



21st June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Transition Arrangements

We were pleased to welcome to Wollaston this week, a number of Year 6 students who will begin their school careers with us in September. These orientation visits for nominated students are the next steps in our transition process as we prepare to welcome our entire Year 7 of September 2019 on the 1st and 2nd of July.

Our Year 12 induction days will be held on the 4th and 5th July 2019 and we will welcome back all of our returning Year 11 students, in addition to a number of external applicants who will join our Sixth Form from other schools in the area.

New Staff at Wollaston

Before the close of the year, I will formally write to recognise those staff who are leaving Wollaston School at the end of the year, and to warmly welcome the new staff who will be joining us. Although teacher recruitment is a significant challenge nationally, we are incredibly fortunate that Wollaston School attracts strong fields when we advertise for both teaching and support staff. This enables us to ensure that our students benefit from expert teaching and learning, whilst ensuring that we remain able to make the most of new ideas and innovative practice.

Our new teaching staff will join us for the day 26th June for their 'Welcome to Wollaston' and we look forward to working with them in the weeks and years ahead as part of our wonderful school community.

Personal Development Days 2019

On Thursday and Friday next week, students will enjoy two days of development sessions, specifically tailored for each year group. This is an annual programme in which our usual timetable is suspended across the school and education focuses on personal, social and health education. Alongside our commitment to academic success for every individual, we also fully believe in the importance of a curriculum which allows students to explore our society and the wider world, as well as considering their own role as an individual within this and the power that we all have to make a positive difference to the lives of others around us.

We will of course celebrate the successes from these days once they are complete.

STEM Careers Events

You may recall that we were successful in securing a number of places on the Engineering Development Trust's prestigious routes into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers event. We are pleased to say that our students achieved exceptionally well on the programme and engaged fully with both the industrial and university led aspects of the programme. Students commented *"The course was fantastic, I really enjoyed it. I gained great advice about my career pathway from the event and it opened my eyes to the career routes available in STEM"*.

As a result of the success of this programme the Engineering Development Trust are already planning a Northampton event for next year and are keen to welcome applications from students from Wollaston School. Further details to follow and Mr Myers will disseminate more information about this. We look forward to similar success next year!

Golf Leaders

Congratulations to all of our students who led on the two separate golf events over the last week. Our Year 8 and Year 9 Sports Leaders hosted a primary school golf day for over 200 students from our partner schools. The day was a great success (and was mercifully blessed with good weather). Our Sports Leaders were excellent in both the organisational and coaching aspects of their role.

We also had six students in Year 12 work with First for Wellbeing on a tri-golf festival for children with special educational needs at Brampton Heath Golf Club. Our students were praised for their enthusiasm and knowledge, as well as being incredibly engaged and encouraging to the children that they worked with. The organisers have written to the school to praise their hard work and effort and the extent to which Wollaston School students played a significant role in the festival throughout.

Congratulations and thank you to all involved and Mr Roberts, Mr Jackson and Miss Meekcom for organising.

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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