



5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear parents and carers,

## **Year 6 Induction Days**

It was a great pleasure to welcome our new Year 6 cohort to Wollaston School on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Our new students conducted themselves exceptionally well and participated in a range of exciting activities and sample lessons.

Heads of Year 7, Mr Jackson and Mrs Hobson commented *"All pupils fully embraced the two day experience which was fantastic to see! There was a real buzz of positive energy surrounding the transition days and as a year team we are really looking forward to the pupils returning in September"*.

## **Year 12 Induction Days**

Our new Year 12 cohort also engaged in 2 days of inspiring content in preparation for starting Sixth Form in September 2019. The first day was led by current Sixth Form students - the first time we have run the days in this way - and this was certainly a great success! Mr Tony Mills, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form commented *"it was great to see the new year group, they look like they are going to be a superb cohort as they have shown such a positive attitude to all of the activities. I'm really looking forward to working with them in September."*

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students into school in September and the Sixth Form success story continues with the 2019/20 academic year likely to see a significant increase in the number of students in our Sixth Form, including a record number of external applicants. This is particularly important as we are a school who believes in a generously broad curriculum and offers an incredible range of courses. These include Further Maths, A-level Languages, a full suite of A-levels in Science, Maths, English, Performing Arts, Social Science and Humanities subjects as well as PE, Design and new for 2019, Computer Science. In addition we also run a number of BTEC courses, including Sport, Business, Health & Social Care and Public Services.

Some of these courses do still have places open, so if there are any current Year 11 students who have not yet applied, please contact [t.mills@wollaston-school.net](mailto:t.mills@wollaston-school.net). There is a catch up session on 12<sup>th</sup> July for those who could not make this week's events and we would also welcome new applicants to this day.

## **Public Services Expedition**

Congratulations to our Sixth Form Public Services students who have braved blazing sunshine to complete an intensive trek around the local area. Testing teamwork, endurance and independence skills, students had to navigate a route around Northamptonshire with members of staff waiting at various checkpoints. Map reading is part of the key skills for this course and students had to hand in all smart phones before setting off. These were replaced with some 'retro' style emergency telephones which parents will remember, but our students regarded with some scepticism!

Congratulations to all and to the Public Services Team of Mr Beeby, Mr Bodicoat and Mr Jackson for their coordination of this expedition.

## **Year 10 Mock Examinations**

The final mock exams of the year for the GCSE 2020 cohort took place this week, with students in MFL and Food Technology completing the oral exam and food practical exams retrospectively. These allowed students to experience the assessment conditions they will enjoy next year. Reports from staff were very positive and we are confident that we have a Year 10 group ready for considerable success next year.

## **Nene Valley Partnership Trustees Day**

It was a privilege to accompany the trustees of our new partnership on visits to all three schools today. We were joined by governors and members of the Senior Leadership Team at Bozeat Community Primary School, Irchester Community Primary School and Wollaston School for tours of each school and the opportunity to meet staff and students.

As a new trust, built on the principle of providing excellence in education to our local community, it was wonderful to see the positivity, commitment and passion of staff, students and governors of our new Multi-Academy Trust.

Chair of the Nene Valley Partnership, Mrs Claire Hicks said *“Our trust aims to provide an excellent education, which delivers great outcomes for every child in every one of our schools. It is evident that in all three schools, our children benefit from a broad curriculum delivered by knowledgeable and dedicated staff. There is a shared sense of excitement from children, staff, governors and trustees alike about what we can achieve by working in partnership. We look forward to working with all students in our local community to make excellence in education a reality”*.

## **REMINDER - An Evening with Zigi Shipper – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 6.30pm**

Just a reminder that on Monday evening, we are delighted to once again welcome Zigi Shipper to Wollaston to give testimony to his experiences as a holocaust Survivor. Zigi’s story is one not to be missed, and is a most magnificent tale of survival that you may ever be fortunate enough to hear.

The event is free to students, staff, parents and members of the public. No tickets are required, simply make your way to the Main Hall at Wollaston School for 6.00pm. Please email [s.hopkins@wollaston-school.net](mailto:s.hopkins@wollaston-school.net) for any further information.

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](mailto:office@wollaston-school.net).

Yours sincerely,



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