



11th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

World Mental Health Day 2019

Thank you to all students and staff for wearing something yellow on Thursday to raise awareness and understanding of what can often be an invisible health issue. **£492.19** was raised for the Young Minds charity and I would like to remind both parents and students, that resources can be found on their website at www.youngminds.org.uk.

Year 10 success at GCSE evening

Thank you to parents who attended this evening to learn more about assisting their child's success in their GCSE qualifications. Faculty and pastoral staff were available, alongside some of last year's Year 11 students, who were able to share their experiences of how they emerged victorious!

We also benefited from some valuable feedback regarding how students find the step up to increased homework in Year 10. This has been gratefully received and we will look at ways of supporting the Year 9 to 10 transition in future years. For any further information or follow-up from the event, please contact the Year Team, Ms A Walker (Head of Year 10) walkera@wollaston-school.net or Mrs M Weir-Smith (Year 10 Student Manager) weirsmithm@wollaston-school.net.

Go4Schools Homework

It has been pleasing to learn that parents and students have found Go4Schools a useful tool for organising homework and having the appropriate resources to hand. We know that a number of students have had some difficulty logging in in recent weeks and we are working through the issues with them. If parents are unable to login, despite attempting to reset the password, please contact franciss@wollaston-school.net.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

We are delighted with how our new Year 7 year group have settled into the school and there is the opportunity to discuss the early weeks of year seven with form tutors and pastoral staff on Thursday, 17 October 2019. To book an appointment, please log in to Insight, as per the recent communication sent to all Year 7 parents. The Year 7 team of Mrs Hobson, Mr Jackson, Mrs Martin and the form tutor team, look forward to seeing you there.

Nene Valley Partnership - Key Stage 3 Visit

On Wednesday of this week, we were delighted to welcome Julia Alison (Headteacher of Irchester Community Primary School) and Gillian Morton (Headteacher of Bozeat Community Primary School & Nursery) into Wollaston to visit some of our Key Stage 3 classes.

One of the aims of our new Multi-Academy Trust is to produce a cohesive curriculum and learning

experience from ages 4 – 18, and this was a great opportunity to see how well students have made the transition. It was a rewarding day for all, and great to see how valuable it was for Mrs Alison, Mrs Morton and their former students to discuss their progress and education at both primary and secondary level. We will of course be continuing and developing this partnership approach in the months and years ahead, as we aim to make ‘Excellence in Education’ the mission for all of our students across the age range.

Forthcoming Events

There are a number of crucial dates in the next few weeks to be aware of, and we greatly value parental participation and support for both our academic and pastoral events.

- **Thursday 24th October 2019:** Year 11 Parents’ Evening / Subject Teacher Consultation.
- **Thursday 24th October 2019:** Last day of this half term.
- **Monday 4th November 2019:** School reopens.
- **6th, 7th & 8th November 2019:** Performing Arts Production – We Will Rock You – Booking details can be found on the school website.

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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