

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

What a week! It's been an incredibly warm, busy but thoroughly enjoyable week here at WPA. As the end of term is approaching, we seem to be as busy as ever with lots of events and after school activities to fit in. A reminder that I will be shortly writing to all parents to communicate the full details for the last day of term, and the arrangements for the start of school beginning next academic year. As a reminder, this term ends on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at the earlier time of 12.25pm, with students being allowed to wear non-uniform.

This week we concluded our examination period, with the Year 8s & 9s completing their end of year exams. I would like to congratulate them on this, they have been nothing short of exemplary in their behaviour and attitude towards these exams. It's daunting enough for GCSE students, but our Year 8s & 9s have shown excellent perseverance and they have been extremely respectful whilst sitting these tests. Well done Year 8 and 9!

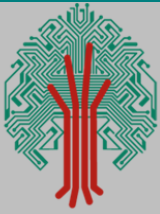
We held our annual sports day on Wednesday, on the school field. It was a very hot day, hence our decision to move it to the morning and our request to parents to send students with lots of water, sun cream and a hat. I was so proud to see so many students competing in the track events (The field events had taken place over the week during social times). Mr Oakland provided some light entertainment for the crowd and Mrs Gerald with Mrs Hix were selling ice lollies to the grateful spectators. It was a wonderful event, a chance for the whole school to come together and celebrate the achievement and perseverance of our fantastic students. We were treated to some really close and fiercely contested races, none more so than the teacher's relay. This was won by the humanities dept., who, rumour has it, had been practicing until the early hours the night before! Well done to everyone that took part, and thank you to the students that watched and cheered their peers on.

Wednesday was a very special evening where we welcomed back some of our Year 11 students for the annual Presentation Evening. It was so lovely to see some of our Year 11s return to collect their awards. It was a diverse mix of students, with some collecting awards for academic excellence, and others collecting awards for resilience and perseverance. It was a very special night, and I was extremely proud to present so many awards to a very special year group. Well done Year 11, I cannot wait to see you all again at Prom!

Assemblies have been back on this week, with the theme centred around British Values and tying into Equality and Diversity. Our students have been learning about the different types of inequality that still exist in everyday society, from: racism, homophobia & transphobia, disability discrimination, gender discrimination to income inequality. They have learned that our core values of Perseverance, Achievement, Respect and Kindness align very closely with that of the British Values of:

- Democracy; Respect & tolerance of others; Rule of Law,; Individual Liberty





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The overwhelming majority, a 127, of our Year 10s are not in school next week as they undertake a weeks work experience. This will give them an invaluable chance to see, experience and actively take part in real-world working. For some, it will give them an opportunity to cement their decisions over future jobs and careers, and for others it will allow them to try things they hadn't considered or thought of. No doubt, this will be a scary time for some, going out into the real world, as we know, can be tough. The expectations in employment is often a far-cry from that of schools and education. However, I am hoping this will give them real-life experiences and provide them a platform to focus their studies on their return, giving them real clarity on the direction of their chosen career path – one way or another. Information has been shared with our students about work experience, but for your information this is a summary of what we have sent

- Have a great time! Make sure you know what to wear on your first day; what time you need to be there and what to take for lunch.
- You should also know who to ask for on your first day! Of course, you will have discussed this in your pre-placement meeting.
- If you need to be absent during your placement, you must let your employer know - just like you would if you were in the real work place. A parent will also need to report your absence via Edulink just like on a normal school day.

A member of staff will call or visit you whilst on placement to ask your employer a few questions about the placement.

Some students from Year 10 will be remaining at school for this week. Just a reminder that the normal times of the day apply and students are expected to be in full school uniform. Those that are staying here have an exciting program of events, starting with *Unbox your Future* on Monday morning. They will also be out at Leicester University on Wednesday, **a reminder to parents that students must have a completed trip consent form.** Students will also be participating in careers lessons for companies and organisations such as the NHS, Tesco and the BBC. All students will continue to have Core subject lessons and PE lessons with subject specialist staff. Mr Askham has sent out the timetable, it is also on the Noticeboard for students on Edulink. Students are kindly asked to meet at the canteen on Monday morning.

Monday and Tuesday next week are two very busy days in our calendar. We have the annual rewards trips going out in addition to welcoming our Year 6 for their transition days. Both days take an enormous amount of planning and preparation, so please bear with us during this busy time if you need to make contact with us. As a reminder:

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July:

- Year 7s going on the trip meet in school at the normal time in the canteen
- Year 8s are in school as normal
- Year 9s going on the trip meet and depart from MHRFC Rugby club at 8.40am
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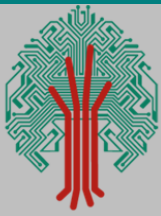
### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

- Year 8s going on the trip meet in school at the normal time in the canteen
- Year 7s & 9s are in school as normal

I truly hope that everyone has an amazing time, whether that be at their work experience, on a rewards trip or if they remain in school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Pete Leatherland, Principal**



## Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 1st July 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Concept</b>	Italian	Best of British	Tex Mex	Eastern	Fish Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	Beef Bolognaise	Sausages	BBQ Chicken	Pork Souvlaki	Battered fish
<b>Option 2</b>	Mediterranean Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausages	Sweet Potato Burger	Vegetable Tagine	Vegetable Burger
<b>Sides</b>	Pasta Twists	Mashed potato / baked beams	New Potatoes and Salad	Rice / roasted vegetables	Chips / Baked Beans
<b>Authentic Italian</b>	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
<b>Hot Deli</b>	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping

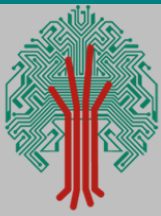


## PROM 2024

Time is flying by and it is now only 7 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.



# Summer Activities Harborough

Teen health are running summer activities in your locality. There will be a range of fun activities and people from different organisations you can speak with to see what you can access in your local area. The events are open to anyone who is 11-19 years old, and you can come along without a referral.

Please speak to the health and wellbeing officer in your school for more information or scan the QR code below.

## WEEK 1

### Healthy Lifestyles

Date: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Time: 11am-3pm

## WEEK 2

### Healthy Relationships

Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 11am-3pm

## WEEK 3

### Wellbeing

Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 11am-3pm

**All sessions will take place at:**

Market Harborough Family Hub  
Coventry Road  
LE16 9BX

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For more information or to make a referral to the  
Teen Health 11-19 Service visit

[www.teenhealth.org.uk](http://www.teenhealth.org.uk)