

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear parents and carers

I would like to start this week’s newsletter with a huge thank you to the staff, students and parents who attended Thursday nights Options Evening. Mrs Gerald, as always organised a fantastic night, there was a real buzz about the school as the Year 9s were discussing and discovering the options open to them. Walking round myself, it was so lovely to see the current GCSE students who had stayed behind to help and support the staff. They were extremely knowledgeable and spoke passionately about their subject. I would also like to especially thank Cerys and Ethan, two of our Head Student Team for speaking so eloquently and articulately to a full Octagonal Hall—no mean feat I can tell you! The Year 9s now have some time to think and decide upon their option choices before they need to complete the online form using the link provided . If anyone needs any further information or support with their child's options form, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

You will see in this week’s newsletter, information relating to our SEND Gardening Project, which is being spear headed by Sian Siberry from our Learning Support Team. They have been busy at work transforming the green space at the back of D block into a mini-allotment area. The students have absolutely loved doing this practical activity and Sian is quite rightly very proud of the results they have achieved. We are on the lookout for donations to add to this space, this might include any tools, plants, larger pots or tubs or other gardening materials that are cluttering up your gardens at home. If you have any such items going spare or needing a new home, we would be especially grateful to receive them.

If you have a youngster that is looking for their Prom outfit or you need something for a special occasion, please make a note in your diary for our Welland Eco Wardrobe Showcase Evening organised by Mrs Burgess. Over 200 dresses, suits, shirts, shoes and accessories will be on display on Monday 19th February 2024. Many items are brand new. All outfits will be available to either hire or buy at VERY reasonable prices.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Pete Leatherland—Principal**

**WE CAN PROVIDE :**

- SHOES
- DRESSES
- SUITS
- JEWELLERY
- SHIRTS
- TIES
- BAGS

Are you thinking about Prom?  
Do you need an outfit for a special occasion?  
You can hire or buy - low prices  
A large range of styles and sizes

**MONDAY 19.2.24 - 6.30 TO 8.30PM**  
**WELLAND PARK ACADEMY**

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## MOVIE NIGHTS

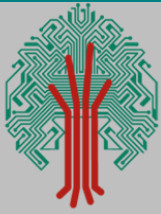
Tickets have sold really well for our very first Movie Night tonight. We are expecting over 100 people for the showing of the new Hunger Games film—The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.

This is open to students, staff, parents, family and friends so do please share the details. Tickets are available at an introductory price of £3.50. We will have a number available on the door this evening.

We have now finalised the details for our Valentines Romantic Comedy. 10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU. This is a PG13/12A that includes some profanity and innuendo.

Nicki Burgess— Prom/PTA Chair





## FUNDRAISING—PROM 2024

Due to student demand we are continuing with the Hot Chocolate Break Bar until February half term.

Thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising . Prom 2024 will be here before we know it.

**Nicki Burgess—Prom Chair**



## RAISING FUNDS FOR COSTA RICA

Join us in the Welland Park Academy dining hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 - 8.30pm for our adult only quiz and bingo night! Doors open at 6.30pm with the first round of questions starting at 6.45pm.

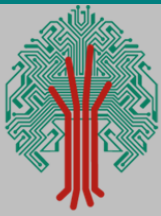
Each team can have no more than 6 players and have an entry fee of £10 per team (cash payment upon entry). There are a variety of prizes up for grabs (including cash prizes). There will also be a raffle and hot/cold drinks available on the night. Please note this event is cash only.

To register your team's place in the quiz, please email

[grayc@wellandparkacademy.com](mailto:grayc@wellandparkacademy.com) stating your team name and the number of people in your team.

We look forward to seeing you there!





**GARDENING AT WELLAND PARK ACADEMY**



**FROM SCRUBLAND TO GARDEN**

During the teacher strike days of 2023, some SEND students attended school.

There was a demand for outdoor activities to provide a change of environment, change of pace and change of activity type, to compliment the classroom/ computer based work being set.

A derelict area of land at the rear of the school, was a magnet for the students.

Surrounded by mature trees and partly paved the area had been neglected for sometime.

A group of teaching assistants with a group of students decided to clear the ground and make positive use of the area.... and the garden was born.

Some 6 months later the work continues to develop the area.

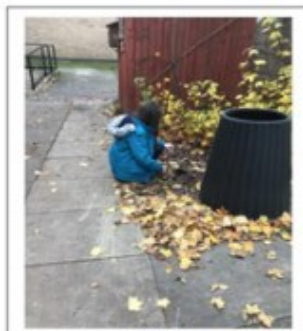
What we grew last year... tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, strawberries

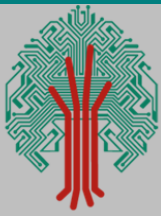
What we are growing this year... potatoes, leeks, carrots, pumpkins, sweetcorn, strawberries, parsnips, peas...

Lots of flowers and shrubs to attract pollinators.

Herbs to cook with. Sensory plants, for smell and touch.

We would love a sensory shed to go with the garden and fundraising within the department and through school council as well as applying for grant funding will hopefully see this goal achieved within the next two years. In the meantime developments continue..... watch this green space





## Welland Park Academy Chinese New Year Menu

Thursday 8th February 2024

**Break offer:**

*Chinese Chicken Wings*

*Chinese Chicken Burger*

**Lunch offer:**

*Chinese Chicken Curry or*

*Sweet & Sour Chicken*

*Hoi Sin Sticky Vegetable Noodles*

*Lime & Coriander Rice*

*Asian Cucumber Salad*

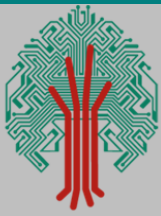
CHINESE  
NEW YEAR  
**2024**  
YEAR OF THE DRAGON



WHAT'S MY  
**LUNCH**  
 **BALANCE?**

Please check  
your child's  
lunch  
account  
balance and  
send money  
if needed!  
Thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TOP UP YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ACCOUNT. THIS CAN BE DONE BY EITHER LOGGING INTO PARENTPAY OR SENDING CASH IN WITH YOUR CHILD WHICH CAN BE PUT INTO THE REVALUER.



## Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 5th February 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Chinese New Year 2024	Friday
<b>Concept</b>	American	Asian	Best of British		Chip Day
<b>Option 1</b>	American Cheeseburger with burger sauce	Chinese hot Chicken Wrap	Roast Loin of Pork with stuffing	<i>A choice of delicious</i>	Battered Fish
<b>Option 2</b>	Jalapeno loaded Mac N Cheese	Kung Po Stir-Fry	Cauliflower & broccoli cheese bake	<i>Chinese food will</i>	Veggie Burger
<b>Sides</b>	Wedges/Slaw	Rice / sweetcorn	Roast potatoes / roasted roots & gravy	<i>be on offer</i>	Chips / 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

## FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR PE

The PE department are running a raffle to raise funds to put towards student kit for the Netherlands Sports Tour in April 2024. Tickets are £5 each and will be on sale between 15th January and 15th February and can be purchased from the front office.

The prizes are either a signed replica Lewis Hamilton helmet in an LED lit display case from the 2017 season or a signed England rugby shirt from the 2019-20 season.





## EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

			Location	Teachers in charge*
<b>Monday 05 Feb 2024</b>				
12:25-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">KS3 Boys</a>	Sports Hall 2	Mr Blades*
12:30-13:00	Rugby Sevens	<a href="#">Boys-U16A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
15:25-16:20	Football	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Field/Astro	Mrs Ostler*
<b>Tuesday 06 Feb 2024</b>				
12:25-13:00	Table Tennis	<a href="#">KS4 Table Tennis</a>	Sports Hall 2	Mr Blades*
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12:30-13:00	Rugby Sevens	<a href="#">Boys-U13A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U16A</a>	Sports Hall 1	Miss C Gray*
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U15A</a>	Sports Hall 1	Miss C Gray*
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Sports Hall 1	Miss C Gray*
<b>Wednesday 07 Feb 2024</b>				
15:20-16:20	Netball	<a href="#">Girls-U13A</a>	TBC	Mrs Jones*
<b>Thursday 08 Feb 2024</b>				
12:30-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Sports hall 1	Mrs C Burdon*
12:30-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">KS4 Boys</a>	Sports Hall 2	Mr Button*
15:20-16:20	Netball	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	TBC	Mrs Jones*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U13A</a>	Sports Hall 1	Miss C Gray*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U14A</a>	Sports Hall 1	Miss C Gray*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Astro	Mrs Burdon*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U13A</a>	Astro	Mrs C Burdon*
<b>Friday 09 Feb 2024</b>				
12:30-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">Girls-U16A</a>	Sports Hall2	Mrs C Burdon*
12:30-13:00	Rugby Union	<a href="#">Boys-U14A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U16A</a>	Astro	Mrs C Burdon*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U15A</a>	Astro	Mrs C Burdon*

## EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS FIXTURES

Sport	Team	Opposition	Venue	Teacher I/C	Transport	Meet Time	Start Time	Return Time
<b>Monday 05 Feb 2024</b>								
Football	Girls-U14A	Brockington College	A	Mrs E Ostler	Coach	14:15	15:15	17:15
Football	Girls-U12A	Brockington College	A	Mrs E Ostler	Coach	14:15	15:15	17:15
<b>Tuesday 06 Feb 2024</b>								
Badminton	KS4 Boys	Leicester Grammar School Trust	A	Mr Button	Minibus	15:15	16:15	17:45
Badminton	KS4 Girls	Leicester Grammar School Trust	A	Mr Button	Minibus	15:15	16:15	17:45
Badminton	KS3 Boys	Leicester Grammar School Trust	A	Mr Button	Minibus	15:15	16:15	17:45
Badminton	KS3 Girls	Leicester Grammar School Trust	A	Mr Button	Minibus	15:15	16:15	17:45
Netball	Girls-U16A	South Leicestershire Tournament	N	Miss C Gray	Minibus	13:30	14:30	16:30
<b>Wednesday 07 Feb 2024</b>								
Basketball	Boys-U16A	Castle Mead Academy	H	Miss C Gray		15:20	15:45	16:45
Football	Girls-U14A	Thomas Estley Community College	N	Mrs E Ostler	Walk	13:30	14:30	16:00
Football	Girls-U12A	Thomas Estley Community College	N	Mrs E Ostler	Walk	13:30	14:30	16:00
Rugby Union	Boys-U15A	Lutterworth High School	N	Mr Button	Mini Bus	13:20	14:30	16:45
Swimming	Mixed-KS4	South Leicestershire	N	Mrs Burdon	Mini Bus	15:20	16:00	17:30
<b>Thursday 08 Feb 2024</b>								
Rugby Union	Boys-U13A	Robert Smyth Academy	A	Mr Button	Walk	13:45	14:30	16:00
Rugby Union	Boys-U12A	Robert Smyth Academy	A	Mr Button	Walk	13:45	14:30	16:00
<b>Friday 09 Feb 2024</b>								
Basketball	Boys-U16A	Manor High School	H	Miss C Gray		15:05	15:20	16:30
Basketball	Boys-U13A	Cambridge Cats U12	A	Miss C Gray	Minibus	16:30	18:00	21:00
In-House Football Fives	TbsFC v The timid sly curious lads		SH1	Mr Blades		12:25	12:45	13:00
In-House Football Fives	Keepers gift v BB FC		SH1	Mr Blades		12:25	12:30	12:45

Football						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:15 Tue 30 Jan 24	<b>Girls-U16A</b>	Away	Robert Smyth Academy	<b>Won</b> : 3 - 2	League	<b>Goals:</b> LAW, READ, BARTHORPE
14:30 Thu 01 Feb 24	<b>Girls-U16A</b>	Away	Wigston Academy	Drew: 3-3	League	LAW x 2, HICKS
Rugby Union						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
14:00 Fri 26 Jan 24	<b>Boys-U14A</b>	Neutral	Lutterworth High School	<b>Lost</b> : 0 - 51	County Cup Qtr Final	<b>MVP(s)</b> Frazer HEPWORTH Morgan HEPWORTH Christian NYAMHENGHA