



29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed a successful start to the Year 11 mock examinations, despite the rain, and thank you to the whole school community for your support of our students.

## **PE & Sports News**

There are numerous sporting success stories to share this week.

Gymnastics - Firstly, news that Hannah Wayman in Year 8 won a Gymnastics British bronze medal in the National Challenge Cup Final. Congratulations to Hannah, and she is hoping to qualify for the British Championships in 2020.

Swimming - Congratulations also to a number of our Year 11 GCSE and Core PE students, who have taken part in swimming activities as part of their work this term. The GCSE students will be assessed as part of their final qualification. Special thanks to Olivia Downes (who competes and coaches swimming outside of school). Olivia was able to coach from the pool, demonstrating dives, tumble turns and block starts to prepare students for their competitive swim assessments.

Thank you to Mrs Read for organising, and to all of the students who were positive ambassadors for Wollaston School.

Football – The Year 7 Football team travelled to Champion School in Bugbrooke, for their County Cup fixture this week. The boys travelled with much hope and expectation after they had qualified for the semi-finals of the district league in the previous set of fixtures. However a combination of player unavailability due to illness, difficult conditions and a more challenging opponent, saw the side comfortably beaten by the hosts. The boys never gave up and fought right until the final whistle, epitomising the spirit of Wollaston throughout. Well done to all who participated and to Mr Bevan for his support.

Trip - The sporting week will be completed this evening with a trip to the Goals Football Centre in Northampton, for our Year 12 OCR Sport group. Thank you to Mr Roberts for organising.

## **Sixth Form Application Process**

Following on from our hugely successful Sixth Form Open Evening, we are now accepting applications for our September 2020 cohort. The process is the same for internal and external applicants and full details can be found on our website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/teaching-learning/sixth-form/sixth-form-documents-procedures/>

All students in Year 11 have also been given a hard copy of the application pack and we look forward to receiving applications with a final deadline of **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Should you have any queries in relation to joining the Sixth Form, please contact Mrs J Melia, Sixth Form Centre Manager, on [meliaj@wollaston-school.net](mailto:meliaj@wollaston-school.net).

## Careers News

As part of our newly formed Careers partnership with Wellingborough School, Ewan Jardine in Year 13 attended a Q&A session and Masterclass for students at Wellingborough School, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November with Mr Dan Roan, BBC Sports Editor. Ewan commented *"Dan was a really captivating speaker and gave a fascinating insight into the world he works in - both positive and negative. It was really interesting to listen to how he has dealt with his life's trials and tribulations and I was lucky enough to receive his email as he stated he was happy for me to email him with any future questions I may have."*

Thank you to Wellingborough School for organising the event and making the opportunity available to our students.

Congratulations to Mr Myers, who has had it formally confirmed that he has successfully been awarded his Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance & Development. It is wonderful to have such expertise on hand to support our students at such a crucial part in their educational careers. I know that students find Mr Myers' support and guidance invaluable.

## Children in Need Update

Following on from the dress down day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, which was held in support of the National charity Children in Need, I am pleased to confirm that the total amount raised was **£653!** Thank you to all staff and students who took part.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
<b>Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019</b>	Year 11 Mocks Continue
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Sixth Form Theatre Trip to Sadlers Wells
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Year 13 Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Assessment Reports available on Go4Schools for all year groups.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Year 11 Mock Exam Results Assembly
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019</b>	Trip to Auschwitz
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Sixth Form Awards Evening ( <i>2019 Year 13 Leavers</i> )
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Rewards Assemblies – all Year Groups

## Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators and Scribes for our upcoming Summer Exam Series. If you, or anyone you know are interested, please head to the school website for full details and a support staff application form <https://www.wollastonschool.com/about/vacancies/>.

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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