



18 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the final letter of this half term, as we close for the half term holiday on Thursday 24 October 2019. It is incredible just how quickly the weeks have flown past and we have enjoyed a very long and successful first half term of the year. A reminder that we return to school on Monday 4 November 2019 at the usual time.

Sports news

Congratulations to our under 14's Year 9 netball team who played an intense 9 matches on Wednesday at Kettering Buccleuch Academy in the U14s County Plate Tournament.

The team showed a huge amount of grit and determination in facing teams from schools in both the State and Independent sector. The final total of 4 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses represents a highly creditable performance.

As if 8 matches were not enough for the team, they returned to Wollaston for afternoon lessons and then played an after school fixture against The Ferrers School, which ended in an impressive 11-5 to Wollaston. Congratulations to all who played and thanks to Miss Read for arranging the fixture.

House sports

We have also been delighted with the reception for our inaugural launch of the house sports fixtures. They have begun with Year 7 forms who have enjoyed some very competitive fixtures, cheered on by fellow students and tutors alike. This has been an inter form competition and we look forward to rolling this out to all year groups in the weeks ahead. Thank you to Mr Carey and the incredible VI formers who have ensured that the House sports events have been such a great success.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening/Additional Needs Parents Evening

Thank you to all who attended either of these events on Thursday evening. We are delighted with the way in which our Year 7 cohort have settled into life at Wollaston. It is heart-warming to learn that in just a few weeks the students have gone from feeling nervous and concerned, to already feeling part of the Wollaston School Community ready to achieve great things in their learning and extra-curricular activities.

Additional Needs provision is also an area in which we take considerable pride. As with so much in education it is the partnership between home and school which is so vital to ensure that students achieve the very best educational outcomes. Our Additional Needs team valued the opportunity to discuss support with parents and ensure that we are working in partnership to support every student.

VI Form quiz night

Thursday evening also saw the VI Form quiz night take centre stage in the IV Form Centre. This was a fiercely fought event which featured a number of students (and staff) testing their knowledge. Well over £100 was raised and congratulations to the winning team. A group dressed as Pandas also won the 'best dressed' team competition.

Student success

Congratulations to Edwin Cheng for his continued achievements in Dance. Edwin placed 2nd at the UK Dance Elite Championship at the artsdepot in London. Congratulations to Edwin and indeed to all of our students who accomplish so many achievements, both inside and outside of school in a range of Arts, Sports and academic competitive disciplines.

If you would like to celebrate the achievements of our students please contact Mrs Louisa Nixon, Executive PA to Mr James Birkett, via nixonl@wollaston-school.net

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 faithfully

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