



21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed another excellent week out Wollaston School and continued thanks for your support in ensuring such high levels of student attendance, smartly worn school uniform and completion of homework tasks. We do not underestimate the hard work and effort the parents put into helping their children excel at school, and our successes can be attributed to this collaborative approach.

### **Homework**

The completion of homework is a crucial part of ensuring effective learning. We aim for homework tasks to be meaningful in either pre-learning material, reinforcing content, or as independent or project work, designed to deepen and enrich understanding of the curriculum.

The vast majority of students complete homework on time and to the best of their ability, and we have enjoyed particularly high standards of completion of work since the start of this academic year.

The Year 11 cohort have made a particularly strong start and are clearly already focused on achieving exceptional results in the summer of 2019! We thank parents for the ongoing support with ensuring that students have some dedicated time and space to complete homework.

I would also like to make a particular appeal to parents and students in the Sixth Form to ensure that they maintain this focus on work outside of lessons. We absolutely want our Year 12 & Year 13 students to be independent, but we also know that they benefit from regular monitoring from home and school to ensure that their good habits are maintained.

### **German Exchange**

We will welcome a number of students and teachers from Germany into Wollaston School next week as part of a highly successful and long established exchange programme. The students and their teachers will spend some time in Wollaston School, as well as visiting the local area. We look forward to giving them a warm welcome next week and we will update the website with photographs and news from the visit next Friday.

### **Open Evening 2018**

A final reminder that our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students and their parents will take place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. As in previous years, this is likely to be an incredibly popular event and the site will be very busy on the evening. We are incredibly grateful to all of the students who are helping on the night as tour guides, speakers or showcasing their work in faculties. Our students are what makes Wollaston so special and we look forward to showing off our school to the next generation of students next week.

### **Year 7 Update**

Pupils will be aware that all students in Year 7 have undertaken their CATs test during this week. These are a set of assessments which are used diagnostically and do not require any preparation. The CATs tests are designed to assess skills and aptitudes and are used to allow staff to gain insight into

particular areas of strength, as well as identifying any areas in which support may be needed. Our Year 7 students conducted themselves immaculately throughout the process and are already displaying the positive approach to learning which we value Wollaston School.

Thank you also, to all parents who attended the residential trip information evening. We attracted a bumper audience in the Main Hall and we sincerely thank you for your support and engagement.

Thank you as always for your support Wollaston School. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email on [office@wollaston-school.net](mailto: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, looped initial 'J'.

**Mr James Birkett**  
**Headteacher**