



22th March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Arts Success

Congratulations to Ella Gurr in Year 13 for her incredible achievements in the Northamptonshire Art & Design Awards, which recognise exceptional achievement in the visual arts and design, run by the University of Northampton. Ella beat students from a range of independent and state schools across the county, to win the best drawing award. Ella wins a trophy and £500, in addition to securing £500 for the school's Art & Design faculty and a trophy to be displayed here.

Full details and photographs can be found on the school website. Congratulations to Ella and my thanks to Mrs Hawkins and the Art & Design faculty for their support.

Challenge Partners

We were delighted to welcome our six visitors into school as part of our Challenge Partners Review which I described in last week's letter. The team visited a range of lessons and assemblies, as well as meeting with students and members of staff to learn more about our school. The lead reviewer has asked me to pass on her thanks to the entire school community for making them feel so welcome.

They were warmly welcomed by all and found Wollaston School to be a great school, with a clear vision of how to provide an excellent education for our students. The team were full of praise for our collaborative approach and the way in which staff and students work together in a creative and dynamic way, in both lessons and within the wider curriculum.

It was wonderful to hear such feedback, and we look forward to receiving further written feedback and their suggestions for further improvement in due course.

Help with GCSE/A-level Examinations

We have an expert and well trained team of invigilators here at Wollaston School, who administer external examinations on behalf the school. We also have a requirement for a number of 'scribes' who support students with additional needs during their examinations. The role of the scribe is to write down responses to exam questions or essays as students dictate these to them. Students have to be given specific dispensation from the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) in order to qualify for this arrangement.

For the 2019 GCSE and A-level exam series, we are in need of additional temporary staff to support students as a 'scribe' in their examinations. This is a paid role, and all essential training is provided. Hours can be incredibly flexible, agreed in advance and can vary between a couple of days commitment, to a couple of weeks during the exam series in May and June.

All that is required is a reasonable standard of spelling and literacy, and at least a couple of days spare during May and early June. This post would also be subject to an enhanced DBS check which the school organise and provide.

If you would be interested in helping finding out more-please contact l.nixon@wollaston-school.net for further details.

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' and 'B'.

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher