



24th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents, staff and students for a very successful evening. This is a crucial time for our Year 9 students as they select the courses for further study in Years 10 and 11. The next key date is the Options Evening on Thursday 6th February 2020. We look forward to seeing parents and students there. For any questions regarding options please contact Mr J Litt littj@wollaston-school.net or Mrs S Lydon lydons@wollaston-school.net

Sporting News

Our extra-curricular PE timetable is now available on the school website <https://www.wollastonschool.com/pe-extra-curricular-clubs-2/>.

We continue to enjoy success in our fixtures and Mr Jackson took the Year 9 Football Team to Wellingborough School this week, to participate in a re-match from a game earlier on in the academic year. This earlier fixture saw the team lose very narrowly to a strong Wellingborough side.

Mr Jackson commented, *"As this was the first match back after the winter break, I was pleasantly surprised by the focus, skill and determination shown by every member of the team! Throughout the game they played some fantastic football showing not only high levels of skill but also high levels of tactical understanding, creating numerous scoring opportunities"*.

Given the number of chances created, the 0 – 0 final score line was certainly misleading. The whole team gave a fantastic performance and a return fixture will hopefully see Wollaston School coming out victorious.

Severn Trent Water Visit

On Thursday 23rd January 2020, Year 11 chemistry students welcomed guest speaker Emily Timmins, Head of Waste Water Recycling for Severn Trent Water. This was particularly useful for these students as they are currently learning about the scientific and ethical implications of sustaining the Earth's resources, and Emily introduced them to the processes involved in purifying ground and surface water and treating wastewater. This will be particularly useful for them in their upcoming exams.

Full details and a picture can be found on the school website and thank you for Mrs Pearmain for organising and to Emily for taking the time to come and support our students.

Mobile Phone Policy at Wollaston School

We appreciate that many students bring mobile phones into school in order that parents can be assured of their child's safety, both on their way to and from school. However, mobile phone use is not permitted during the school day, including at break or lunchtime. The only exception to this is when phones may be used as part of a lesson. In these cases, teachers will indicate this permission clearly at the start of the lesson.

We appreciate parents support with this policy and discussing this with your children. We are absolutely determined that students at Wollaston School remain free of social media during the school day and also ensure that no member of our school community is filmed whilst at school.

Please do note that in cases of emergency, students can go to Student Services to call or contact home – either by using school or personal equipment. We do also request that if parents need to contact their child – please use the school phone number and we will always ensure that messages are passed on, or contact is facilitated.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Parking in surrounding Residential Areas

We greatly value considerate parking in the vicinity of the school, and local residents have both noticed and appreciated an improvement in recent months. The remodelled car park has certainly improved capacity, although we do recognise that this is unlikely to ever fully meet demand. We thank students, parents and staff for continuing to park considerately, ensuring that access to all properties and roads are maintained, and any double parking is avoided.

Parent Governor Elections

Following the school's academisation last year, our parent governors who were on the Local Governing Body at that time, became 'Trust Appointed Governors', resulting in two Parent Governor Vacancies becoming available. I am therefore pleased to advise that a Parent Governor election will now commence.

Full details of the process, eligibility and timelines can be found in the news section of the website and the documentation has been emailed out to all parents (*hardcopies have been posted for those who have not supplied the school with an email address*). In the event of receiving more than two nominations, a ballot will be held, where all current parents will be entitled to vote. If the same number of nominations are received, as there are vacancies, as long as eligibility is met, the nominees will be automatically appointed into post.

Being a school governor is such an important and incredibly rewarding role, and we look forward to working with the successful candidates in driving School Improvement to deliver 'Excellence in Education'.

Please contact Mrs Louisa Nixon, Clerk to Governors, clerktogovernors@wollaston-school.net, should you wish to discuss the role and / or process any further.

Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Monday 3rd February 2020	Year 9 M/F Vaccinations
Thursday 6th February 2020	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 7th February 2020	Year 10 / 11 Geography Trip to London
Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th February 2020	Iceland Trip
Friday 14th February 2020	Staff Professional Development day – School Closed to students
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 24th February 2020	School re-opens for Term 4

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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,

Mr James Birkett
Headteacher