

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy and exciting week filled with various sporting fixtures, the Year 11 GCSE Parent Information Evening, and pre-meetings for our upcoming trips, including the Year 10 Iceland Trip and the Year 9 Battlefields Trip. These activities highlight the vibrant and diverse experiences we aim to offer our students

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to those of you who took the time to complete our recent survey. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we found the results and comments both fascinating and insightful. If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, we encourage you to do so here:

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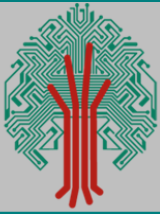
In response to your feedback, I am pleased to share some of the actions we've taken in a "You said, we did" update:

- Curriculum Clarity:** Some parents mentioned uncertainty about what their children are studying. This information is readily available on our school website under the *Curriculum Maps* document, which outlines what students will be studying throughout their time with us. You can access the document here: [adb49b_9fd4fc11b811410baacbbfbb9903b03d.pdf \(wellandparkacademy.co.uk\)](#). We hope this provides you with clearer insight into your child's learning journey.
- Lunchtime Supervision:** Some parents raised questions regarding supervision during lunch. I want to reassure all parents that, as has always been the case, the Senior Leadership Team is present every lunchtime. Additionally, we have doubled our lunchtime supervision this year with the support of extra staff. This ensures that all playground and social areas are fully monitored, providing a safe and secure environment for all students.
- Weather Arrangements:** We heard your concerns about students needing shelter during wet weather. While we already provide various spaces such as the Octagonal Hall, canteen, library, and the outside canopy, we have made a further improvement. In response to your feedback, we will now open the MFL block during particularly wet weather to offer even more shelter for students.

We are dedicated to continuously enhancing the school experience for our students, and your input plays a crucial role in that process. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership!

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

Pete Leatherland—Principal



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2024

10th October 2024

World Mental Health Day takes place on Thursday 10th October 2024. The theme this year is,

"It is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace"

WORKPLACE WELLBEING

We've put together a range of simple ideas to promote staff wellbeing in your school. Check them out [here!](#)



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN THE WORKPLACE

If you or a colleague require additional help and support, there is lots of help available.

Click on the logos to explore further information.



YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow
THURS 10 OCT

We stand brighter, together.

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October, and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

#HelloYellow

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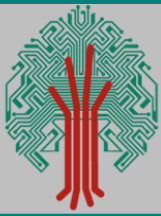
YoungMinds, registered Charity in England (2009095) and Scotland (SC039010)

REMINDER— we are holding a non uniform day on Thursday 10th October 2024 to promote World Mental Health Day—wear a splash of yellow if you have it. We are raising funds for the Hello Yellow campaign for Young Minds to support young people's mental health. Students are invited to make a donation.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any items of uniform etc, please ask them to come and check the Lost Property bin which is outside the front office.

Any named items are automatically returned to the student.



Careers Update

It's been a busy start to the term in terms of Careers education for our students. Year 10 and 11 students visited De Montfort University to gain an insight to Higher Education, including a visit to the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre.

We also had students supporting Farndon Fields Primary School with their enterprise day, which was an excellent opportunity for them to develop their leadership skills in addition to understanding more about working in education. We also welcomed TGW to talk to our Year 8 students about apprenticeships in engineering, which included an inspiring speech from a former student who now works for the company.

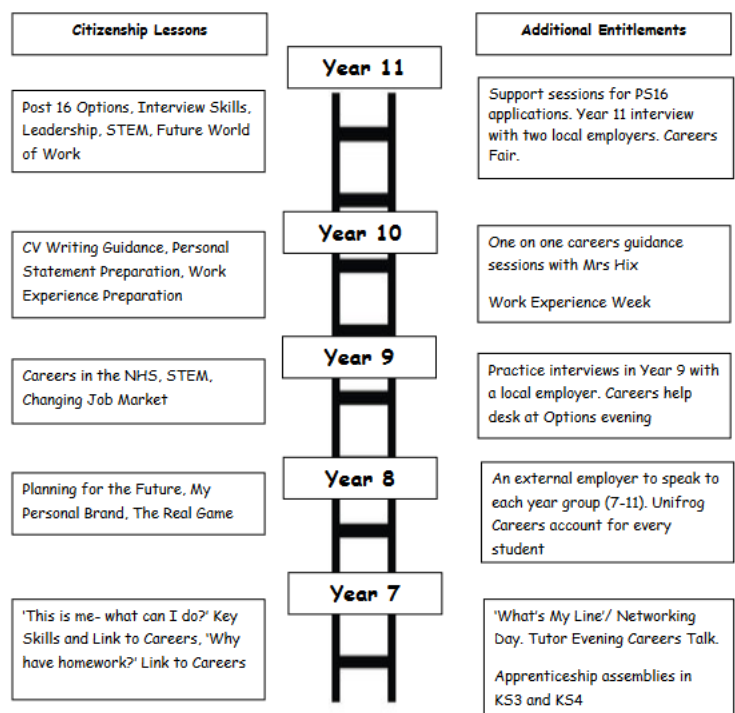
Sam Askham & Sarah Hix
Careers



Welland Park Careers
PREPARED FOR THE NEXT STAGE IN LIFE

Careers Education, Information and Guidance Entitlement Statement

Throughout your time at Welland Park you will receive Careers information and guidance in your Citizenship lessons and additional activities as shown below:





Tickets are selling very well for our Eras Tour evening. We do have a limited number available so if you are planning to come along, please do get your ticket before we run out!

IN OUR
Fundraising
ERA
WPA 1st Version

Dress Up, Sing Along, Have Fun

Tuesday
15
October

Octagonal
Hall

5.00 - 8.30 PM

Eras Tour Film
Friendship Bracelets
Face Glitter
Sweet Stand

Tickets: £5 - Front Office

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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.

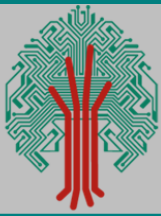
If you want to nip into Winchester itself you will find Winchester Castle where you can visit the Great Hall which houses the Round Table of Arthurian legend.

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 8th 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





Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 7th October 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	Indian / Asian	Best of British	Indian	Fun Day
Option 1	Chicken Tikka Masalla	Beef Keema Curry	Butchers Sausage	Tandoori Chicken	Battered Chicken Nuggets
Option 2	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Rogan Josh	Chinese Vegetable Curry	Vegetarian Sausages	Curried Vegetable Pie	Veg & Cheese Country Bake
Sides	Yellow Rice / Kachumber	Naan Bread / Peas	Yorkshire Pudding, Creamy Mash, Roasted vegetables & Gravy	Salad / Coleslaw	Chips / Baked beans
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



BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!

The cold and wet weather is definitely starting to become the norm. We have seen many students starting to wear their coats, particularly the black puffa jacket.

As a large percentage of the students tend to wear the same style jackets and we do get quite a few turn up in lost property, could we please ask parents to ensure each item of clothing is named. We can then get items back to the student.