



12th July 2019

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, there remains much to celebrate, and we have a busy calendar of events right up until the end of term on 24th July 2019.

An evening with Zigi Shipper

We were delighted to welcome Zigi back to Wollaston School to give his testimony as a Holocaust survivor and a survivor of the concentration camp of our Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The main hall was completely full with students, staff and members of the local community. Listening to Zigi is a truly life changing experience. His commitment to telling his story is in order that we remember the lessons from the past and ensure that we live our own lives, and build a society which is free from hatred.

Thank you to Mr Hopkins and to the array of staff who helped in organising this event. We are proud to be a beacon school for the Holocaust Education Trust and to learn from history how to make a better world for today and tomorrow.

Year 9 STEM Day & Teen Tech Trip

Two teams of Year 9 students recently enjoyed a busy day of activities at the regional STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) event at Bishop Stopford. The students built DNA models, as well as taking part in code breaking and archaeological map drawing challenges.

On Thursday of this week, a group of Year 8 students enjoyed a fun and informative day at Teen Tech. This involved hands on activities such as virtual reality, water tower building with Anglian Water, using a £20,000 Met Police camera, 3D printing with Cranfield University and code breaking with HMGCC. One of our teams won one of the best tech ideas in the Kindest Innovations category. Students also had a 16 year old Red Bull Racing apprentice working with them all day. Dr Sheldrick commented "*We had a great day yesterday at Teen Tech. It was amazing how many organisations were there for them to meet. When I asked the students what was their favourite part, several said all of it, as it was all fun!*"

Thank you to all who participated and to Dr Sheldrick for organising these events. Pictures can be found on our school website.

Trips and Visits

Our Year 12 Geographers are currently enjoying a productive trip to Cromer, completing their field work and we trust are enjoying the fine weather!

A wide range of trips, visits and activities are taking place over the next two weeks. Monday sees the departure of our Normandy residential trip, and on Tuesday, the inaugural expedition to Costa Rica departs for three weeks of charitable work and life enhancing visits.

In the final week of term, our Italy residential trip will depart, allowing students to experience Italian culture and visit a variety of historic sites.

More immediately, this weekend sees the Duke of Edinburgh expedition take place, as part of student overall assessment for this award. Good luck to all and we hope that the weather remains good for you all!

Dancing Success

A number of dancers from Wollaston have taken part in various festivals over the course of this year – and congratulations to Cole Dilley who has been selected to compete in the Under 21 Contemporary Solo category at the All England Dance Finals this summer.

Cole and Edwin Cheng (both members of our A-Level Dance cohort) have also successfully auditioned to be part of Sir Richards Alston's Inspired Project for 2019. This will include performances in Northampton in October 2019. Congratulations to both students, who were also on hand to perform to our new Year 7 cohort on induction days. We are fortunate to have such a thriving Performing Arts faculty at Wollaston and we work with so many students with such passion for this area of the curriculum. We look forward to more successes in 2019/20!

Nene Valley Partnership Key Stage 2 SATs Results

We are really pleased to share good news regarding our Nene Valley Partnership primary schools in the 2019 SATs results. Both Irchester Community Primary School and Bozeat Community Primary School have achieved very pleasing results. Our Year 6 students should be particularly proud of their achievements in Maths and writing, which are above national averages, especially as Maths had previously been identified as an area for improvement! This is really positive news for our new trust and congratulations to both schools, all of our Year 6 students, their teachers, the NVP Maths and Writing Development Leads and of course, Mrs Alison and Mrs Morton, our partner Headteachers!

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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