



26th January 2017

Dear parents and carers,

Term Dates 2018/19

We have now finalised the dates of teacher training days for the 2018 19 academic year. Full details can be found on our school website, and the key dates are outlined below:

Autumn Term

- First day of autumn term: Thursday, 6th September 2018
- Half term holiday: Week commencing Monday, 22nd October 2018
- Final day of autumn term: Wednesday, 19th December 2018

Spring Term

- First day of the spring term: Monday, 7th January 2019
- Half term holiday: Week commencing Monday, 18th February 2019
- Final day of spring term: Thursday, 4th April 2019

Summer Term

- First day of summer term: Tuesday, 23rd April 2019
- half term holiday: Week commencing Monday 27th May 2019
- Final day of summer term: Wednesday, 24th July 2019

Teacher training days (School closed to students)

- Tuesday, 4th September 2018
- Wednesday, 5th September 2018
- Thursday, 3rd January 2019
- Friday, 4th January 2019
- Friday, 5th April 2019

Sixth Form Public Services Outdoor Education Weekend

A group of intrepid students from the Year 12 and Year 13 BTEC Public Services group will spend the weekend at Rock UK, braving the January weather to undertake an outdoor education module as part of their studies. This will involve a wide range of activities both on and off the water. Students will be set challenges in canoeing, kayaking, a physical training element and team building activities. We hope that the weather treats the students and staff involved kindly and we will post photographs on the website on their return.

Year 7 & Year 8 Number Day

On Friday 2nd February 2018, our Year 7 and Year 8 students will be taking part in a numeracy challenge organised by the Mathematics department. Students can enter the quiz, either individually or as a group; a range of questions are set and the answers that they must find are pinned to individual teachers! Form tutors will be busy briefing students early next week and we look forward to an active and successful day. Thank you to Mrs Dawes for organising the event and to all of the staff and students who will be taking part.

World Holocaust Day

Following our tour of Remembrance to Auschwitz, our holocaust ambassadors have been leading assemblies with all year groups to commemorate World Holocaust Day 2018. The purpose of the day is to serve as a Commemoration of remembrance to the victims of the holocaust. During assemblies, students have been invited to place a stone to remember all of the victims.

“Education and remembrance are the only cures for hatred and bigotry” – Miriam Oster

Working at Wollaston

It is during this term that we undertake most of our recruitment activities for the next academic year. In addition to advertising both locally and nationally for certain positions, we always post vacancies on our school website as we are fortunate to employ a number of staff who have personal connections with Wollaston and the surrounding areas.

Currently we are recruiting for teachers in Maths and Science, and there are also opportunities to join our dedicated support staff team. We are currently recruiting for a PE Technician and invigilators for public examinations. For more details, please see our website:

<http://www.wollastonschool.com/about/vacancies/>

Headteacher commendations for excellent work

I continue to be both impressed and inspired by the excellent work that our students produce in lessons, homework and as independent learning. It is a great pleasure to reward students on a weekly basis through the Headteacher Commendations. Teachers in all subject areas nominate individual students whose work they feel shows evidence of excellent levels of effort and progress. In addition to receiving a letter of commendation, students work is also displayed in my office and a selection of work nominated during this academic year can be seen on the school website.

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,



Mr James Birkett
Headteacher