

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic and eventful week it has been at Welland Park Academy! It's always a privilege to reflect on the successes of our students, and this week has been no exception.

Monday saw our wonderful Winter Concert, and what a spectacular evening it was! It was truly heartwarming to see so many of our talented students perform an incredible range of music genres. For many, it was their first time performing in front of an audience, and they were simply outstanding. A huge thank you to Mr. Oakland and Mrs. Towers for their hard work in organising such a special event. The concert was a true celebration of creativity and teamwork, and we couldn't be prouder of our performers.

This week, we also welcomed several business owners and managers to support our Year 11s as part of their interview preparation. Despite some understandable nerves, our students truly shone, engaging confidently and leaving a lasting impression on the visiting professionals. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to develop key life skills, and I was blown away by how mature and articulate they were. They are progressing so well as they move through their final year, and we're excited to see all they will accomplish.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying over 80 Year 9 students to the final day of the *Future Ready* programme, sponsored by Hastings Direct. We spent a brilliant day at the Leicester City Hastings Direct HQ, where students met their business mentors and listened to the inspirational Graham, whose words left a lasting impression on everyone. A standout moment for me was seeing several students—who would normally shy away from public speaking—step onto the stage and confidently address an audience of peers and adults. It was an inspiring day, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Graham and Hastings Direct for hosting such a valuable experience.

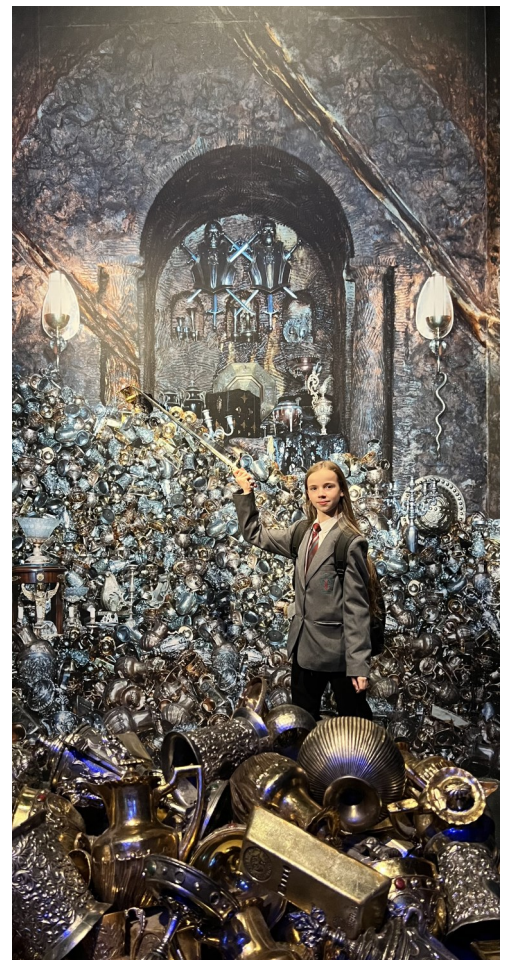
This week also saw our Year 9 virtual parents' evening take place. While many of you had positive experiences, I'm aware that a few encountered technical difficulties. We want to ensure that all parents and carers have the best experience possible during these evenings, so we will be consulting with you later this academic year to gather your feedback and explore ways we can improve.

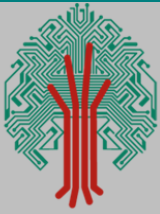
As we move into December, there are plenty of exciting events to look forward to, including festive celebrations and end-of-term activities. We will share details soon, so keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement—it means so much to our staff and students. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Pete Leatherland—Principal





BIG EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Both Prom 25 and Cambodia 26 have fundraising events next week. Please pop the dates in your calendar.

Christmas Shopping Evening

Tuesday 3rd December 6pm - 9pm

- Gifts
- Wreaths
- Raffle
- Mulled Wine
- Games
- Tombola
- Refreshments
- Crafts

£1 ENTRY

WELLAND PARK ACADEMY
OCTAGONAL HALL

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JOIN US FOR A

QUIZ Night + BINGO

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR 2026 CAMBODIA EXPEDITION

RAFFLE - QUIZ - BINGO - REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

WELLAND PARK ACADEMY, LE16 9DR

DINING ROOMS: 7PM - 9PM

DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM

£3 PER PERSON OR £10 PER TEAM
*TEAMS = UP TO 5 PLAYERS

EMAIL YOUR TEAM NAME IN ADVANCE
PAYMENT ON THE DOOR (CASH OR CARD)

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CAMP CAMBODIA CAMPS international

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PROM 2025 & CAMPS INTERNATIONAL

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY BREAK UNTIL FEBRUARY HALF TERM

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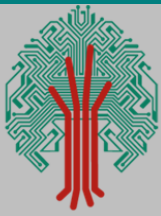
Hot Chocolate - £1.00

Hot Chocolate & Sweet Treat - £1.50

SERVING

Hot Chocolate

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Welland Park Academy Dining Rooms Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December – KS3
Wednesday 18th December – KS4
£4.00

Glazed Roast Turkey
Sage & Onion stuffing balls

Sticky Pigs

Roasties

Roasted vegetables & gravy

Or

Festive Sage & Onion Mac n' Cheese

Snow dusted Chocolate Cake



*** Please order and pay on Parentpay by 12.12.24 ***



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our fantastic catering staff will be cooking up a Christmas Lunch for the students.

This is normally very popular so do please get your order in.

Payments via Parentpay please.

WELL-BEING MENTORS

On Monday 11 Well-Being Mentors attended a training event run by South Leicestershire Sports Partnership and joined many other schools within our district.

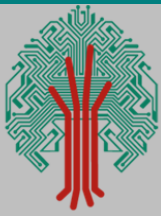
They listened to presentations from guest speakers and had training on how to support peers back into school.

They are currently action planning on how they are going to roll this out at Welland Park but have many ideas including drop in sessions and assemblies on raising awareness. They are also learning grounding techniques to help and support others.



Well done all!





Pottering. Mrs N Halloway (aka Prof Halloway of Slytherin House)

Rather than arrive windswept on our Firebolts or Nimbus 2000s, Year 7 students from HBO, BBO, and KWA arrived safely by coach (without a bumpy ride) to the Harry Potter Warner Bros Studios for an educational and jaw dropping day of magic and creativity.

We covered every inch of the studios from 11-5pm seeing the destruction of the Hungarian Horntail, catching the golden snitch and wrestling with screaming mandrakes. Some went to try a tankard of frothy Butterbeer at the Backlot Café and despite being under the influence of the shortbread and butterscotch beverage, went on to drive a flying car or motorcycle or fight wand to wand combat with a Death Eater. Some got to dance with Dobby, the polite house elf and many got to work with the props department making snowballs or prosthetics. Everyone dared to tackle the Forbidden Forest and come eye to eyes with the Acromantulas avoiding the quick route. The thrill seekers of our group chose to brave the Hogwarts Express and get a frosty reception from a Dementor causing a few screams and giggles.

Wands at the ready, we were lucky to enter the Room of Requirement which is not for public peepers and have access to photos, props and insights into the making of this phenomenal franchise. We were given inside information on current filming secrets and filmmaking on the likes of Barbie, Beetlejuice and Batman, all filmed at the studios. We were also told about upcoming filming too, but that's top secret! We learnt all about the various roles it took to make a film and all the variety of subjects at school you'd need to be involved in such professions. Students were all allocated responsibilities and given the pitch of what was expected from them, then finally seeing how all that work and collaborative input became the final polished piece.

Without doubt, students were thrilled at such a memorable and educational day out. To see Hogwarts and the Great Hall in all its Christmas splendour was certainly an experience, and students mingled with the general public and Warner Bros staff with maturity and decorum - a credit to themselves, you and us.

We do have another trip on the 10th of December and once that has taken place, a competition will be announced. Details to follow either by owl post or the more reliable (and less messy) Edulink and Newsletter.

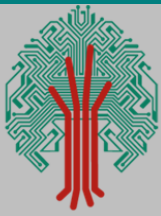




30 ideas to answer the oft-asked question 'How can I help my child at home?' These have been gathered from departments across the school (some are subject-specific, others more general, some better for younger students, some for GCSE).

1. Encourage a variety of reading (e.g. newspapers, sports articles etc.) – both fiction and non-fiction and discuss together
2. Watch quality TV programmes – e.g. current events / documentaries/ news programmes
3. Encourage families to watch film adaptation of Literature set texts together
4. Put words on post-it notes (new vocabulary – words of the week)
5. To Teach is to Learn Twice – encourage youngsters to teach you what they have learned
6. Ensure youngsters have stationery/ equipment which can help with study & revision (highlighters, post-it notes)
7. Discuss how to revise (*model* revision notes / knowledge organisers etc.)
8. Look at your child's exercise books – what have they been working on?
9. Encourage creative writing for pleasure (creative scenarios / describing everyday scenes / objects in a story)
10. Encourage students to learn online (Quizlet / GCSEpod/ Spelling lists/ Kaboodle/ BBC Bitesize/ Pixl Resources/ Youtube – different platforms for revision / retrieval)
11. Encourage attendance at interventions/ Boost/ Maths Surgery
12. Make use of the revision guides and websites shared by different subjects (including 'How to Revise' booklets available from Pastoral for £2)
13. Consider extra-curricular clubs for sports, performing arts, Scouting/ Guides/ Cadets, online lessons (instrumental & language lessons are available online)
14. Discuss future plans, hopes, expectations
15. Make use of past papers online/ shared by subjects
16. Ensure a good working environment with space to work, resources and some storage – away from the TV and other distractions
17. Agreed work times and routines
18. Check and encourage homework completion
19. Go to museums and galleries – ideas on the school website [here](#)
20. Use online software to practice skills – CAD, Scratch, Python
21. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> use Audible - some stories are free
22. www.artforkidshub.com art lessons for all ages!
23. BBC's education website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>
24. Lego.com have launched #letsbuildtogether - daily challenges using Lego
25. scratch.mit.edu for computer game coding
26. Kahoot (most of our youngsters are familiar with this one)
27. [Tedtalks](#) to vary views and thoughts on the world
28. Try practical subjects at home
29. Google arts and culture app - free- virtual tours of museums and galleries
30. Board games and card games, as always, help with concentration, turn taking, and resilience





WELLAND PARK ACADEMY REVERSE ADVENT EVENT THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Reverse Advent sees us giving something, rather than receiving something, through the days of December.

This year we are asking for any donations of food and health products which we can then collect and pass onto the Jubilee Foodbank to help them over the Christmas holidays.

We will begin collecting on Monday 2nd December and then for the next twelve school days.

Anything you can give, will be gratefully received and passed on but this is a suggested list of requests:

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER – DRIED POTATO (EG SMASH)

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER – TINNED CUSTARD

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER – TINNED POTATOES OR CARROTS

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER – BOX OF CEREAL

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER – JAR OF CURRY SAUCE

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER – PACKET OF BISCUITS

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER – BOTTLE OF CORDIAL / SQUASH

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER – PACKET OF RICE

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER – CHOCOLATE BARS

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER – SHOWER GEL / SHAMPOO

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER – PORRIDGE OATS

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER – TINNED FRUIT

**For further details of suggested food donations, please visit the Jubilee Food Bank website at www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/shopping-list
Thank you for your kindness and support.**



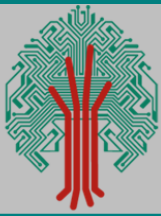
In The Welland Park Family,

We Respect

Persevere

Achieve...with kindness





CAN YOU GET ANY CLOSER?

The closer you park, the more you risk.
No parking near school gates. No excuses.

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ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

We've noticed an increase in vehicles parking on pavements and across driveways. This not only obstructs pedestrian access but can also create hazards for other drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, stopping in the middle of the road for drop-offs can lead to dangerous situations for our children and other road users.
Please help us keep our streets safe by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Do not park on pavements: This ensures safe passage for pedestrians, especially for those with pushchairs or mobility aids.
- Avoid blocking driveways: Be considerate of our neighbours and ensure their access is not impeded.
- Do not stop in the middle of the road: Please pull into designated drop-off zones or parking areas to ensure a smooth flow of traffic and enhance safety for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our community safe. Together, we can create a more secure environment for our children.



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 2nd December 2024

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	American	Best of British	Eastern	Fun Friday
Option 1	Chicken Tikka Masala	Chipotle Chicken Burrito	Sticky Red Onion Sausages	Meatballs in Bharat Tomato Sauce	Chicken Breast Nuggets
Option 2	Butternut Squash Pasanda	Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese	Veggie Bangers	Cumin Chickpea & Vegetable Bake	Vegetable Burger
Sides	Wholegrain Rice / Kachumber Salad	Chunky Tomato Salsa / Coleslaw	Cheesy Chive Mash / Roasted carrots / gravy	Moorish Cous Cous / Green Salad	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