



7th June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year - which I'm sure will be filled with positivity and industry as we complete 2018-19 and begin looking forward to the following academic year.

Upcoming Events

Year 11 Leavers' Day is only one week away and this also marks the conclusion of the formal written examinations for most of our Year 11 cohort. On 14th June, all students have an examination in the morning, and the afternoon will feature a formal assembly and a social opportunity to say farewell to Year 11 and enjoy being together as a complete year group for one final time.

Personal Development Days will take place on the 27th and 28th June for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and Year 12. These are days in which students have the opportunity to explore the world around them and their own place within society, both now and in the future. There is a bespoke programme for students in each year group and we look forward to publicising full details of these exciting days in due course.

Induction Days - We are in the final stages of planning our Induction Days as we prepare for the 2019-2020 academic year. We will welcome current Year 6 students into Wollaston on the 1st and 2nd July 2019.

For our Year 11 students who have been made offers for a place at Wollaston School Sixth Form - the 5th and 6th July 2019 are their dates of induction, and we have an exciting and challenging programme of events ready to inspire our new Year 12's as they begin their A-level and BTEC courses.

Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet

Congratulations to Matthew Brion, Jamie Blackadder and Edwin Cheng, all of whom danced in a professional production of Romeo and Juliet at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton last week. Appraisal of the quality of their performances has been exceptional and we are blessed to have such talented young people at our school. Matthew leaves Wollaston this year after completing his A-levels and will be selecting a dance school in London in which to continue his professional training. Jamie and Edwin will continue with their studies (including Dance!) at Wollaston School in Years 12 and 13 respectively.

Congratulations to all three students and to our Performing Arts faculty for their previous and ongoing support of our students, both within school and in the wider community.

Headteacher Visit from UAE

We were delighted to welcome Mr Kausor Amin-Ali this week to look around Wollaston School. Mr Amin-Ali is Principal of the Al Salam Community School in Dubai, and as part of our work with the Institute of Education in London, we have been benefiting from working with school leaders both nationally and internationally, in order to ensure that our work is always informed by the very best

practice.

Mr Amin-Ali was very impressed with Wollaston School and commented:

"As a former student of Wrenn School, I have fond memories of playing Rugby at Wollaston! I also completed a Year 12 work experience placement at Scott Bader and to this day, wear Dr Martens shoes in my role as a Headteacher in Dubai! Now more than 25 years later, visiting your school really gave me a sense of how special Wollaston is. The sense of mutual respect, purpose and care was everywhere. Credit to all the students, staff and parents in developing such an ethos.

Another lasting impression is the strong sense of community. This felt very special to me as a school leader but also as a parent. It was obvious students were thriving and enjoying their learning! I hope to visit more often and forge links with your school to remain inspired in all things educational."

Consideration of Local Residents

Thank you to all students and parents for the continued considerate parking when travelling to and from school. Your support in this is very much appreciated by the school and residents alike. I would also request that those walking to school (or to their lifts) are mindful of road safety and also avoid waiting on, or using residents' paths or driveways either as a waiting area on or as a shortcut when walking to and from 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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