



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

This week has very much felt like the calm before the storm, with the storm being GCSE examinations. The Bank Holiday weekend approaching will signal the start of formal exams for Year 11 with GCSEs starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May for Religious Studies and Drama, and Biology on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. I wrote last week about how parents and carers can access our parents' guide for support or ideas, and with a teenager at home myself who is beginning to worry about her exams, I can empathise with our Year 11 parents who feel helpless as our young adults start this journey.

This week we said a final goodbye to Mrs Fry who left on Tuesday for pastures new. We did however, say a warm welcome to Mrs Ratcliffe, who has now officially joined the WPA family this week.

Finally, just a reminder to parents and carers that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is in fact a Bank Holiday, so the school will be closed. We re-open again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the usual time.

Have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend, I'm going to enjoy watching Leicester City lift the EFL Championship title for a record 8<sup>th</sup> time!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

**Pete Leatherland, Principal**





## REMINDERS



THERE IS A PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024 AT 6.00PM IN THE OCTAGONAL HALL.

THE BRONZE AND SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITIONS ARE TAKING PLACE NEXT WEEKEND.

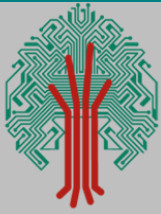
TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CHECK  
LOST PROPERTY**

WE HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY AT THE FRONT OFFICE. EVERYTHING FROM UNIFORM, TO AIRPODS TO GLASSES.

IF YOU HAVE LOST SOMETHING, PLEASE COME AND HAVE A LOOK—WE MAY JUST HAVE IT.



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Bank Holiday	Eastern	Best of British	Asian	Fun Friday
Option 1		Chicken Shawarma	Toad in the Hole	Chinese chicken wrap	Battered chicken breast nuggets
Option 2		Spicy Falafel Flatbread	Root vegetable & bean stew	Vegetable Pad Thai Noodles	Spicy Bean Burger
Sides		Spicy Rice / Pickled red cabbage	Roast potatoes / Cauliflower cheese	Firecracker rice / Sweet chilli sticky greens	Chips / Baked beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli		Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping

**#LIVE SAFE**

Live Safe is a space for information and support on staying safe in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

There's no doubt about it. Talking about violence and where it leads is tough. It can be hard to know where to turn for advice. But by understanding how these things affect our community, our health and our wellbeing, we can make a powerful, positive change, together.

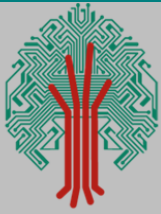
See how you can help keep you, your mates, your family and our community safe.

<https://livesafe.org.uk/>



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## MOBILE PHONE USE AND MEDICATION

Can we please remind staff that, as per the school policy, students are not allowed to use their mobile phones at any point during the school day unless they are authorised to do so by a member of staff.

We are seeing an increase in incidences of students receiving messages from family and vice versa during the school day.

If any urgent messages need relaying to a student, please contact the front office. Similarly, Academy staff will contact you if your youngster is unwell—students should not be contacting home directly.

As hay fever season starts please do drop anti-histamines into the front office if your child may need them.

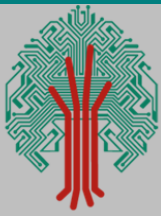


## HYDRATE HYDRATE

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  
63 days to the Year 11 Prom.

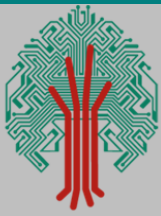
We like to ensure that there are  
drinks on hand throughout the  
evening so we are starting to  
collect cans of drink and bottles of  
water.

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



We are also 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](mailto: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>