



1st February 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Despite the winter weather, there has been much to celebrate at Wollaston School over the last week and we are hoping for warmer weather on the way!

40 Years Service

On Thursday evening, staff gathered to host a very special tea party in honour of Mrs Maggie Heddon and to wish her very happy retirement. Maggie has served Wollaston School as a valued member of the support team over five different decades. She began work in the late 1970's and retires in 2019 with the very best wishes of all of her friends at Wollaston.

On behalf of staff, students, past and present - thank you for your exceptional service Maggie and enjoy your retirement!

Holocaust Ambassadors

Students who attended the 2018 tour of remembrance to Auschwitz during December, shared their experiences with all year groups in assemblies as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day 2019. The students shared their personal reflections in their role as ambassadors for remembrance, and helped the entire school community understand why it is so important that we learn from and remember such terrible events. The theme of the assembly was 'Torn from home' and their messages were written independently and from the heart.

"Those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it"

George Santayana

Careers Events for Sixth Form Students

Mr Myers and the Sixth Form Team arrange a number of events for students to aide informed decisions regarding life after A-Level and BTEC study. For many this may be university – however, a number of students are also keen to learn more about apprenticeship opportunities. To this end, we have secured special invitations to the following events:

- **7th February 2019** - Wellingborough School
Apprenticeship Fair – 6:00pm -7:30pm
- **12th March 2019** - Milton Keynes Arena
National Apprenticeship Fair – 4:00pm – 6:00pm (for both students & parents)
- **21st March 2019** - Kettering Buccleuch Academy
Careers Fair – 6:00pm – 8:30pm

If students are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Jefferies in the Sixth Form Centre or by email on j.jefferies@wollaston-school.net.

Star Performances in Oliver!

Lionel Bart's legendary masterpiece 'Oliver!' is being performed at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough from 12th – 16th February 2019. The show is brought to the stage by Theatreworkz and stars a number of Wollaston School students, as well as a member of staff. All the very best to all who are performing and tickets can be purchased from www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre.

Interested in training to be a teacher?

As a school with a great reputation for excellent teaching and learning, we are proud to support a number of trainee teachers each year to gain the teaching qualifications and enter this most rewarding of professions. If you have a degree qualification (or are currently completing your degree) and would be interested in learning more about training to be a teacher, either at Wollaston School or at one of our partner schools, please contact Mrs Nixon, l.nixon@wollaston-school.net, in the first instance.

We work with a number of training providers and can suggest appropriate routes towards a teaching qualification. Many of our wonderful teaching staff either trained at Wollaston, or began their careers as newly qualified teachers here, and we are proud to support the development of the next generation of teaching staff.

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,



Mr James Birkett
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