



10th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome to the start of a new year, and indeed to the start of a new decade. We are all determined that the 2020's will see continued success at Wollaston School, working towards our mission of 'Excellence in Education' – achieving great outcomes for every student.

We are pleased to see our students and staff return with positivity after a refreshing break and thank you to parents for ensuring that uniform, kit and equipment has been provided to enable students to make the best start possible.

Final Examinations

2020 has begun with Public Examinations for a small number of BTEC subjects for students in Years 12 & 13. This will be closely followed by the mock exams for Year 13 from 13th – 21st January. The Main Hall will be out of use for this time, and as always we appreciate the support of the entire school community in providing a quiet and calm atmosphere as well as coping with the necessary room changes and alternative routes around school.

Thank you in advance and good luck to those students taking exams.

GCSE Options Process for Year 9

A significant feature of this term's work will be the selection of courses for our current Year 9 cohort. We are incredibly proud of our success at GCSE level in recent years and we look forward to working with parents and students on an options process which allows our Year 9 students to achieve their full potential in the Summer of 2022!

Dates and a time line can be found below:

- **Thursday 23rd January 2020** - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 6th February 2020** – Options Evening
- **Thursday 13th February 2020** – Deadline for choices
- **September 2020** – Begin study of chosen courses.

Improving Behaviour at Wollaston School

Whilst we are very proud of the high standards of conduct and behaviour for learning at Wollaston School, we are mindful that we wish to ensure this is exemplary in all year groups and in every context. To this end, we are consulting students and staff to agree a set of behaviour expectations for all members of our school community to meet. This is based on the behaviour needed to ensure that students are positive and successful members of Wollaston School. Students are discussing these expectations in tutor groups and will provide feedback before we launch a final version in late January.

For parents' information, the draft expectations are below:

- **Ready:** Arrive on time, with the correct equipment and participate fully in all activities.
- **Respectful:** Treat others and their property with respect, care and consideration. Raise any concerns privately and calmly, selecting an appropriate time.
- **Responsible:** Follow school and learning routines independently and follow instructions at the first time of asking. Conduct yourself in a way that is safe and does not endanger yourself or others.

We greatly value working in partnership with parents to support every student in behaving responsibly when at school, and appreciate the effort that parents take to discuss the importance of excellent conduct with their children.

Our pastoral system, including behaviour and discipline, is led by Mr Beeby, Deputy Headteacher, and he can be contacted on beebyk@wollaston-school.net.

Radio Control World Championships

The whole school community would like to wish Daniel Robins in Year 8, the very best of luck, as he competes in the Radio Control World Championships in at Milton Keynes Shopping Centre this weekend. We will provide an update next week.

Job Opportunities at Wollaston School

We are currently advertising for a number of support staff roles:

- **Data & Exams Manager**
- **Lettings Officer**

Full details on the posts, including Job Descriptions, Person Specifications and how to apply, can be found on the school website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/about/vacancies/> and clicking on the blue drop down boxes. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss any of these roles further, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Louisa Nixon, HR & Operations Manager, for more details on 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 sincerely,



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