



6th July 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Wollafest 2018

Congratulations to all students and staff for a truly inspirational festival of Performing Arts on Wednesday and Thursday evening. The scale, variety and quality of the events on offer was wonderful and an incredible testament to the talents and enthusiasm of so many members of our school community. From individual musical performances, to ensemble dance and drama pieces, there was something for everyone and our audiences were incredibly appreciative of the entire event. The school site was transformed into a summer festival venue, featuring indoor and outdoor performance spaces, a barbecue area, circus skills zone, a bouncy castle and an outdoor stage for the headline act - our BTEC Music band.

There are far too many people to thank than I could ever hope to do so individually, so I would just like to recognise the incredible contribution that everyone made to ensure that Wollafest 2018 was such a success. From performers, to stage crew, to the organisational and production side of events, this was a great example of the collaborative ethos of the school and just goes to show what can happen when talented students and staff put their creative minds together to a common purpose. Feedback from parents and audience members (some of whom were local residents who had simply heard about our excellent Performing Arts provision) was universally positive and we are already considering whether Wollafest can become a regular part of the school calendar!

Head Students 2018-19

I am delighted to announce that after a demanding and rigorous recruitment process, the Head Students for the forthcoming academic year are as follows:

- **Head Boy** - Sean Bromilow
- **Head Girl** - Phoebe Leighton
- **Deputy Head Boy** - Morgan Skett
- **Deputy Head Girl** - Ella Jennings

On appointment, our students said, *'We are all excited and motivated to see what we can bring to Wollaston Sixth Form in our senior roles. We hope we can also have a positive impact on Wollaston School as role models and are proud to represent our school'*.

Our Head Students have already fulfilled a number of important functions this week including; Meeting Year 6 students, co-hosting the new Year 12 Induction Day and discussing Sixth Form life with students and parents from Year 10. An incredible start to their leadership roles and we have a formidable team for the forthcoming academic year. Congratulations to all students who applied for these roles and to all of our sixth formers who have secured a wide range of leadership positions for the forthcoming year. Our Sixth Form are increasingly active as leaders throughout the school and take on areas of responsibility such as Subject Ambassadors, House Captains, Year 6 Ambassadors and Learning Support roles for students in other years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you and pay tribute to the outgoing Head Students, **Joe Lancaster, Beth Eady, Lily Woods and Jonathan Lidbetter**, who have represented Wollaston School with great purpose, passion and maturity. Thanks also to all of the Year 13 Student Leadership Team who have worked both creatively and tirelessly to ensure that our Sixth Form, and indeed the whole school, is a community filled with positivity, collaboration and the quest for excellence in all that we do.

Year 9/10 Sports Day 2018

This Wednesday saw Years 9 and 10, as the latest year groups to enjoy such wonderful Summer weather on the occasion of their Sports Day. As with the Key Stage 3 event, the focus was both on participation for every student, as well as celebrating our elite athletes. Students seem to have enjoyed the format of the day and we are delighted with the enthusiasm, commitment and support shown by our Year 9 and 10 cohort. Thank you to all who had a role in making this such a success, including PE staff and Sixth Formers who gave up their time to run such a complex event, with such an enthusiastic and celebratory ethos.

Wollaston School Cricket Team

An incredible performance from our Year 10 cricket team (which actually also features a wonderful Year 7 cricketer) saw them reach the County Cup Final this week. The team were exceptional with both bat and ball, and managed to defeat a strong team from Bishop Stopford School to earn them the place in the final. Thanks to Mr Bevan for leading the cricketers to such success and we look forward to hearing news of how Wollaston get on in the final.

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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