improvement. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

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 a long, sweeping tail on the 't'.

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher