

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, let me once again wish you all a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure to welcome back our students after the Christmas break. Hopefully everyone is now fully refreshed and recharged as we look to the new term ahead. In relative terms to the last one, its rather short. Last half term was 9 weeks, the next full term is 10 weeks in total, with a huge number of things to fit in – especially for our Year 11s as they prepare for their examinations in the summer.

I wrote to all parents on the first day back to inform them about the tweaks we have made to the behaviour policy, these tweaks only act to make the consequences easier to understand and track. We have not made any changes to the expectations or rules of the Academy. The big change has come from the Welland Park Rewards policy, and I am delighted to announce Miss Loomes as our Rewards Co-ordinator. She has taken on the responsibility of working alongside our students in creating a rewards system that meets the needs and wants of our school community. In this newsletter, you can see the

FAQs relating to the Rewards System. I hope that the students and the rest of our community get behind this system, as we want to reward and encourage our students to be the best they can be.

Finally, I know that rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast have been stepped up as we approach show week. I am really excited to see the performances which start on week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. I have sneaked a peek at some of the rehearsals and I can assure you it's going to be an epic performance, so please book your tickets now to avoid disappointment. Please see the poster below for ticket prices and timings. Tickets can be purchased from Resources at break and lunchtimes.

Have a good weekend

**Pete Leatherland—Principal**

WELLAND PARK ACADEMY PRESENTS

TICKETS £7 ADULTS  
£5 CONCESSIONS  
AVAILABLE FROM RESOURCES

Disney  
**BEAUTY  
AND THE  
BEAST**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>  
& THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
at 7pm in the  
OCTAGONAL HALL

Music by Alan Menkin      Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice      Book by Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth  
Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



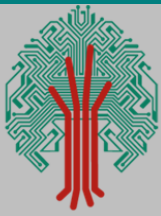
## FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR PE

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.







## 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**



## BIG NEWS!!!!

Before Christmas I mentioned that we may have some big news soon and here it is!

We have secured a licence to show films in our Octagonal Hall. Our first film night will be on February 2nd and we will be showing *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.

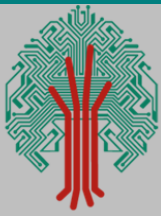
We are offering tickets at an introductory price of £3.50 per person and they are available to purchase from the front office.

The Film Night is open to students, friends and families so do please share the details. You may bring your own food and drinks. If the Film Nights prove popular we may look at setting up a concessions area in the future.

We are hoping that this could become something that is available to the whole community eventually.

**Nicki Burgess—Prom Chair**





## Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 15th January 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Concept</b>	American	Asian	Best of British	Authentic Italian	Chip Day
<b>Option 1</b>	American Cheeseburger with burger sauce	Chinese hot Chicken Wrap	Roast Loin of Pork with stuffing	Carbonara Pasta	Battered Fish
<b>Option 2</b>	Jalapeno loaded Mac N Cheese	Kung Po Stir-Fry	Cauliflower & broccoli cheese bake	Leek & Mushroom Risotto	Veggie Burger
<b>Sides</b>	Wedges/Slaw	Rice / sweetcorn	Roast potatoes / roasted roots & gravy	Garlic Bread / green salad	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

## POETRY LIVE

I am delighted to inform you that the English Department is organising a trip to GCSE Poetry Live! in Northampton on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

At this event students will have the opportunity to hear poets reading and discussing their work from the anthology that all students have to study. The poets will also respond to students' questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems. A highly experienced Chief Examiner will deal with skills vital for GCSE success, and there will also be a session on tackling unseen poetry.

We feel this would be an excellent source of revision and altogether an invaluable experience for our Y11 students.

The total cost of the trip is £28 per pupil, which must be paid in full by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. As we were only able to obtain 47 tickets for this event, they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

The Academy's preferred method of payment is via Parent Pay, our online system. If you do not have login details for Parent Pay, please contact the school office.

It is a full day and students will arrive back at the school at around 4-pm.

Kind regards,

The English Department



## Welland Park Rewards – FAQs

### 1. Why have we done this?

Because the student body has asked for this. Student council and student voice has indicated that they would like to be rewarded for their efforts. We also believe in positive re-enforcement; we do things for the intrinsic value but also for external validation and reward.

### 2. What does it look like, the Welland Park Rewards?

Students will receive electronic or virtual achievement points for showing enthusiasm and determination, kindness, team work and many other characteristics. These will show on EduLink as:

- A1
- A2
- A3
- Principal's Award.

These numbers, A1-3, reflect the number of points they have been given. Therefore, an A3 is the best achievement a student can obtain from a teacher, outside of the Principal's Award.

### 3. How will it work?

This half term sees the launch of the new system. Students will be able to access the rewards through the number of achievement points they get. Rewards will be given out every half term in addition to there being end of term and end of year rewards.

Rewards will work on three levels:

#### **Individual**

Here students will be able to access the pyramid featured below. Students will need to collect a set number of achievement points in a half term in order to access the individual award.

However, to achieve these rewards they must remain in gold. This means that students are not allowed to average more than 1 behaviour point a week for that half term.

#### **Tutor Group**

We are launching the Welland Park Cup. This will pit tutor groups against one another over a set period. The aim is, as a tutor group to collect the most achievement points and to avoid any behaviour points. The tutor group with the best net score (achievement points – behaviour points) at the end of the set period wins and progresses on to the next round. We keep going until there is an overall winner for the year group – they then win a prize as a tutor group.

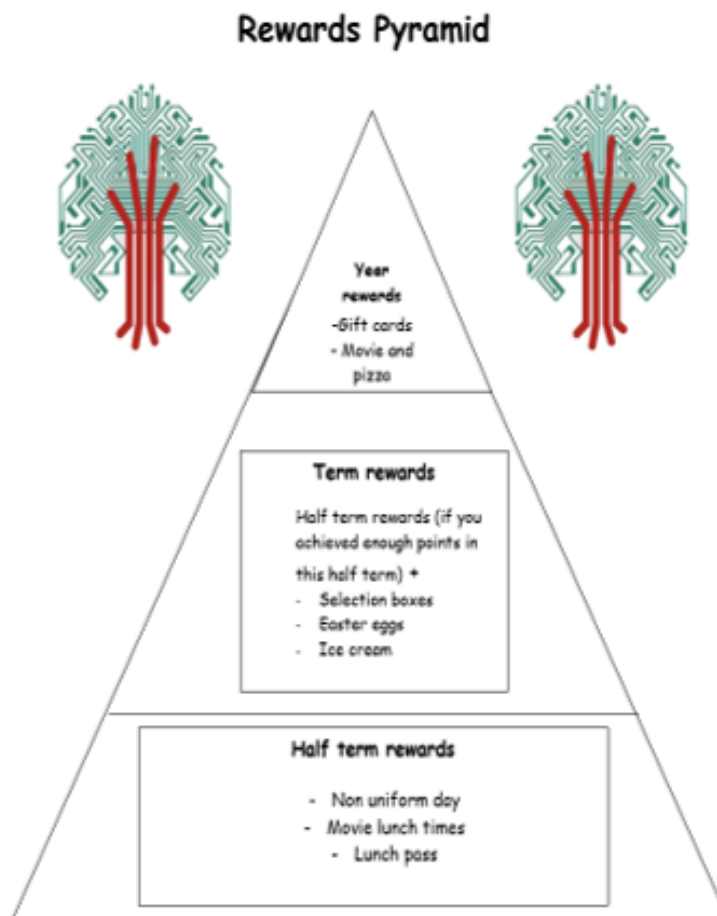
#### **Individual Certificates**

We recognise that getting achievement points are a big thing, and they should be celebrated. Therefore, irrespective of behaviour points, students who hit milestone totals for achievement points will receive certificates in the form of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.



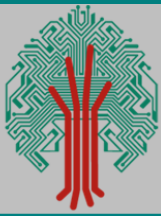
4. What will the students be able to get?

The pyramid shows the type of rewards students can access and also how each half term can contribute into the next. However, we are constantly looking to our students for inspiration and suggestions on what rewards they would like. We intend to make it a standing item for student council meetings.



We are really hoping to see students engage with this new system. We want them to achieve these rewards for themselves but also foster a collaborative and competitive working together, as a form group as they aspire to win the interform competitions.





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## EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS FIXTURES

Sport	Team	Opposition	Venue	Teacher I/C	Meet Time	Start Time	Return Time
<b>Wednesday 17 Jan 2024</b>							
Netball	Girls-U13A	Loughborough High School	H	Mrs Jones	15:15	15:30	16:45
Rugby Union	Boys-U14A	Robert Smyth Academy	N	Mr Button	13:40	14:30	16:00
<b>Thursday 18 Jan 2024</b>							
Badminton	KS3 Boys	Brockington College	H	Mr Button	15:20	15:30	16:30

## EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

			Location	Teachers in charge*
<b>Monday 15 Jan 2024</b>				
12:25-13:00	Rugby Sevens	<a href="#">Boys-U13A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
12:25-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">KS3 Boys</a>	Sports Hall 2	Mr Blades*
15:20-16:20	Netball	<a href="#">Girls-U12A</a>	TBC	Mrs Jones*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U13A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
15:25-16:20	Football	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Field/Astro	Mrs Ostler*
<b>Tuesday 16 Jan 2024</b>				
12:30-13:00	Rugby Union	<a href="#">Boys-U12A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U15A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U16A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
15:20-16:20	Netball	<a href="#">Girls-U13A</a>	TBC	Mrs Jones*
15:20-16:30	Rugby Sevens	<a href="#">Boys-U16A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
15:20-16:30	Rugby Sevens	<a href="#">Boys-U15A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U14A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U12A</a>	Astro	Mrs C Burdon*
<b>Wednesday 17 Jan 2024</b>				
12:30-13:00	Basketball	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
<b>Thursday 18 Jan 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*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U13A</a>	Astro	Mrs C Burdon*
15:30-16:30	Hockey	<a href="#">Girls-U14A</a>	Astro	Mrs Burdon*
<b>Friday 19 Jan 2024</b>				
12:30-13:00	Football	<a href="#">Boys-U14A</a>	Field	Mr Button*
12:30-13:00	Badminton	<a href="#">Girls-U16A</a>	Sports Hall2	Mrs C Burdon*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U16A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*
15:20-16:30	Basketball	<a href="#">Boys-U15A</a>	Sports Hall 2	Miss C Gray*