



7th December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all who attended our 2018 Sixth Form Open Evening. It is always a great pleasure to introduce our excellent and comprehensive Post-16 provision, both to existing students and those looking to join Wollaston from other local schools. We are enormously proud of our varied academic curriculum and prospective students enjoyed the opportunity to discuss qualifications with subject and faculty staff. The deadline for student applications is **Friday 11th January 2019** and if you were unable to attend the evening, a prospectus and tours of the school are available from Mr Mills, Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form, t.mills@wollaston-school.net.

The Diana Anti-Bullying Award

In addition to our excellent academic provision, we are also rightly proud of our staff and students' commitment to pastoral care and creating a positive and trusting school community. We enjoyed a highly successful day with staff and students from five local schools, training for The Diana Award - specifically on promoting an anti-bullying message for all young people. Deputy Headteacher, Mr Beeby, who leads this area of the schools work commented, "This is the start of something really exciting as we look to promote the anti-bullying message; students in Years 7, 11 and 12 have actively participated with their peers and other schools and are now trained anti-bullying ambassadors".

Anti-bullying ambassadors are central to the success of this programme and one of Wollaston's participants said "this is awesome, when can we start?". The anti-bullying ambassadors will now work with the Head of Year 7, Mr Rees, and Deputy Headteacher, Mr Beeby, to develop a pilot strategy that will be launched in the summer term, specifically focused on the transition of Year 6 students into Year 7.

STEM Ambassador Visit

On Monday of this week, we had a STEM ambassador speak to students. Mr Neil MacMillan who works for Nissan, came in and spoke to some Science and Engineering students about his role as a design engineer for Nissan and how he came to have this career. Neil also shared with the students, information about career opportunities at Nissan. Thank you to Dr Sheldrick for organising this for our students.

Celebrating Sporting Success

We continue to enjoy wide participation in a range of sporting fixtures and events. Congratulations to our Year 7 Basketball Team who have been crowned District Champions!

We are also extremely proud of our Year 10 Football Team who have made it through to the quarter-finals of the County Cup. The team have been praised by Mr Bevan for the neat, free-flowing football and we look forward to seeing how they progress in the next round.

Congratulations to all involved and to the PE staff for organising the events.

School Shop

We are pleased to announce that the school shop is now open in the Learning Resource Centre. This is a new facility for Wollaston School and it has been developed by the School Council in collaboration with Miss Stone, Mr Taylor and Miss Henning. The shop sells a range of school equipment and stationery, is staffed by members of the School Council and all proceeds will go back into purchasing further stock.

German Speakers Required

A slightly unusual plea! Our Modern Foreign Languages faculty work with the British Council to source native French and German speakers to work as language assistants, conversing with students in lessons and in preparation for exams. However, from January we have not been allocated a German Assistant and we are now seeking a German speaker to work in our faculty. No knowledge of exam specifications is required and hours can be totally flexible. The crucial criteria is verbal fluency in German. If you know of anyone at all who could be suitable, please email i.nixon@wollaston-school.net. We would love to hear from you!

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Birkett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher