



27th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Open Evening 2019

We enjoyed a hugely successful open evening last night, with over 1000 visitors! Thank you to the hundreds of students who volunteered on the evening, keen to demonstrate just what a positive, ambitious and friendly school community we enjoy.

Feedback from families has been wonderful and as always when we host visitors, seeing our school through the eyes of others, really demonstrates the pride we all feel to be a part of Wollaston School. Thank you to parents, students and staff for such an excellent evening. Thank you also to our Head Students, Anya Titmuss and Samuel Thompson, for their speeches, and for being wonderful ambassadors for Wollaston School. Special congratulations to Emily Bolland in Year 7, for talking to parents about her transition from primary school and her start at Wollaston. This was the first time that a Year 7 student has spoken at this event and Emily ably demonstrated the school motto "*Inspire. Motivate. Achieve.*" with an excellent speech, filled with reassurance and humour.

We are of course proud of the work that goes on Wollaston School every day, and Open Day tours during the school day continue until Wednesday, 2nd October 2019. Places can be booked at www.wollastonschool.eventbrite.com.

German Exchange

Our visitors from the Max Planck Gymnasium in Germany were treated to some traditional British downpours during their visit! However, they still enjoyed a range of enriching experiences and had an enjoyable day at Wollaston School. Our students also benefit greatly from this international element to their education. We accompanied students on their trips to Northampton and Oxford, as well as hosting them around the school during their visit.

Mr Rockingham said "*This is the 8th year of our partnership and the German and English students seemed to get on better than ever. Many were in contact before the visit and friendships have been made that will last for many years. We look forward to a new Projekt Planck in the next academic year for those studying German in Years 9 & 10 and this will include a return visit to Germany*".

Rock Challenge 2020

We have heard some unfortunate news – the National 2020 Rock Challenge Competition is not going ahead this year due to issues with their sponsorship and grant funding. This is of course disappointing news, although does mean that we retain the National Winners Crown for another year.

Rock Challenge hopes to relaunch in 2021 and we still have a vibrant range of Performing Arts activities in the meantime – beginning with '*Schools Will Rock You*' on 7th & 8th November 2019. Tickets are available on ParentPay or by contacting paltridgev@wollaston-school.net.

Support Staff Vacancies

We currently have a number of support staff vacancies here at Wollaston School and we are keen to hear from potential applicants. Full details regarding these posts can be located on the 'Vacancies' page of our website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/about/vacancies/>.

Please do contact Mrs Louisa Nixon, HR & Admin Manager, on nixonl@wollaston-school.net if you would like any further information on any of these positions or if you would like to arrange a visit of the school prior to your application.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Birkett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher