



14th June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Farewell to Year 11 of 2019

We enjoyed a rewarding and emotional send-off to our GCSE class of 2019 with a range of activities on Friday. Students began the day with what for many was their final GCSE examination (Physics). Following this, students were able to enjoy their time together, sign their school shirts (a long standing Wollaston tradition) and then enjoy final assembly hosted by Mr Jackson, alongside Mrs Hobson, their Heads of Year. Staff and students recalled many memories of an incredible five years together, and a real sense of pride emerged regarding what has been achieved by each individual, and collectively as a year group.

Our Year 11 students have approached their GCSE's and indeed their time Wollaston School with maturity, focus and determination. We will see all of our students at the GCSE results day in August and look forward to most of the cohort joining us in September as members of the Sixth Form.

In the meantime, we hope that our Year 11 students enjoy a refreshing and relaxing summer break. We are proud of every individual and thank you for playing such a positive part in Wollaston School's history. A reminder that the GCSE results day is on Thursday, 22nd August 2019 at 9.00am.

Wet Weather

We are used to basking in brilliant sunshine at this time of year, so inclement weather has certainly been an unwelcome visitor. This has led to a number of challenges, as we seek to supervise students indoors away from the rain during breaks and lunchtime. We also have a flat roof which is leaking, which whilst presenting no danger, has led to us needing to close one of our Design Technology classrooms. The maintenance of school estates is of course a 'national issue'. However, as a new academy we are now able to apply to the DfE for some emergency funding to enable repairs at the earliest opportunity.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am sure that our intrepid Duke of Edinburgh team will be coping with the weather as they head off on the Bronze Expedition this weekend. Thank you to Mr Knight and Mrs Aitken for organising and we hope you manage to stay dry throughout!

Student Fundraising

Congratulations to Finlay Austin in Year 8 who completed a coast-to-coast bike ride during the half term break. This saw him cycle from Whitehaven in Lake District to Sunderland on the east coast. The route was across both the peaks of the Lake District and the Pennines and Finlay covered between 50 and 80 km every day. He has raised over £3,700 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust! Many congratulations on this achievement Finlay.

We are of course always pleased to celebrate student achievements in a range of fields, so if you would like to make us aware of exceptional student achievements for publicising, please contact

L.Nixon@Wollaston-school.net and we would be delighted to share the efforts and successes of our students.

Job Vacancies within the Nene Valley Partnership

The following vacancies are currently being advertised across the Multi-Academy Trust. Please visit the respective websites for more information about the posts and how to apply.

- **Clerk to Governors** – [Irchester Community Primary School](#)
- **Exams & Data Manager** – [Wollaston School](#)
- **Temporary Teacher of Girls PE** – [Wollaston School](#)

Thank you, as always for your support and cooperation in these matters and 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,



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