



27th April 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Robot Success at Cambridge University

On 21st April, a team of 5 students from Wollaston School competed at Cambridge University's computer laboratories in a prestigious competition known as "Pi Wars". Students in Years 10 - 13 had to build a robot using a Raspberry Pi and compete in a variety of challenges. Overseeing the process and evaluating technical skills was Dr Lucy Rogers, who is the head judge on the Robot Wars television programme.

In a field comprising of teams from secondary and independent schools from around the country, and a number of international teams from Turkey, Malaysia and Hong Kong, I am delighted to announce that Wollaston School placed 8th out of a total of 29 teams - an incredible achievement! Congratulations to Sam, Adam, Sam, Nathaniel and Natasha for all of their success and to Mr Foster for organising. Further information can be found on the website.

Team Maths Challenge 2018

Talented mathematicians from around the county descended on Caroline Chisholm School to compete in the team Maths Challenge event. Mr Walton was full of praise for the Wollaston team who demonstrated a fantastic attitude and spirit throughout the day-as well as considerable mathematics expertise! The standard was incredibly high and Wollaston School finished an excellent 5th out of 22 teams. Well done to Samuel, Jessica, Sophie and Ethan-and Mr Walton for leading the team. A photograph can be found on the school website.

Duke of Edinburgh expedition

Our D of E coordinator, Mr Knight, returned from the weekend expedition full of praise for our students, thirty-one of whom completed the expedition successfully, a rise from the previous year. The planning of our students was excellent and their effort levels were a credit to Wollaston School. We even managed to pick the best weekend of the year so far to complete the expedition! Congratulations to all involved.

Rock Challenge 2018

The incredible Wollaston School Rock Challenge Team travelled to Portsmouth on Thursday to compete in the final of Rock Challenge, after qualifying from the regional heat in High Wycombe.

Our 100 strong team of performers and technical crew once again performed with skill, passion and incredible cohesion and creativity. I'm pleased to announce that we finished 3rd, in the process winning awards for Performance Skill, Drama, Entertainment, Video Performance, Excellence for Stage Use, Excellence for Lighting, Choreography, Concept and Performer's Choice.

Huge congratulations to all concerned and to students, staff, parents and families for their exceptional support. A tired, but incredibly proud Performing Arts Faculty returned at 2:00am this morning, ready for another day of creativity at Wollaston!

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,

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