



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Carers

It was good to see so many of our year 10 parents at the virtual Parents' Evening last night. This year group also enjoyed a presentation by local prison officers earlier this week, my thanks to Mr Askham for organising it.

We welcome home today our year 9 French trippers, the photos on Facebook bear testimony to a marvellous time and our thanks to Mrs Gerald and her team for organising it.

Year 7 have enjoyed a little extra Shakespeare this week as we welcomed professional actors to work with students. The youngsters told me today that they really enjoyed it and my thanks to Ms Lucchesi for all her work on this.

We have all enjoyed some extra sunshine today and my thanks to all the parents who organised sun cream, hats, water bottles etc to help today. Please could we sustain this to ensure our students enjoy sunny periods until the end of term.

Just a reminder about mobile phones, they are not to be used in school unless authorised by staff. Mobile phones will be confiscated and if this happens repeatedly the phone will only be returned to a parent. Thank you for the many parents who do reinforce this, the vast majority manage their phone possession on school site superbly.

Have a good weekend.

Miss McBrearty



YEAR 10 CITIZENSHIP

As Year 10 students start considering options for future studies beyond Welland Park, they received a presentation this week on careers in the Justice Sector. HMP Gartree joined us to explain the wide varieties of careers available within the Prison Service, including prison officer, physical training instructor, criminal psychologist and many more. A challenging part of the job might involve riot control and students certainly enjoyed one volunteer dressing up in the riot control protective clothing.



In addition to broadening awareness of potential careers, Year 10 students also took part in a financial awareness course, provided by WizeUp Financial Education. Supported by Market Harborough Building Society, the workshop reinforced knowledge of financial topics, including budgeting, savings and investments. These vital skills beyond Welland Park reflect our motto: Learning for Life.



The Market Harborough Hygiene Bank is an active charity distributing much needed hygiene products to families in need. Welland Park Academy has a drop off point in the main foyer and we are asking people to make donations of personal and household hygiene products as our supplies are beginning to run low. The following is an extract from a letter of appreciation explaining how these donations really help people within our own local community.

‘ It is immeasurable to understand the relief, appreciation and value of the delivery of a hygiene bag to a family that is stretched financially and emotionally. From sanitary items to cleaning products the contents of the bag are received as a goody bag. Sometimes the parent has been washing their hair in washing up liquid, or not renewing dental items due to a stretched budget’.

When families are experiencing really trying times the receiving of a ‘ pamper pack’ from the Hygiene Bank is a real boost to morale

‘ This shouts out to them (the parent) that they are valued, worthy and deserving! Again you can’t put a price on the impact of this on a person’s sense of worth. When you build on a person’s confidence , self - esteem and self worth , amazing positive things happen that benefit not just that person but the whole family and the community in which they live.’

(Thanks to Home Start for these appreciative and motivational words)

YOUR donations do make a difference and they are truly appreciated, so please help us to increase our stock by dropping off unused hygiene products at the collection point in the foyer at WPA. These donations will allow us to support and help families within our own locally.

Thank you in advance and we hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break

The Market Harborough Hygiene Bank Team

FUEL STUDY

Looking for parents to share their opinions on school food:

The University of Birmingham is looking for parents of secondary school children to join their Parent Advisory Group from Jul 22 – Oct 23.

Meetings are online and group members will be paid £25 per hour plus expenses. No experience necessary. Interested? Find out more on the FUEL study webpage or complete the following google form to register your interest.

Please feel free to get in touch with the team for more information: contact Marie Murphy at m.murphy.3@bham.ac.uk