



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, very well done to our year 11 who have worked hard for their second set of trial exams which started this week. The exams are now located in the Sports Hall and my thanks to Mrs Daly, Mr Jerred and the exams / site team for the seamless transition to this new venue. This important process will help to explicitly identify gaps in knowledge or understanding as we prepare for the GCSEs. These exam papers were modified to reflect the curriculum / exam alterations we were alerted to in February. Year 11 students will continue to work through GCSE exams next week.

We have also welcomed Warning Zone for their regular work with our youngsters to alert them to online risks and dangers. Many students enjoyed the fruits or rather pancakes of labour by the Prom Committee on Tuesday.

On Thursday we enjoyed a Book Fair organised by Mrs Jerred as staff represented characters from well known texts to celebrate World Book Day. My thanks to Mr Mummery for leading World Book Day and all the staff who immersed themselves in this celebration of reading, an integral part of our Learning for Life motto.

Well done to the mock court team who competed with the guidance of Mr Askham. Alas, we did not win on this occasion, but our students were formidable against 'A' level students from many different schools.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Bowden, Mrs Gerald and the student council for their initial work to support Ukraine with just under £2000 being sent to UNICEF today. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the victims of this onslaught.



YEAR 8 WARNING ZONE VISIT

On Tuesday morning during Citizenship, we welcomed Craig and Lucy from the Warning Zone to lead a session with our Year 8 students, about staying safe online, particularly when using social media and online gaming.



The students were thoroughly engaged and actively participated in the session, learning many valuable tips and tricks for keeping their online data private and what to do in tricky situations online.

A big thank you to our Year 8 pupils for taking part and being so enthusiastic!



WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day, we hosted a whole-school book swap in the library... and it was a great success! Hundreds of students flooded through the library doors at break and lunchtime, eagerly brandishing a pre-loved book from their schoolbags or tokens (if they had brought in a book earlier in the week). There was a fantastic atmosphere: youngsters talking enthusiastically about books; queues at Mrs Hix's desk; smiling students leaving the library carrying a pile of new novels.



Thank you to all of those who participated, especially for the many books which were brought in - there was a wonderful array of fiction and non-fiction to interest a range of different readers. I had my eye on one particular book (the autobiography of basketball legend Kobe Bryant) which was selected at the last moment by a Year 11 student.

We also raised £34.35 for the World Book Day charity, as students gave voluntary contributions if they hadn't brought in a book to exchange.

I hope that the Book Fair can become an annual event here at Welland Park Academy. Happy reading everyone!
Mr Mummery

END OF YEAR TRIP

As the Pastoral Team look forward to planning the end of year trips as a reward for students we would like to share the criteria that must be met in order for students to attend. We are sharing this now for purposes of transparency and to allow everyone equity of opportunity to earn their place on the trip.

In order to be able to attend the End of Year trips, students **must remain in Gold** from 28.02.22 until 27.05.22

To remain in Gold, students should not receive more than 6 behaviour points before the Easter break. And then no more than 5 behaviour points after the Easter break up until, 27th May.

If students remain in gold for these dates, they have a place on the trip.

That place however could still be withdrawn if behaviour deteriorates between the cut-off date and the trip itself.