



4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear parents and carers,

## **Rock Challenge 2019**

Congratulations to our Performing Arts Faculty for an incredible victory at the Rock Challenge Festival in Stevenage on Tuesday evening. The Wollaston entry is entitled 'One Every Two Seconds' and features over 100 cast and crew in a genuinely spectacular performance.

We were successful in winning the overall competition, but also winning in every single category that was voted on. The piece won Certificates of Excellence in:

- Performance Skill
- Costuming Character
- Choreography
- Soundtrack
- Entertainment
- Stage Use
- Concept
- Drama
- Set Design and Function
- Stage Crew
- Lighting
- Visual Enhancement

A full write up and photographs can be found on the school website. Congratulations again to all of the students, staff and volunteers involved and the best of luck as 'One Every Two Seconds' moves on to compete in the finals in Portsmouth on 25<sup>th</sup> April!

## **Reward Assemblies**

It was inspiring to see so many students rewarded for their efforts and achievements during the end of term assemblies today. These events capture what it means to be a member of the Wollaston School Community and in all year groups; it was wonderful to see every student supportive of their year group in celebrating success. Deputy Headteacher Mr Beeby who leads the rewards assemblies concluded: "The reward assemblies always end the term in a really positive way. Today we rewarded over 60% of our students with attendance, effort, subject and year group awards."

## **Forthcoming Events – Summer Term 2019**

As we conclude the Spring Term, we look forward to the Summer Term, which of course in a secondary school means GCSE; BTEC and A-Level examinations become the focus for students in Years 11 and 13. For the rest of the school, we will also be working towards final examinations and assessments in every year group to ensure that students and parents have an accurate picture of where they are in terms of progress in every subject, across the curriculum.

The Summer Term also brings a number of bespoke educational experiences for our students including a focus on personal social and health education through our Personal Development Days as well as the 'We Will Rock You' musical production! A reminder also, that the Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 with further details to follow. This will allow Year 7 students and their teachers to discuss progress with individual subject teachers.

An exciting term to look forward to when we return on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. In the meantime, I hope that students and staff enjoy a restful and refreshing Easter break.

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**