

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and eventful final week of the half-term we've had! It's hard to believe we're already at this point; the time has flown by. This week, we were delighted to host the Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many Year 11 students and their families as they prepare for their upcoming Mock exams after the break. Thank you to all who attended – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

On Wednesday morning during registration, we carried out a practice lockdown (or in-vacuation) procedure. This is part of our preparedness plan should we ever need to secure the site, such as in the event of a local chemical spill, an animal loose on site, or, in rare circumstances, an intruder. I am very pleased to report that the students conducted themselves with exceptional calmness and maturity, and the practice went very smoothly.

Tuesday saw a fantastic turnout for our **Taylor Swift Evening** in the Octagonal Hall, a fundraiser for the Year 11 Prom Committee. The event was a huge success, with many 'Swifties' attending, trading friendship bracelets, and dancing the night away. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event!

October is also **Black History Month**, and we've been marking the occasion with special lessons focused on the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives.' Mr. Maynard has done a brilliant job coordinating these efforts, and I'm confident our students have gained valuable insights and knowledge.

As we now close for the half-term break, I would like to remind you that school reopens on **Monday, 28th October**, at the usual time. Thank you for your continued support throughout this half-term. It is, as always, greatly appreciated.

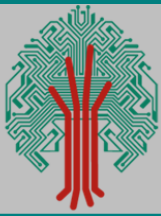
Many thanks and I hope that you have a wonderful weekend,

Pete Leatherland—Principal

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully renewed our Cyber Essentials certification for another year. This achievement highlights our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of cybersecurity. By ensuring our systems and data remain secure, we continue to provide a safe and reliable environment for our staff, students and all stakeholders. Here's to another year of excellence in cybersecurity.

**Tom Hardy—Assistant Operations Manager**





## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT WPA

This October in the UK, we recognise and celebrate Black History Month. This is an opportunity for us all to collectively acknowledge, appreciate and learn about the impact black communities, cultures and individuals have had on our lives. This month's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives' The theme this year is to highlight where black history has been rewritten, overlooked, or ignored, particularly within our own British History.

At Welland Park Academy we are committed to celebrating the diversity we have within our school, local community and wider area. Last week we all took part in an assembly looking at various historical events where Black individuals or communities played a role outside of more well-known contexts like slavery. These included royal courts, battle fields and archaeological expeditions. I was really pleased to see students engaging and even picking up on some of the misconceptions presented to them.

Across our departments we are also taking some time out to reflect and take part in this year's theme. Students can look at some of our book recommendations by black British authors in the library, explore the role of Windrush migration to Leicester in Geography, challenge the stereotypes of the composition of the Roman Empire in History and the career paths of some of our black British athletes in tutor time.

We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Mr Maynard



## TAYLOR SWIFT EVENING

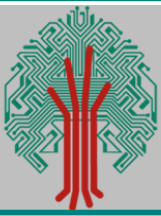
On Tuesday the Eras Tour came to Welland Park Academy. Members of the Year 11 Prom Committee hosted younger students at a Taylor Swift evening. Students made and exchanged friendship bracelets; decorated their faces with glitter; watched The Eras Tour Movie and sang and danced for 3 hours.

It was great to see the older students interacting with the younger ones.

Over £400 was raised towards the Year 11 Prom







## IT'S COMING.....

Our Christmas Market trip this year is to Winchester!

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. It is renowned for its bustling atmosphere, stunning location and handpicked high quality exhibitors, which attracts visitors from around the world each year who come to shop at the pretty wooden chalets, situated within the historic grounds.

Admission to the Christmas Market is free.

There is plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink at the Christmas Market. Traditional mulled wine, bratwurst, mince pies and stollen mix with mac and cheese, Yorkshire pudding wraps and much more.

There is a British Craft Village showcasing jewellers, painters, glass makers and textile artists selling unique gifts and decorations.

If you fancy a spin there is also Winchester Cathedral ice rink.

If you want to nip into Winchester itself you will find Winchester Castle where you can visit the Great Hall which houses the Round Table of Arthurian legend.

The Winchester College Treasury house's a huge collection of art and archaeology including artefacts from Egypt, Greece and Rome as well as casts of the Parthenon Frieze and Chinese ceramics from the Tang to Qing dynasties.

Winchester centre has a fantastic array of shops from individual boutiques to national chains. There is also an abundance of restaurants and cafes.

The trip will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and the cost is £28 per person. This is a PTA organised trip so please feel free to invite family and friends. For further details please email Mrs Burgess [burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com](mailto:burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com)



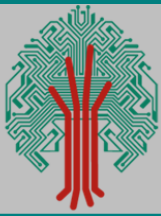
## SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

If you are a student or a parent of a student who attended Summer School this year, you will know what this means.

It was Mrs Clipston's birthday yesterday and this arrived on her desk!

**She has found GARY!!!**





## Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital

Dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and distressed wild animals and birds throughout Leicestershire and the surrounding region.



### Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital Collection

Biology Club will be collecting items for the Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital in Kibworth. They have created a list of items that can be brought to B6a, such as dog and cat food, hedgehog biscuits, sunflower hearts, washing up liquid or even black bags. A full list of items will be sent out via [Edulink](#) to students if they would like to donate.

They will be collecting donations during the two weeks after half term, 28<sup>th</sup> October to the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you

**Mrs O'Connell**



### Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 28th October 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Concept</b>	American	Pie Day	Best of British		Chip Day
<b>Option 1</b>	American <a href="#">Cheese Burger</a>	Chicken & Leek Pie	Butcher's best sausages	Chicken Tikka Masala	Battered chicken breast nuggets
<b>Option 2</b>	Mac 'n' Cheese	Vegetable Pie	Vegetarian sausages	Sweet Potato Rogan Josh	Veggie burger
<b>Sides</b>	Hand cut wedges / Coleslaw	Roast potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy	Yorkshire pudding, creamy mash potato, roasted vegetables and gravy	Yellow Rice / Kachumber	Chips / Baked beans
<b>Authentic Italian</b>	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
<b>Hot Deli</b>	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping