

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits as we approach the end of another busy and exciting week at school.

### Year 11 Progress Evening Success

We were delighted with the turnout and engagement at last night's Year 11 Progress Evening. Many parents and carers joined remotely alongside their Year 11 child, taking this valuable opportunity to make those final preparations before the exam process begins. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such productive discussions.

As part of our commitment to continuously improving our support for students and their families, I am mindful that we haven't yet surveyed parents and carers about their preferences for virtual versus in-person progress evenings. To ensure we're meeting your needs effectively, we will be surveying you in the near future to gather your thoughts. Your feedback will help shape our plans for the next academic year and beyond.

### Year 9 Options Evening

Next week marks another important milestone in the school calendar: the Year 9 Options Evening. This event is a key part of the options process, which has already included informative assemblies and in-class activities to guide students in their decision-making. I'm really looking forward to meeting parents, carers, and students as we move into the final stages of this exciting journey. Your support and involvement are invaluable as our Year 9s consider their future pathways.

### Exciting News from Our Student Leaders

Today, Mr Howes and our fantastic student leaders have been busy putting the finishing touches on a brand-new student newspaper. This is a wonderful initiative that showcases the creativity and teamwork of our students. I'm eagerly anticipating the first edition and can't wait to share it with you all soon.

### Wishing You a Wonderful Weekend

As always, thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and thriving community. Whether you're helping your child prepare for their exams, discussing options for Year 9, or simply encouraging their creativity, your involvement makes a real difference.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at next week's events.

Warm regards,

Pete Leatherland—Principal





## A STUDENT'S REVIEW OF HIS VISIT TO HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

Stanley Marks



5/5 stars

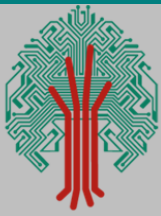
My trip to Harry Potter World with the school was the best school trip ever and the most exciting day I have ever had at Welland Park Academy! I loved the whole experience and really, I want to give it 6 stars! The best bits were the dragon jumping out at you, pushing the trolley into the wall for the Hogwarts Express and seeing the whole model castle.



When we got to the Hogwarts Express station, I loved pushing the trolley into the wall pretending I was Harry Potter! I really liked it when we went to a green screen and it looked like we were on the train, moving through the countryside with the Chocolate Frog climbing up the window! I also liked Gringotts Bank, and the beauty of it before its destruction - the animation of the dragon breathing fire and charging up at you! I also loved seeing the model castle, when you're up high and looking down on it or when you are beneath the cliff and looking up; it just looks so good from every direction!

In conclusion, Harry Potter World was fabulous and most certainly one of the best places I've ever been! It was probably the best day at school I've ever had, ever!

By Stanley Marks of 7SRT



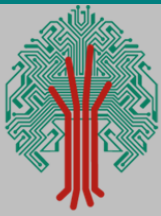
## MOVIE NIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who came to see our showing of WICKED on Tuesday. We sold over 80 tickets which was fantastic—numbers are creeping up each time.

We haven't made a decision on the film for February yet—possibly a romantic comedy as it will be near Valentines—so please keep a look out for details.

If anyone has a suggestion for a film, please email Mrs Burgess—[burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com](mailto:burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com)—and we can look into it.





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EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY BREAK UNTIL FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
served from the outside hatch of the dining hall

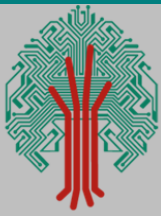


Hot Chocolate - £1.00  
Hot Chocolate & Sweet Treat - £1.50

**SERVING**  
*Hot Chocolate*

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 <b>Welland Park Academy Lunch &amp; Deli Menu</b> <b>Week commencing 20th January 2025</b>					
WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	American	Best of British	Pie Day	Fun Friday
Option 1	Tandoori Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Chicken & Leek Pie	Butchers best sausages
Option 2	Vegetable Rogan Josh	Creamy Vegetable Lasagne	Broccoli Cheese Bake	Roast Vegetable Pie	Vegetarian Burger
Sides	Yellow Rice / Mixed Grilled Vegetables	Garlic Bread / Peas	Creamy Mash / Roasted vegetables / Gravy	Roast Potatoes / Mixed Vegetables / Gravy	Chips Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Cheese & Tomato Panini Jacket & Topping	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping



## **Parents/Carers Workshop – Keeping Young People Safe from Knife-related harm.**

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025 6.00—7.00PM ONLINE, MS TEAMS

This virtual workshop provides parents and carers with awareness around knife-related harm and how to keep children and young people safe.

This workshop is being offered by the Violence Reduction Network and covers the following topics:

- Understanding knife-related harm in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.
- The impact of knife-related harm on individuals, families, and communities.
- The reasons why young people are vulnerable to knife-related harm.
- Approaches to preventing knife-related harm.
- How parents and carers can keep their children safe.
- Help and support.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers during the workshop..

Parents and carers can remain anonymous if preferred. There is no requirement to use your cameras or microphones unless desired.

Here is the link; <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/llrviolencereductionnetwork/1461936?>

## **UNIFORM UPDATE**

During the cold weather a number of students have asked about wearing a jumper under their blazer.

We do not have a 'uniform' jumper but students may wear a plain grey, v neck jumper if they wish.

These can be purchased from stores such as Asda, Sainsburys, Matalan, M&S and John Lewis.

Our Pastoral department have been issuing tights and socks to those youngsters who were not wearing the correct items or had damaged what they were wearing etc but unfortunately the stock of free items we had has now run out.

From Monday 20th January 2025 we will now be passing on a charge for replacing tights or socks

Tights will be £2.00 per pair

Socks will be 0.83p per pair