



9th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Remembrance at Wollaston School

During this week we have provided opportunities for the school community to remember the sacrifices made by so many in war and conflict. 2018 also has an added poignancy as the centenary of the end of World War I. Mr Foster and two of our sixth form students Jake Dunkley and Sam Briggs led a series of assemblies, reflecting on their recent school trip to the World War I battlefields. During the trip, the students made specific visits to war graves for soldiers from our local community and learned about their individual stories.

Stories of soldiers from Wollaston were shared with all students through the remembrance assemblies this week, with the aim of remembering specific, local individuals (some not much older than our sixth formers) as well as the enormity of the sacrifice made by so many. Our remembrance concluded with a one-minute silence on Friday, which took place after the last post was played by one of our music students.

*“They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”.*

For the Fallen - Laurence Binyan

Year 11 Parents’ Evening

Thank you to all Year 11 students and parents who attended our subject consultation evening on Thursday. This proved a highly positive event, with teachers, parents and students reporting on positive dialogues regarding the actions needed to achieve success in this most important of years.

We encourage all students, and particularly our exam year cohorts, to work with great purpose - but little pressure. Success in examinations is dependent on hard work week by week, both at home and in lessons. It is this approach that we have adopted with students and we are grateful to parents for the crucial role they can play in supporting their children with this consistent effort in the months ahead.

If you have any questions regarding specific subjects, please contact the relevant teacher. For more general enquiries, the year team contact details are listed below:

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Year 11 Netball Team

Although our Year 11 team did not come back from Kettering as County Winners, all members of the team played exceptionally well. Mrs Read and the team represented Wollaston School with the usual high standards of conduct, positive sporting behaviour and enjoyment of competition. Emily Sierra-Pendergrast captained the team and congratulations to Alana Wright for being awarded 'Player of the Tournament'. This is an end of an era for our Year 11 netball team, as the tournament marks their final competitive fixture.

Congratulations to all students and staff who have represented this team and the year group since they began as the Year 7 netball team of 2014!

Donation of antique books at Wollaston School

We are immensely grateful for the donation of the two volume set of 'The History and Antiquities of the County of Northamptonshire', which was written in 1791. The two weighty volumes chart the history of the County through lists, text and diagrams.

We are enormously grateful for the donation from Mr Keith Lovell, who has kindly given the two books to Wollaston School. Mr Lovell wishes that these books are available for students to see, leafed through and touched, as artefacts of living history. He chose to donate them to our school in order that they could be used, rather than displayed in a glass case or stored in a private library. We will shortly be announcing a suitable location for the two volumes and will notify parents and students once they are on display. Thank you again to Mr Lovell for this generous donation to Wollaston School.

Thank you as always for your support of 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.

Yours sincerely,



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