

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a difficult week for our school community as we return following the tragic loss of our much-loved School Business Manager, Elaine Winn. Elaine was an integral part of our school, and she will be dearly missed by staff and students alike.

All students have received guidance and support from their tutors and have been signposted to our pastoral team should they need further support. However, we understand that such sad news can resonate differently for every individual. If the recent events raise any concerns or emotions at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager. They are best placed to support or refer you to appropriate external services if needed.

In brighter news, we are pleased to report that our recent CERN trip was a tremendous success. Students and staff alike had a fantastic time exploring Switzerland, and the highlight for many was the unforgettable visit to the world-renowned Collider at CERN. A huge thank you goes to the staff who generously gave up their time to support this trip and help create such memorable experiences for our students.

Today, we were thrilled to welcome a group of primary students to WPA for our annual **Primary Music Day**, led by Mrs Towers and Mr Oakland. I had the pleasure of listening in on their rehearsal of a stunning arrangement based on *Elbow's One Day Like This*—a truly magical performance that gave me goosebumps! It's always a joy to see young musicians coming together and creating something so special.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be another busy and exciting one:

- **Tuesday 6th May:** *What's My Line?* careers event, masterminded by Mr Askham, Assistant Principal for Personal Development and Careers. Year 7 students will hear from a range of guest speakers who will describe their jobs—without revealing them! Students will then ask questions to guess what each speaker does. It's a brilliant way to introduce careers education in a fun and engaging way.
- **Wednesday 7th May: Year 8 Progress Evening** here at WPA. The online booking system is now live, and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers for valuable conversations about your child's progress.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to any parent or carer who would be interested in joining us for a consultative event on Monday 19th May 2025, from 5:00–6:00pm. This session will be an opportunity to share your views on various aspects of school life, including the format of Progress Evenings in the next academic year, the logistics of school entrances and exits at the end of the day, and other day-to-day routines at WPA. If you would like to attend, please contact reception to reserve your place.

A reminder that **Monday is a Bank Holiday**, so school will be closed. We hope you enjoy a restful and enjoyable long weekend, and we look forward to welcoming students back at the usual time on Tuesday.

Pete Leatherland—Principal






YEAR 11 PROM

Prom tickets are now on sale from the front office at break and lunchtimes.

We are also looking for donations of cans/bottles of pop or water. These will be used during the course of the evening. Any donations can be dropped off at the front office.




THE SCRENDOMIC A CALL TO ACTION

Phones, Screens, and Social Media – Taking Responsibility to Make a Positive Change for Young People.

The Screndemic is a community event featuring guest speakers discussing the impact of screens on learning, social skills, neurodiversity, mental and physical health.

Hosted at Gartree High School on Thursday 8th May from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Pre-book your tickets today by either visiting the Gartree High School website or scanning the QR code below



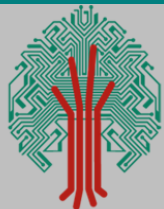
Guest Speakers:
Dr. Sanjiv Nichani OBE, Lead Consultant Paediatrician
Neil O'Brien MP, Shadow Education Minister
Helen Collins, SENCO

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK ONTO THIS, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THE QR CODE, CONTACT GARTREE HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTLY.



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 5th May 2025

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept		Deep South	Home Comfort	Mexican	Chip Day
Option 1		Southern Fried Chicken in a Bun	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Gravy	Cowboy Beef Chilli	Jumbo Sausage
Option 2		Veggie Burger in a Bun	Cauliflower Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Chilli	Veggie Sausages
Sides		Garlic & Herb Wedges Coleslaw	Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Fluffy White Rice Sweetcorn	Chips Baked Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli		Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **29th April – 10th June:** Leicestershire Police Hate Crime Talks (Years 8 & 10, running weekly)
- **6th May:** *What's My Line?* Careers Event for Year 7
- **7th May:** Year 8 Progress Evening (in person)
- **19th May:** Parent & Carer Consultation Evening, 5–6pm
- **21st May:** Year 7 Progress Evening (in person)
- **3rd June:** Year 10 Financial Awareness Talk
- **10th June:** Second Year 10 Financial Awareness Talk
- **17th June:** Motivational Talk by Ruebyn Ricardo (Year 7)
- **24th June:** Summer Concert
- **26th June:** Year 11 Presentation Evening
- **27th June:** Year 11 Prom

STAY HYDRATED

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a water bottle that they can refill during the day. We have water stations throughout the school that can be accessed at break, lunch and between lessons.

