



24th May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Year 13 Leavers Day

The vast majority of our Year 13 cohort joined us as Year 7 students in September 2012, a time when Gangnam Style was number one, the London Olympics had just finished - and no one had even heard of the word Brexit!

During their final assembly, they were able to reflect on their own personal journey throughout their seven years at Wollaston School. One of the great rewards of secondary education is seeing students' progress throughout their school years, from enthusiastic 11-year-olds, to independent (and still enthusiastic) young adults - ready to make their mark on the world.

We are exceptionally proud of our Year 13 cohort and wish them every success in the future. We look forward to hearing of their continued achievements, both in examinations, at university, in their chosen careers or apprenticeships and indeed in later life. Many students from our Sixth Form remain in contact with the school - some even returning as members of staff! So we look forward to following the post-Wollaston adventures and accomplishments of our Year 13 cohort of 2019.

Careers Education at Wollaston

Mr Myers is our Careers Leader and we run a vibrant range of Careers Education events in a variety of fields across all year groups. Recent successes to celebrate include four students from Wollaston School securing a place on the Engineering Development Trust's routes into STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths) programme. This was especially competitive with 50 students from across the region competing for 10 places. With Wollaston School students securing 4 of those 10 places, this represents a considerable achievement. They will experience a three day programme including working with local companies, Tresham College, The University of Northampton and Costain Gailford Try.

We also have a number of students attending a Performing Arts Careers event in Northampton this Saturday.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 students - the overwhelming majority of whom have successfully secured places for the next stage of their education or training. We know that our students perform incredibly well at interviews for our Sixth Form, as well as in external interviews for college courses or apprenticeships. They are an absolute credit to themselves and wonderful ambassadors for the school. Congratulations to all.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that we will once again be providing individual careers advice and guidance through an expert careers adviser employed directly by Wollaston School. Local Authority provision for this ceased in 2018, however, we deem this as being of crucial importance to students, so have commissioned this service independently.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Amber Gallacher in Year 7, whose accomplishments in Gymnastics is going from

strength to strength. Not only is Amber the U12 County Champion, but this year she has been competing at the age group above her own, where she continues to be placed in the medals across all apparatus. We wish Amber continued success and full details can be found on our website.

Year 10 Mock Examination Results on Go4Schools

The Year 10 mock examination results are now available for students and parents to view on Go4Schools. These results will provide an opportunity to see how your child has progressed and areas that they need to focus on in the coming months. Please contact the Year Team if you have any specific queries in relation to these results.

I hope that all students, staff and families enjoy some time together over half term - whatever the weather! We look forward to beginning the final half term of the year on Monday, 3rd June 2019.

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