



20th December 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed a great final week of term at school, with a number of festive activities taking place, in addition to our annual tour of remembrance to Auschwitz alongside our continued pastoral and academic programme.

Reward Assemblies

At the close of each term, we hold rewards assemblies in each year group in the main school, to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students. Congratulations to all those who received a prize and I would also like to congratulate every one of our students for their contribution to Wollaston School. We function at our best when every individual contributes positively to our school community and I am aware that this only happens when staff, parents and students work together as a team of individuals.

Christmas Party for our Senior Citizens

Thank you to the staff and students who helped to throw an incredible Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens from our local community. Over 100 members of the public attended and were treated to an incredible Christmas dinner, a variety of entertainment, a Christmas quiz and of course a visit from Santa Claus!

The sheer number of staff and students who helped make this event possible are too numerous to name individually. However – particular thanks to all of the Year 11 Cookery students and to the Staff of the Art & Design Technology faculty, who made everything possible. Thank you!

Pictures and a write up of the event from a Year 7 student, Grace Dooley, can be found on the school website.

Sixth Form Awards Evening

Thursday night saw Wollaston School welcome back the Sixth Form of 2019 to receive their awards and BTEC / A Level certificates in the annual prize-giving event.

These presentations represent the last formal contact with Wollaston School, although we do of course maintain contact with many former students – a number of whom return as teachers!

I would like to congratulate every single student for their considerable achievements – and it was wonderful for the Year 13 cohort of 2018/19 to catch up with each other and the Sixth Form Team, and share experiences of university, employment and apprenticeships.

Head of Sixth Form & Assistant Headteacher, Mr Tony Mills, commented *“It is always one of our favourite nights of the year, welcoming back last year’s students, to celebrate with them and their achievements one more time. It is lovely to hear how well they are all doing and how much they are enjoying their courses or jobs; it is events such as this, which make the job so worthwhile. We’d also like to thank the*

Rotary Club for their annual involvement with the Andy Todd award, it is one of the most important presentations of the evening and we really value their continued support of it."

Sixth Form Applications for September 2020

A final reminder that the closing date for will soon be upon us to receive applications for a Sixth Form place at Wollaston School for September 2020. The deadline for the application is **Friday 10th January 2020** and please contact Mrs J Melia, Sixth Form Centre Manager, meliaj@wollaston-school.net in the new year, if you have any further questions about the process.

Uniform

A reminder that if you are purchasing uniform over the Christmas holiday – this must conform to our uniform guidelines. Full information, including examples of acceptable attire, can be found on the school website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/parents/uniform/> . We thank parents in advance for their support with upholding high standards of uniform.

Job Opportunities at Wollaston School

We are currently advertising for a senior member of support staff, to serve as the **Data & Exams Manager**. Full details of the post, along with other current vacancies, and how to apply, can be found on the school website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/about/vacancies/> .

Staff Professional Development Day – Friday 3rd January 2020

Staff will return from the Christmas break on Friday 3rd January 2020 to undertake some professional development. Please note that the school will only be open from **8.30am – 1.15pm** on that day, should parents need to make contact.

Merry Christmas

Finally – thank you to all members of the school community for a successful and productive 2019. Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

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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