

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

As ever, there is a huge amount going on at the Academy. Last Friday we held our annual Primary Music Day, where we welcomed our primary colleagues and their delightfully-talented children for a musical sensation. It was a fantastic day, despite the horrendous weather. I was so proud to be the Principal watch on seeing our students and staff helping and supporting the young visitors. The children who attended had a brilliant day and the parents were treated to a special performance. A huge thank you to the Performing Arts Dept., for their efforts they all really embodied our core values, to preserve and to achieve. Well done!

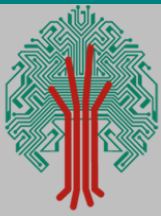
Last week I wrote to you about one of our Year 10 students, Brooklyn. This week I am equally proud to share with you the amazing work of three WPA students who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate our core values of Respect and Kindness. They have 'Braved the Shave' to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support charity with the support of the Market Harborough Rugby Club. They have managed to raise to date, over £3,000 which is a staggering amount. Well done to those brave gentlemen. Should you wish to donate, you can still do so [here](#).



Finally, if you are a Year 11 parent you may have noticed that exams appear to be here. We have started our MFL orals, ADT practical exams and GCSE practical moderation this week. It marks the beginning of the exams season with the final written exams beginning in a matter of weeks. It is really important that we continue to support our Year 11s both in school and at home. Revision and practice papers are very important to ensure your child achieves the best they can, but please also remember to encourage your children to take rest breaks, to eat and drink properly during this period and to remind them that regular, uninterrupted sleep is an essential part to allowing this content to be assimilated into their brains. If you need any help or support with this, you can visit our parent guide [here](#).

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Pete Leatherland, Principal



Celebrating Creative Writing Success at WPA

A regular attender of Creative Writing Club, Niamh in Year 9 has recently had some fabulous personalised feedback for her entry in the George Orwell Youth Prize Competition. Niamh's story, 'Ebb and Flow' is based on the competition's theme of 'Home'.

Another exciting piece of news is about Mistee O'Connor Bromwell - a former student who was also a regular attender of Creative Writing Club. Mistee, who is currently studying for her A Levels, has recently had an article published in the Happy Hood Magazine based in Northampton.

Please see attached Niamh's feedback and her story, and Mistee's article.

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Additionally, local Speak Out Magazine - written by young people for young people - regularly publishes our students' work. Please check out www.speakout.org.uk to read articles, stories and poems written by students at Welland Park Academy.

Happy reading.



www.orwellyouthprize.co.uk

[Link to the winning story](#)

The Orwell Youth Prize Feedback: #8825

Thank you for your entry to the Orwell Youth Prize.

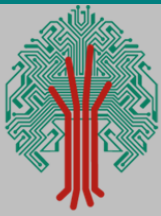
Firstly, this is a fantastic piece of writing which demonstrates a sophisticated style of writing. I really love your opening line of "she comes back here" and adds a level of mystique to your story so that the reader continues and wants to find out more! Your use of language is wonderful and I particularly enjoyed reading about your depiction of the environment – winding brambles, a cluster of pearls against her nest and crouching in a field of windflowers really captures the reader's attention. So, well done in displaying a brilliant writing style full of descriptive words.

I love how your story changes across seasons, particularly when "summer rolls through the countryside, and I am crouched in a field of wildflowers". You demonstrate a creative command of the English language which adds depth and variety to your story. Your use of the seasons related very nicely to the theme of 'home' and how the characters/animals in your story have to adapt to their natural environment and their sense of home varying across the page.

In fact, I actually thought that your characters were initially animals/birds because you transported me so wonderfully through your narrative and I felt like I was breathing and living the environment that you had created. I was intrigued by your words "every year, she comes back here" and this really did grip me throughout the story – you certainly know how to keep the reader guessing!

I'm still trying to find out 'who' came home – well done on writing such a wonderful story. You should be commended for your use of language in bringing the story truly alive!

Best of luck with your entry!



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 29th April 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	American	Tex Mex	Best of British	Indian	Fish Friday
Option 1	Hot dog & onions	Chilli Beef Taco	Roast Pork & stuffing	Tandoori Chicken & curry sauce	Battered fish
Option 2	Veggie Hot dog & onions	Chipotle Sweet Potato & Lime Taco	Veggie Shepherds Pie (carrot/swede top)	Cauliflower Masala	Vegan Sausage Roll
Sides	Hand cut wedges/Sweetcorn	Mexican slaw / Green salad	Mash potatoes / honey roasted vegetables & gravy	Yellow rice / Kachumber	Chips / Peas
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping

WORLD CHAMPION TITLE FOR LOLA!!

I wanted to provide you with an exciting update regarding your student, Lola's sporting success, at the Cheerleading World Championships in Florida last week.

I am absolutely thrilled to inform you that your very own Lola Ginns - York, from TCA Diamond Elite, has achieved remarkable success on the world stage and is now a **WORLD CHAMPION!**

Competing against teams from all around the globe, Diamond Elite demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork and a result are now World Champions in the U19 Level 3 division. This is an incredible accomplishment for Lola and the entire team, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

This journey to this victory was not an easy one. The team of 11 athletes, including Lola, have invested countless hours of training, displaying unwavering commitment and perseverance.

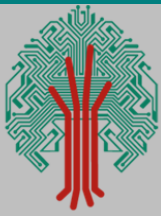
A huge, congratulations to Lola and a thank you to you as her school for authorising this sporting absence as this has allowed them to persue their dreams and hold a World Title that they will remember forever.

Best regards,

Robyn Aldred

Head Coach





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Leicestershire Adult Learning Service



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Free
Course

Building your Child's Resilience

This is a **free, 5-week online** course for parents/carers. (adults only)



During the 5 sessions you will gain confidence to support your children's social and emotional needs to help them build **resilience**. You will explore:

- Recognising, expressing and managing emotions
- Building self-esteem and confidence
- Recognising how mindfulness, exercise and being outdoors can help the development of **resilience**
- Discover different ways to support your child with ideas for engaging, practical home activities

Venue:

Online via Microsoft Teams

Programme Dates and Time:

5 weeks starting Wednesday, 1st May 2024, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Course Code:

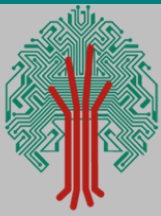
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Use the **FREE**phone number or website below to enrol quoting the course code.

The tutor will contact you once you have enrolled with further information about the course.

Call **FREE**phone 0800 988 0308

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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/>



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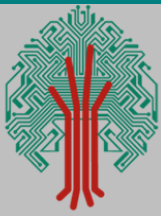


HYDRATE HYDRATE

We are hopeful that the warmer weather will start arriving soon so can we please ask that youngsters do have a water bottle in their school bag.

This is necessary when using the water fountains we have in school





PROM 2024

Time is flying by and it is now only 70 days to the Year 11 Prom.

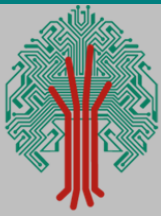
We like to ensure that there are drinks on hand throughout the evening so we are starting to collect cans of drink and bottles of water.

If you can donate any please drop them into front reception.



We are looking for donations of sunglasses.

If you have any old pairs lying around please can we have them?



18th May
12-3pm
warm-up from 11.30

Fundraising Event for Camps
International Costa Rica Trip 2024

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Refreshments available - cash only

**BADMINTON
TOURNAMENT (16+ ONLY)**

AT WELLAND PARK ACADEMY

ENTRY FEE £5 per person cash only

Please register by scanning the QR code and completing the form.
Registration closes on Friday 10th May.

For more information
email: grayc@wellandparkacademy.com

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BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2024

Saturday 18th May 12—3pm (arrival and warm up from 11.30am)

£5 per person (entries must be 16+_ - cash only and payment on arrival)

Welland Park Academy—New Sports Hall (at the back of the school)

Three Tournament Pools (mens doubles, womens doubles, mixed doubles)

Individual players can enter and where possible, we will pair you up with another individual player (confirmation will be given prior to the tournament)

Refreshments (hot drinks, cakes and cold drinks) will be available on the day

Register to enter: <https://forms.office.com/e/BYDd6ppGtu>