



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to enjoy the sunshine this week with our students and very well done to Year 11 who completed their oral examinations for GCSE Languages in Spanish, German and French.

This week we welcomed researchers from the University of Birmingham into our school as part of the FUEL study. This is a national evaluation of School Food Standards and related policy funded by the National Institute for Health Research. Dr

Marie Murphy together with a nutritionist and sport scientist interviewed a range of students. The university staff were very complimentary of the knowledge and presentation of all our young people. Our students gained new insights into the rigour of research which underpins national policy and welcomed the opportunity to ask as well as answer questions. My thanks to Mrs Winn our School Business Manager for organising this event. Very well done to all who participated in the study and the Move It March drive as part of wellbeing.

On the note of wonderful students well done to Alfie Monk in Year 10. He handed in a phone this morning found in the park which was now been reunited with it's grateful owner.

Have a good weekend.



WELLAND PARK PRAYER GROUP



The next meeting of the Welland park Prayer Group will be on
Wednesday 30th March at 3.45 pm.

We are a small group of Christians who meet to pray for the students, staff and families of Welland Park.

If you would like to join the group, if you would like to know more, or if you have anything or anyone that you would like us to pray for, please get in touch with Mrs Russell (russellh@wellandparkacademy.com) or use our email address prayergroup@wellandparkacademy.com.

Good Friday Service on the Square

We have been asked by Churches Together in Market Harborough whether some of our pupils would like to be part of a special outdoor service on the Square in the town centre on Good Friday (15th April).

The service will start at 11.00am and last for 30 minutes. They are hoping to have young people from all of the local primary and secondary school to come together to read verses of a poem called "The First Good Friday".

If your child would be interested in taking part in this, please could you contact either Mrs Russell (russellh@wellandparkacademy.com) or Mrs Moolraj (moolrajm@wellandparkacademy.com) for more details



COUNTY LINES



Last week we had a hard hitting, 'edge of your seat' live performance delivered by Alter Ego Creative Solutions. This action-packed performance, highlighted to students the very real risks that County Lines drug trafficking poses to young people. One of our Y9 boys' feedback of the afternoon was.

'It was a really thought provoking performance that will make me look out for dramatic changes in others' behaviour, plus I really enjoyed it'

The performance highlighted how this model of drug trafficking is targeting young people such as them up and down the country? Shining a light on how easily these professional criminals recruit teenagers and young people some as young as 12, often promoting their glamourised fabricated lifestyle to impress and befriend them. Soon they begin asking them to do little jobs for them, in the early stages of this exploitive relationship. They are offered huge financial compensation for these jobs. But that soon stops, once involved in the Gang things soon change. They become trapped/indebted/manipulated and exploited through a system of threats and violence.

The performance helped guide students on what to look out for, how to spot the warning signs and what to do should they see any of these red flags with any of their friends or peers.

As parents if you wish to know more about County Lines, please head over to the Leicestershire police website to learn more.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/countylines>