



17th May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It seems difficult to believe that we are already approaching the final week of this half term - a reminder that school closes on Friday, 24th May 2019 and will re-open on Monday, 3rd June 2019.

National Testing & Examinations

This has been an incredibly busy week of testing and examinations. As the Nene Valley Partnership is now operating as a primary and secondary Multi-Academy Trust, this has meant tests for students in Year 6 as well as exams in Years 11, 12 and 13.

The SATs are now concluded in our partner primary schools, and I am sure that staff and students are looking forward to the rest of the term and receiving the results in July.

For our GCSE, BTEC and A-Level students, there are a few more weeks to go - and a reminder to parents of the dates of the results days in August:

- **A-Level Results Day** – Thursday 15th August 2019
- **GCSE Results Day** – Thursday 22nd August 2019

Arrangements regarding timings and details will be published nearer the time. Although the vast majority of students attend on the day, we do post out results to all individuals when they are not collected.

Year 11 & Year 13 Leavers Days

Public examinations of course mean the formal conclusion of some students' educational journey at Wollaston School.

Year 13 formally leave on Friday, 24th May 2019. Although teachers will be available to support with examination preparation during lesson time, this marks for many, the conclusion of seven years at Wollaston. The Sixth Form team will lead a special assembly in the afternoon and will mark what will be both a celebratory and emotional moment!

Year 11 Leavers' Day is on Friday, 14th June 2019 and will be similarly celebrated with special events for our students. Although most will return for the Sixth Form, it is nevertheless an opportunity to say farewell to those leaving us for pastures new, and a chance to enjoy being together for one final time.

In addition to the in-school leavers' events, there are also the Sixth Form Ball and Year 11 Prom for students to look forward to once all examinations have been completed! We will of course publicise photographs and reports from all events on the school website.

BTEC Music Improvisation Workshop

Our Year 13 BTEC Music students benefited from a session with Max Milligan - working on a range of

blues, jazz and improvisation techniques. Max is an experienced session musician, as well as a senior examiner and tutor at the London College of Music and the Guitar Institute. Anyone who has heard our students play live will already be aware of their impressive abilities and of course the opportunity to develop their skills further under the tutelage of such a well renowned guitarist was enthusiastically greeted!

Congratulations to all involved and thank you to Max and Mr Rees for organising the workshop.

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
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